

✚ 14th Sunday after Pentecost ✚
September 10, 2017 10:00 A.M.

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

Please use the time during the prelude for quiet meditation to prepare yourself for worship.

◆Prelude

◆Call to Worship (In Unison)

**Come, children of God,
rejoice in your Maker!
Sing songs and hymns, old and new;
celebrate with voices and instruments,
with praise and prayers!
Open your eyes to the life-giving presence of Jesus Christ.
For God is already here,
among us and within us,
bringing new life to all who believe.
Let's praise God together!**

◆Song of Praise (BH #516) *God is Here*

◆Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (forgive us our sins...)

WORD

Scripture Reading

Psalm 32:5-11
Matthew 18:1-20

◆Gloria Patri (BH #109)

Pastoral Prayer

◆Hymn of Preparation (BH #439) *Love Divine, All Love Excelling*

Message "There is Nothing Impossible for God"
Rev. Mark Westlind

RESPONSE

◆Hymn of Response (BH #510) *Holy Ground*

Prayer of Confession (Responsively)

Pastor: You call us to turn away from behaviors and attitudes that belong to the darkness, to live honest and transparent lives as children of the light.

People: We confess the times when we have failed, giving in to our darker thoughts and desires; and acting in ways that did not bring honour to Your name.

Pastor: You call us to deal honourably with one another, even those who have hurt or offended us; to work through our disagreements with love and integrity, and so to build up the Body of Christ.

People: **We confess the times when we have failed, finding it easier to simply walk away from hurtful relationships, or to talk behind people's backs rather than to their faces.**

All: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

(Silent Prayer)

Assurance of Pardon (Pastor)

Jesus Christ has called us to lay aside the works of darkness and to confess our sins and be reconciled to God. You have confessed your sin in the company of God's people. Your forgiveness, declared on earth, is sealed in heaven.

Sisters and Brothers,
.....your sins are forgiven;
.....be at peace.

Passing of the Peace

Life Together

Offering

Offertory

◆ *Doxology (BH #48) Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

◆ Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

◆ **Hymn of Dismissal** *What a Mighty God We Serve*

◆ **Benediction**

Postlude

◆ **Indicates those who are able should stand.**

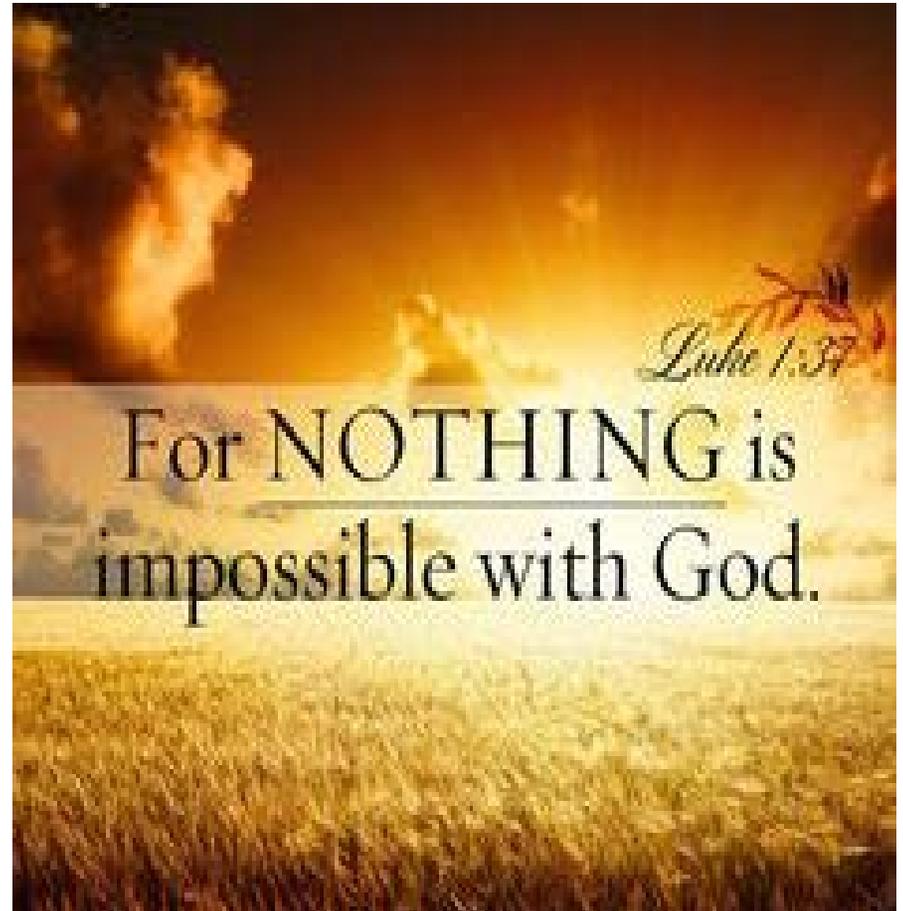
NOTES OF INTEREST

Childcare is offered for infants and younger children in the church nursery. If you need directions or more information feel free to ask an usher for assistance.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Greg Goetz, Pauline Guadagno (Tracy Hood's mother), Carol Latimer, Kristine Schroeder, Lorraine Sorensen, Linnea Wimpenny.

