

## Worship for October 17

### WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

- <sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
- <sup>2</sup> Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.
- <sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD is God.  
It is he that made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- <sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him, bless his name.
- <sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

from Psalm 100

**OPENING MUSIC - *I've Got Peace Like a River*, arr. Mark Hayes  
Michael Parker, piano**

### SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge that, too often, we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.

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ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

**HYMN - *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*, Hymn 32**

### CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION

**Cindy Lee**

### SCRIPTURE READING - Luke 12: 13 - 21

**13** Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." **14** But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" **15** And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." **16** Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. **17** And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' **18** Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my

goods. **19** And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' **20** But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' **21** So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

**SERMON - *A Worthy Purpose***

**Rev. Scott Lawson**

**ANTHEM - *May the Lord Watch Over You*, Ruth Elaine Schram  
Chancel Choir**

**INVITATION TO GENEROSITY**

**"Giving Generously for the God Moments in our Lives"**

**"Giving to Community Partners" video - Donna Bailey, Mission Committee Chair  
& Catherine Johnson, Director – Guilford County Family Justice Center**

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**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

God has created humans in a personal relation with God that we may respond to the love of the Creator. God has created humanity and given us a life which proceeds from birth to death in a succession of generations and in a wide complex of social relations. He has endowed man with capacities to make the world serve his needs and to enjoy its good things. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. We are free to seek his life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use his creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN - *Spirit, Open My Heart*, Hymn 692**

**BENEDICTION**