



Nicolls Memorial Presbyterian Church  
Sunday Morning Worship

August 13, 2017

10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

Our Mission

To live out Christ's love by nurturing spiritual growth and fellowship,  
and by reaching out in faith and love.

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\*We invite those who are able, to stand.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**

“...We give thanks to you, every life and heart stretches toward you, O name untroubled...”  
From *The Prayer of Thanksgiving, Nag Hammadi Texts*

**WELCOME & PRELUDE**

**INTROIT** – *Let Us Build a House* #301

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Nancy Dowd

One: Those who wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength.

All: They shall mount up with wings like eagles.

One: They shall run and not be weary.

All: They shall walk and not faint. We need this kind of hope.

One: Come; worship the Holy One who meets you where you are. Open yourselves to the God who lifts us up.

All: We are here to worship; we are here to surrender to God.

\***HYMN** – *Come All You People* #388

**PRAYER**

All: God of Presence, as you walked upon the water to meet the disciples, meet us in the midst of the storms in our lives.  
God of Renewal, as you lifted Peter from the water,  
lift us from despair to hope, from distraction to focus,  
from death to life.  
God of the Journey, direct us in your way,  
work out your purpose in and through our lives.

We pray in the name of Christ who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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**CALL TO CONFESSION** – *If My People (Call and Response)*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

All: God is here, Christ is present, and the Holy Spirit surrounds you. But we have turned our eyes to the challenges of this life,  
lost our focus on God and are sinking in sin.  
You can begin again. Imagine a new way of being.  
We have cast aside our dreams to maintain the familiar.  
We have cast aside the dreams of others, fearful of what they might mean. God loves you, Christ will lift you from the waves of doubt and the Holy Spirit will rescue you from currents of insecurity and alienation.

**MOMENT FOR PERSONAL PRAYER & CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

\***THE PEACE** Greet those around you with  
*“The peace of Christ be with you.”*

\***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

*Know that God is Good* #659

**TIME WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH**

*We invite all children & youth to come forward.*

**RESPONSE** – *Listen to the Word* #455

**ENGAGING THE WORD**

One: In the beginning was the Word

All: **And the word was with God.**

One: A reading from Luke 18: 1-8 p. 853

One: For the Word of God in scripture,  
for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** – *Praying from Within Our Hearts...Praying With Vulnerability*  
Rev. Pamela J. Peterson

**HYMN** *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* (Sing 2x) #469  
(Please remain seated)

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



to 8:30 pm, and Saturday, Aug. 19 from 10am to 12noon. The shop receives an abundance of Christmas items throughout the year, so there will be a wide variety of items available. The Mission Boutique will also be open during sale hours. Grab a friend and come!

**Calendar of Events Week of August 13-20**

Monday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Sorting
Tuesday	10am	Curriculum Crew
Wednesday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Sorting
	10am-2pm	Senior Activity Program
	7-8:30 pm	Mission Boutique Open
Friday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Open
	7-8:30 pm	Mission Boutique Open
Saturday	10am-12pm	Mission Boutique Open
Sunday	7:30 am	Early Worship Service
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	All Day	- Return your Nickels for Niccolls Bottles

**Interim Pastor** – Rev. Pamela J. Peterson

**Pastor Emeritus** – Rev. James L. Ulrich

**Organists** – Judith Barker, Susann Rundell

**Ushers** – Natalie Tickner, Dave Durfee, Diane Kull & Kathy Riehle