

**A Communion Service of Word and Song**  
**Εκκλησία Παρακλήτε**  
**Ekklesia Paraklete**



First United Methodist Church of Greensburg  
September 8, 2018  
16<sup>th</sup> weekend after Pentecost

*Gathering Music*

*Welcome and Tidings*

*Prelude*

*Opening Prayer*

*Word of God*

Mark 7:24-37

*Meditation in Song*

*Homily*

*Music for Reflection*

*Eucharistic Prayer*

*Sharing the Bread & Cup*

*Music for Response*

*Benediction*

*Postlude*

*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**

September 15	Forrest Moore <i>Piano</i>
September 22	Amanda Sage <i>Flute</i>
September 29	Jacob Gruss <i>Organ</i>
October 6	Valerie Stipcak <i>Organ &amp; 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 help.

**Leading in Tonight’s Ekklesia:**  
In addition to the Holy Spirit

Pastor	Rev. Anette Gerber
Musician	Nikeshia Moore <i>Voice &amp; Piano</i>