

## WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

August 27, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

**WELCOME** Steve Hollaway

**PRELUDE** Cameron Greenlee

**\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 124 Ellen Jacke  
(Congregation reads word in bold type.)

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side—let Israel now say—  
**if it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when our  
enemies attacked us, then they would have swallowed us up  
alive, when their anger was kindled against us;**  
then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;  
**then over us would have gone the raging waters.**  
Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.  
**We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the  
snare is broken, and we have escaped.**  
**Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

**\*\*HYMN** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* #319

### **\*\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, For the things we have done that we regret,

**Forgive us;**

For the things we have failed to do that we regret,

**Forgive us;**

For all the times we have acted without love,

**Forgive us;**

For all the times we have reacted without thought,

**Forgive us;**

For all the times we have withdrawn care,

**Forgive us;**

For all the times we have failed to forgive,

**Forgive us.**

For hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid,

For unfinished tasks,

And unfulfilled hopes,

**God of all time,**

**Forgive us and help us**

**To lay down our burden of regret. Amen.”**

**\*\*THE LORD’S PRAYER** (using ‘sins’)

**\*\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE:** Psalm 103:8-14 Steve Hollaway

**\*\*HYMN** *There Is a Fountain* #445

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (Unison) *by Thom Shuman*

**Holy are you, God of our salvation,  
and everlasting is the salvation brought  
to us by Jesus Christ, our Mediator.**  
**When we were too weak to dig  
our way out of the mess we were in,  
he came to show us the way out.**  
**When we were too proud to ask for help,  
he humbled himself, to become our brother.**  
**When we could not account for our lives,  
he balanced the books for us.**  
**When we were faithless in so much,  
he determined to go to the cross for us,  
so that we might know of your longing for everyone to be saved.**  
**Christ died, paying the price we could not;  
Christ was raised, becoming our means of new life;  
Christ will come, leading us to that quiet, peaceable life with you.**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Ellen Jacke

Luke 16:1-9 (NRSV—Pew Bible NT p. 79)

*The Parable of the Dishonest Manager*

**\*\*HYMN** *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive* #694

**SERMON** Kyle Wilkinson

*A Model for Christian Management?*

**\*\*OFFERTORY HYMN** #587

*Amazing Grace*

**OFFERTORY MUSIC** Cameron Greenlee

**\*\*THE DOXOLOGY** (#706)

**\*\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Pastor

**SHARING JOYS, CONCERNS, AND OPPORTUNITIES**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**POSTLUDE** Cameron Greenlee

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