

Communion Service of Word and Song

Εκκλησία Παρακλήτε

Ekklesia Paraklete



1<sup>st</sup> UMC of Greensburg      October 14, 2017

19<sup>TH</sup> WEEKEND AFTER PENTECOST

*Gathering Music*      Holst/Perry

O God Beyond All Praising

*Welcome and Tidings*

*Prelude*      H. Sorenson

Our God

*Opening Prayer*

*Word of God*

*Meditation in Song*      R. Lowry

I Need Thee Every Hour

*Homily*

*Music for Reflection*      M. Redman

10,000 Reasons

*Eucharist Prayer*

*Sharing the Bread & Cup*

S. Albrecht

In Remembrance of Me

*Music of Response*      V. Lane

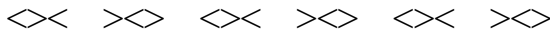
Amazing Grace

*Benediction*

*Postlude*      C. Kocher

For the Beauty of the Earth

*Fellowship & Refreshments*



**Please join us in the hallway  
beside the sanctuary for  
a time of table fellowship.**



The Nursery and Crib Rooms are open and available for parents of children filled with the spirit of self-expression.



Kneeling at the altar rail at any time throughout the worship service is celebrated and encouraged.

Εκκλησία

**Schedule of Musicians**

<b>October 14</b>	<b>Mike Simonelli</b> Piano
<b>October 21</b>	<b>Janet Lord</b> Piano
<b>October 28</b>	<b>Ruth Hughes</b> Organ
<b>November 4</b>	<b>Rev. Dean Ziegler</b> Piano

\* The word ‘church’ in the *New Testament* is translated from the Greek word ‘**ekklesia**’ which comes from two words ‘ek’ meaning ‘out’ and ‘kaleo’ meaning to ‘call.’ An *ekklesia* or ‘calling out’ was not just an assembly. In Greek there are many words that can mean assembly. The word *ekklesia* was a political term, not a religious term. Jesus was the King and the Bible used the term *ekklesia* for a good reason. In classical Greek ‘ekklesia’ meant ‘an assembly of citizens summoned by the crier, the legislative assembly.’

In the Greek New Testament the word **paraklete** is most prominent in John’s writings and may be translated as ‘counselor’, ‘helper’, encourager, advocate, or ‘comforter’. So, for our use, this is our worship helper.

**LEADING IN TONIGHT’S EKKLESIA:**

In addition to the Holy Spirit

Pastor	Rev. Anette Gerber
Associate Pastor	Rev. Jill Croushore
Musician	Mike Simoncelli Piano

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<u>Simoncelli</u>	<b>Gathering Music</b>	O God Beyond All Praising
<u>Jill</u>	<b>Welcome and Tidings</b>	
<u>Simoncelli</u>	<b>Prelude</b>	Our God
<u>Jill</u>	<b>Opening Prayer</b>	
<u>Jill</u>	<b>Word of God</b>	Matthew 22:1-14
<u>Simoncelli</u>	<b>Meditation in Song</b>	I Need Thee Every Hour
<u>Net</u>	<b>Homily</b>	
<u>Simoncelli</u>	<b>Music for Reflection</b>	10,000 Reasons
<u>Net</u>	<b>Eucharist Prayer/Sharing the Bread &amp; Cup</b>	
	<u>Simoncelli</u>	
<u>Simoncelli</u>	<b>Music of Response</b>	<b>Amazing Grace</b>
<u>Net</u>	<b>Benediction</b>	
<u>Simoncelli</u>	<b>Postlude</b>	For the Beauty of the Earth
<u>All</u>	<b>Fellowship &amp; Refreshments</b>	

## Word of God (NRSV)

22 Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 2 “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. 3 He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. 4 Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ 5 But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, 6 while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. 7 The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. 8 Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. 9 Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ 10 Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

11 “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, 12 and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ 14 For many are called, but few are chosen.”

### **Footnotes:**

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- a. Matthew 21:3 Or ‘The Lord needs them and will send them back immediately.’
- b. Matthew 21:8 Or Most of the crowd
- c. Matthew 21:12 Other ancient authorities add of God