

## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

July 16, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME

Steve Hollaway

PRELUDE

Cameron Greenlee

**\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Kyle Wilkinson, intern

(Congregation reads word in bold type.)

Isaiah 55:6-11 CEB

Seek the Lord when he can still be found;

**call him while he is yet near.**

Let the wicked abandon their ways and the sinful their schemes.

**Let them return to the Lord so that he may have mercy on them,**

**to our God, because he is generous with forgiveness.**

My plans aren't your plans, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

**Just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways**

**higher than your ways, and my plans than your plans.**

Just as the rain and the snow come down from the sky and don't return there without watering the earth, making it conceive and yield plants and providing seed to the sower and food to the eater,

**so is my word that comes from my mouth;**

**it does not return to me empty.**

**Instead, it does what I want, and accomplishes what I intend.**

**\*\*HYMN**

*How Firm a Foundation*

#425

**\*\*INVOCATION** (Unison)

by Thom Shuman

**Your words do not return empty to you, Lord.**

**They take root deep within us, blossoming**

**into gentleness which can comfort a broken heart,**

**into compassion which can transform a cold shoulder into an embrace,**

**into kindness which can make a curmudgeon break into laughter.**

**You move into our lives, Spirit of life,**

**quietly taking those fears which trip us in the night hours**

**and putting them out in the trash;**

**gently watering the seeds planted in our inept souls**

**until they become bushels of grace.**

**\*\*THE LORD'S PRAYER** (using 'sins')

**\*\*BLESSING**

Steve Hollaway

May the Sower of grace be with you! **And also with you!**

Seeds of hope and joy are planted in you.

**May our hearts yield a rich harvest for God.**

*\*\* All who are able, please stand*

**\*\*PRAISE CHORUS**

*Thy Word*

#38

*(Children may depart for Sunday School at this time.)*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (Unison)

**Living God, help us to hear your holy Word with open hearts so that we may truly understand; and, understanding, that we may believe; and, believing, that we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Kyle Wilkinson

Matthew 13:1-9 (Pew Bible NT pp. 13-14)

**A PRAYER SONG** *Break Thou the Bread of Life* (St. 1 only) #35

**A WORD FROM PAUL:** Colossians 2:7 (NLT)

Pastor

Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on

him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught,

and you will overflow with thankfulness.

**A BAPTIST AFFIRMATION**

Pastor

Bible freedom is based on the belief that the scriptures as contained in the Old and New Testaments are the inspired Word of God, and that they reveal Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. **Therefore, each believer has the freedom and responsibility to study and interpret the Bible through the life, teachings, and Lordship of Jesus.** This freedom defines our purpose of continuing obedience to God's word in faith and in practice. **Because of the power of the Bible to make God's will known to us, the Bible can transform lives when it is interpreted and applied under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.**

**\*\*A NEW HYMN**

*Speak, O Lord*

#280

**SERMON**

Steve Hollaway

*Same Word, Different Responses*

**\*\*OFFERTORY HYMN**

*Trust and Obey*

#509

**OFFERTORY MUSIC**

Cameron Greenlee

**\*\*THE DOXOLOGY**

(#706)

**\*\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Pastor

**SHARING JOYS, CONCERNS, AND OPPORTUNITIES**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**POSTLUDE**

Cameron Greenlee