

Communion Service of Word and Song

Εκκλησία Παρακλητε

Ekklesia Paraklete



1st UMC of Greensburg November 18, 2017

24TH WEEKEND AFTER PENTECOST

Gathering Music

Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome

Welcome and Tidings

Prelude

Give Thanks

Opening Prayer

Word of God Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Meditation in Song

My House is Full

Homily

“A MATTER OF PERSPECTIVE”

Music for Reflection

Change My Heart O God

Eucharist Prayer

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Music of Response

More Precious Than Silver

Benediction

Postlude

We Gather Together

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.

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Schedule of Musicians

November 25	Matt Klumpp <i>Concert Piano</i>
December 2	Valerie Stipcak <i>Organ & Piano</i>
December 9	Irwin Male Chorus
December 16	Rev. Janet Lord <i>Piano</i>

* 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	Patty Fitzpatrick <i>Piano</i>

Word of God

Deuteronomy 8:7-18 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

⁷ For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, ⁸ a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹ a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. ¹⁰ You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

¹¹ Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. ¹² When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵ who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous^[a] snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, ¹⁶ and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. ¹⁷ Do not say to yourself, “My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.” ¹⁸ But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.