

SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

August 27, 2017
11:00 am

Deacon Ordination

Sermon:

“New Beings”
Dr. Matthew Tennant

Scripture:

Romans 12:1-8

Anthem:

God, Whose Giving Knows
No Ending — Sacred Harp

Deacons: *Brad Groff, Carolyn Lowry, Jim Moore, Lynda Tweel, Raynell Stokes, Scott Miller

Nursery Workers: Judy Gough, Suzanne Smith, Laura Faye & Carter Groff

Children’s Church: Erin Brown, Hunter Cooper

Ushers for August: Shirley Clark, Sally Chewning, Martha Wood, Joyce Martin, Jack Wilkerson

Greeters: Laurie Pallini, Wellford Tiller

Medical On Call: Laurie Pallini

The Word

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Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:2 (NRSV)



Waterworld

The water falling off the prideful rocks
Into the open-hearted pool below
Sounds like polite, sustained applause.

Upriver, a brown, perfect trout jumps
From the stream, jerks in celebration,
Flashes its sequined side before the
setting sun.

And then near seamlessly returns below
The surface of the pool, leaving only
Spreading rings like melting memories.

Today it seems I am the stream,
I am the haughty trees that drink slow,
Deep down, absorbing from beneath.

I am the dancing bug upon the water's
surface, feeling, as Jesus felt, the secret
Of the water's willingness to lift me.

And suddenly I know too that, all those
Years ago, and all those miles away,
It was not the fish, it was not the birds,

It was not the bugs or the air, sweeping
low and strong,
That showed surprise when, in a trice,
He stepped out on the waiting sea.

*Edward Lowry
Reflections on Matt Tennant's Sermon
August 13, 2017*

A Prayer

As believers in Christ, our greatest demonstration to the world is our love. Not just our love for one another, but our love for the One who reconciles all things. You have told us what you require of us: to act justly, love mercy, and to walk humbly with you. We ask that you would give us grace for the deep challenges facing our city and our country in the wake of the violence in Charlottesville last week and in similar events around the world.

Father, we confess our anger, our deep sadness, and our collective sense of weakness to see this world healed through our own strength. We pray for those who are hurting—spiritually, emotionally, and physically. Teach us how to bring our pain to you so that we can be healed and engage our communities with love and a vision for peace.

Lord, we confess that we have a long history of racial oppression and bigotry and that this violence and hatred is antithetical to your Gospel. We ask that you would help us name our part in this story of oppression and hostility. Whether we have sinned against others by seeing them as inferior, or whether we have been silent in the face of evil. Forgive us of our sin. By your might, break the bondage that bigotry, hatred, and violence impose on their victims and their perpetrators. May your kingdom come on earth as in heaven.

Redeemer, we confess that the gospel is good news for both the oppressed and the oppressor. We offer our prayers for those who continue to live a life full of hate and prejudice that they will see that hate will never win.

Creator, we are grateful for those who continue to stand strong for all people; we are grateful for those who choose love over hate, when it would be so easy to hate in return. Empower us to follow their lead as fellow servants to your dream of a community in which all people and their gifts are welcomed and honored, cherished and celebrated as beloved children of a just, merciful, and loving God.

Maker, we ask that you would form us to be peacemakers. May we be people who speak the truth in love as we work for a reconciled world. Challenge us to pursue righteousness and unity in our communities.

All powerful, we commit our lives to you, believing that you are working in the world in spite of destructive powers and principalities. Bring healing to those who are hurt, peace to those who are anxious, and love to those who are fearful.

Only you can make all things new.

Prayer offered by Sarah Wilson in Worship
Sunday, August 20, 2017
Inspired by Rich Villodas, ELCA, ABS

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Concerns

Elsom Johnson — Colonnades Health Care Center

Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to Bill Moore at the death of his wife, Barbara, on August 11.


Wednesday, August 30

5:00 pm — Supper: Fried chicken, Mashed potatoes, Green beans
6:10 pm — Church Conference
 (vote on Nominating Committee report)

You Can Help!

• We need volunteers to provide a light supper on Sunday evenings for the Youth Group and Jubilate beginning Sunday, August 27. Contact Alba Beasley for more information.



 • The Transportation Team needs volunteers to provide rides to and from church on Sundays and Wednesdays for some of our folks who do not drive. There are also opportunities to provide rides to weekday appointments. Contact Peter Ohlms for more info.

UBC Parking Lot Usage

- Church participants will continue to park FREE at anytime for church activities in the UBC lots.
- Church participants will continue to park FREE in PVPC's 14th St garage on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.



• UBC parking lots will continue to be for church use only on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings

• Free parking is also still available on Sundays at Stacy Hall.

YOU MUST HAVE A UBC STICKER TO PARK FREE IN THE LOTS (see the Church Office)

THIS WEEK



THURSDAY, August 24

9:30 Pre-K Play Group

SUNDAY, August 27

8:30 Finance Committee Meeting
 9:00 Fellowship
 9:30 Joyful Servants Bible Study
 9:30 Seekers Bible Study
 9:45 Bible Study
 11:00 Worship Service
 6:00 Jubilate Rehearsal
 6:00 Real Life — Youth Group

MONDAY, August 28

6:30 Deacons' Meeting

TUESDAY, August 29

9:00 UBC Work Team
 9:00 Painting Group
 10:15 Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, August 30

5:00 Supper (Fried chicken)
 6:10 Church Conference
 7:10 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Have a student in Grades 6-12? Interested in our youth group?



Contact Sarah Wilson

CHURCH CONFERENCE
Wednesday, August 30,
6:10 pm in Fellowship Hall
Vote on Nominating Committee Report

PBJ Women's Bible Study
 (Prayer, Bible study, Joyful Fellowship)
 Wednesdays, 10:00 -11:45 am
 beginning September 6
 6-part study of 2 Timothy and Titus
 Contact Lynn Martin if you are interested. (434-977-8090 or Lmartinx2@comcast.net)



To see more photos of August 20 Interactive Worship Service (page 1) and Pool Party/Hot dog cookout/Homemade Ice Cream Social,

[UBC Facebook page](#)

Fall Dates Still Available to Dedicate Sanctuary Flowers

The following Sundays are still available for dedicating sanctuary flowers for a special remembrance or celebration:

September 3, 24
October 8, 22, and 29

Please contact Sarah Buchanan to reserve your special date. (434-409-9064 or sarahbucha@gmail.com)

If you love flowers, enjoy arranging them, or want to learn how, contact Sarah.