Rev. Mark Westlind.....Interim Pastor
Stuart Seale.....Director of Music and Worship
Betty Aardema and Nate Van Der Male.....Organists
Amanda Fulton.....Director, Noah's Ark Preschool
Karen Christakos.....Church Secretary
Joe Michalowicz.....Custodian

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SAVE THE DATES FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

Tue. Sept. 12	9 A.M.	Women's Bible Study resumes
Thu. Sept. 14	11 A.M.	Pryme Tymers resumes
Sun. Sept. 17	11:15 A.M.	Confirmation Class and High School Youth Group begins. Pool Party at the Sullivan's after class.
Sun. Sept. 24	12 P.M.	Special Business Meeting, Peterson Hall
Sun. Sept. 24		Family Event for ages 5-12, K-6 th Grade

Calendar for the Week:

Today: *Bring A Friend Sunday*

10 A.M. Worship
 10–11 A.M. Summer Childcare infants up to 2nd grade
 After worship: Sunday School and Noah's Ark Preschool
 Celebration and Picnic

This Week:

Mon. Patriot Day-National Day of Remembrance
 Mon.-Fri. 9 A.M. Noah's Ark Preschool
 Tues. 9:30 A.M. Women's Bible Study resumes
 Thur. 11 A.M. Pryme Tymers resumes

Next Sunday:

10 A.M. Worship
 10–11 A.M. Nursery for Infants/Sunday School Pre-K – 3rd Grade
 11:15 A.M. Confirmation Class & High School Youth Group begins.
 Pool Party at the Sullivan's after class.

Sept. 17 – Nursery Helpers: Heidi Weszely, Madeline Ford
Greeters: Lois Flaws, Virginia Fulton

Announcements:

Adult Sunday School

Our Adult Sunday School class will resume on September 24 with Greg Goetz teaching on *Tongues of Fire: Aspects of the Holy Spirit*. The class will begin at 11:30 A.M. in our usual spot, the Fireside Room. Hope to see you there, Greg always has interesting insights to share.

Special Business Meeting

There will be a special business meeting on Sunday, September 24 at 12 P.M. in Peterson Hall. We will be discussing certain financial matters concerning the church. We encourage all of you to participate in the meeting.

Urgent Need for Drivers for PLOWS

PLOWS Council on Aging, a non-profit senior agency, has an immediate need for dependable volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound senior citizens in the south suburban area. Driver commitment is only 2-2 ½ hours per week, no nights or weekends. Please call 708-361-0219.

Respite for Family Caregivers

The Respite Program, coordinated by PLOWS Council on Aging in Suburban Cook County, offers caregivers the opportunity to take time for themselves while their loved one is cared for by a licensed and insured professional. The program provides supervision, companion care, basic personal care assistance and meal preparation. To register for this service contact PLOWS at 708-361-0219.

Today's Scripture:

Psalm 32:5-11

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

⁶Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them. ⁷You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. ⁸I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. ⁹Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you. ¹⁰Many are the woes of the wicked, but the LORD'S unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him. ¹¹Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

Matthew 18:1-20

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ²He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. ³And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. ⁶"If anyone

causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. ⁷Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to stumble! Such things must come, but woe to the person through whom they come! ⁸If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell. ¹⁰"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.^[11] ¹²"What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? ¹³And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. ¹⁴In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish. ¹⁵"If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over.¹⁶But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.'¹⁷ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector. ¹⁸"Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹"Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.²⁰For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

Ronald McDonald House

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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resumes our outreach
program "Meals from the



Heart" at Ronald McDonald House. On the first Tuesday of each month from September through May, we cook and serve a hot evening meal (buffet style) to the guests staying at the House. We begin at 4:30 P.M. and leave about 7:30 P.M. If you would like to be a part of this team, any first Tuesday, please contact Diane Panush at 708-636-7548, email dkpsoapfan@aol.com or fill out the bottom portion of this tear off and place in the offering plate. Thank you.



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