

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 15, 2013

Music Prelude		Dorothea White
Welcome and Announcements		Pastor Katie
*Passing of the Peace		
*Call to Worship	“Holy Ground”	TFWS #2272
**Opening Hymn	“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”	UMH #139
Unison Prayer		
<i>Like an ant on a stick both ends of which are burning, I go to and fro without knowing what to do, and in great despair. Like the inescapable shadow that follows me, the dead weight of sin haunts me. Graciously look upon me. Thy love is my refuge. Amen.</i>		
Praises & Prayer Requests		
<i>After each praise or prayer request: “Lord, hear our prayer.”</i>		
Hymn of Preparation	“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”	UMH #384
Liturgy of the Word:		
New Testament	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Shirley Massey
Psalm	Psalm 14:1-7	
*Gospel	Luke 15:1-32	Pastor Katie
Message:	“Prodigal Love”	Pastor Katie
Offertory	“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”	
*Doxology		UMH #95
*Offertory Prayer		Pastor Katie

*Please stand as you are able
** Lighting of the candles

Liturgy of the Table

Holy Communion	Musical Setting B	UMH p. 18
Prayer after Communion		UMH p. 11
The Apostles' Creed		UMH #882
*Closing Hymn	"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"	UMH #57
*Blessing		Pastor Katie
*Benedictory Response	"What a Mighty God We Serve"	TFWS #2021
Postlude		Dorothea White

We welcome you to worship with us again!

To our guests, thank you for visiting us today. Please fill out a visitor's card located in the pews and place it in the offering plate, or see an usher or the Pastor. Join us in the Overflow Room for a "Meet & Greet" after the service.

One Bible Study at Two Times

Serious Answers to Hard Questions

Rockland has decided to do this study as well. So, I will be leading it on Thursday mornings, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at Rockland UMC and Thursday evenings, 7:30 – 9:00 pm at Saint James UMC. Men and women of both congregations and of all ages are welcome at both studies.

Serious Answers to Hard Questions by Wesley Ministry Network. In this DVD-based study, 10 theologians address 10 issues that are obstacles to faith for many both inside and outside of the church, such as the relationship between religion and science, Christianity and other religions, and the nature of the resurrection. The course encourages energetic discussion and sustained reflection on these important issues.

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