

## Service of the Word

October 15, 2017

The 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome! It's a joy to worship with you today.

Larger print bulletins & personal hearing amplifiers are available in the Narthex (Main St entry).

Caring volunteers and paid staff tend our nursery/childcare room during worship. Your little one is welcome there any time. Sunday School for children in Kindergarten through seventh grade begins after All Ages Together.

**Prelude** Adagio in F "Consolation" by Felix Mendelssohn

Catherine York, Organist

**Welcome**

The Rev. Jill H. Small

**The Greeting of Peace** *All are invited to greet those near them, sharing the peace and love of God.*

**Introit**

**Call to Worship** (responsive)

One: Welcome! Welcome to this house of worship where God is good.

**All: All the time!**

One: This is the day that God has made.

**All: We are glad to be here together.**

One: May we bless one another by our presence here.

**All: And may our worship be filled with Spirit and with Truth.**

\* **Opening Hymn**

*O Grant Us, God, a Little Space*

#516 NCH

*(\*Congregation may stand)*

**Invocation** (unison)

**Living God of mountain and valley, the easy way and the path that challenges, our thoughts turn toward you. May we know faith, hope, and love as we listen for your Still-speaking voice. Renew us in this moment and hear our prayer always. Amen.**

**All Ages Together**

**The Lord's Prayer/Prayer of Jesus**

*Our Father/Creator who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom/Reign come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom/Reign, and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.*

**Blessing the Children and Youth on Their Way** (*Children may depart for Sunday School.*)

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing” (#82 NCH)

*Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone; Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own; In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever, Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.*

**Moment for Mission**

Bread for the World

Henry Smith

**Anthem** “Steal Away” trad. Spiritual arr. by Howard Helvey

Chancel Choir

**Sharing Joys and Concerns**

**Our Church Family Prays**

**Invitation to Offering** *Gifts of time, talent, and treasure make possible the mission and ministry we share. You’re welcome to use a pew card to note online giving and gifts of service. Thank you.*

**Offertory**

\* **Doxology** (#780 NCH)

**Prayer of Dedication** (Unison)

**Gracious God, may the joy of generosity overflow in our hearts. Bless these gifts and the work they make possible. Whoever we are, wherever we are, we are yours and in your name we pray. Amen.**

\* **Hymn**

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

#12 NCH

**Texts for the Day**

First Testament

Exodus 32:1-14

Second Testament

Philippians 4:8-9

Matthew 22:109

**Sermon** “Melt-down and Turn-around”

\* **Closing Hymn**

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

#286 NCH

**Benediction**

**Choral Response**

**Postlude** *Nachtstuck* by Robert Schumann

***As our worship together ends, our true service begins.  
May you be blessed this week and may you be a blessing to others.***

After worship, all are welcome to gather for refreshments and conversation in Fellowship Hall, hosted today by the Ellis/Crossman and Ellis/Chutter families.

**Did you know...** that coffee/tea is available before worship in the Education Wing, just outside of the Quiet Room? Thanks to Kristin for facilitating this new welcoming space!

Greeting today are Gary Cilley, Chris Holmgren, Steve Holmgren, and Doug Terrill.

Thank you to our Sound Engineers John Moore, Grant Armstrong, Russell Mason, and Fisayo Dada for running our sound system each Sunday morning.

For information about the Community Church of Durham United Church of Christ, or if you have a question or comment to share, please speak with a greeter or with Pastor Jill Small.



**Reminder:** Please leave the upper parking lot free for those who have difficulty walking.  
Thank you.



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*An open and affirming congregation where all are welcome.*



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