

## today

- Flowers:** The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Ann and Richard Gallion on their 61st wedding anniversary in gratitude and amazement!
- Lay Reader:** Chris Gundaker
- Ushers:** Omer Yalincak
- Greeters:** Side: Pat Aceifi  
Tower: John Aceifi
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**08/06/2017 Worship attendance:**  
**8:00 – 28; 9:30 – 108; Total = 136**  
**Summer Church School Attendance = 6**

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**Our Pastors** – Woody Eddins and Peter Preiser  
**Organist & Adult Music** – Yves Venne  
**Children/Youth/Contemporary Music** – Dorothy Cowles  
**A Stephen Ministry Church**  
(See back of announcements for a full staff listing)

# Worship

## Simsbury United Methodist Church

*“Life Wager:  
Our Choice”*



*“Faith is the daring of the soul to go farther than it can see.”*

William Newton Clark

**9:30 a.m.**  
**Aug 13, 2017**



**08.13.17** – 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Worship Service** – 9:30 a.m.

## Welcome

### Prelude |

#### ◇Call to Worship

Leader: From Bethlehem to Nazareth, from Jordan to Jericho, from Bethany to Jerusalem, from then to now,

**People: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: To heal the sick, to mend the brokenhearted, to comfort the disturbed, to disturb the comfortable, to awaken us to your presence,

**People: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: To lead the way, to overcome the sin of this world, to open our eyes and our hearts to you and to our neighbors; today, to this place, to us,

**People: Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

◇Opening Hymn | *Praise to the lord, the Almighty #139*

◇Opening Prayer | (unison)

**Holy God, we are here today to worship you, to give thanks for the many blessings of our lives, and to offer ourselves to your service. Touch those of us who are troubled, ill, or facing big changes in our lives, and let us know the power and steadfastness of your loving presence. May this time of worship draw us closer to you and help us to open our hearts to others, that we may more and more be faithful followers of Jesus. Amen.**

### A Time for Children

First Lesson | Matthew 14: 22-33

Second Lesson | Romans 10: 5-13

Message | “*Life Wager: Our Choice*” Rev. Florence Eddins

◇Hymn of Response | *You Are Mine #2218 (Faith We Sing Hymnal)*

### Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer | Blue hymnal #895

### Offertory Music |

◇Presentation of Gifts/Doxology #94

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

◇Prayer of Dedication

**O God, please accept these offerings and guide us in their use. You know what we give and what we cannot. By your grace, make us your instruments in this world, that the love of Jesus Christ may flow to others through our words and actions, our true offering. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

◇Closing Hymn | *Great Is Thy Faithfulness #140*

◇Benediction

◇Benediction Response | *Go in Peace*

***Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day. Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always. Celebrate and share the joy, celebrate new life. Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.***

◇Postlude |

◇ *please stand as you are able*