

and to be Sent with the Word.

Song

May Hope Rise Out of Tragedy Words by Paul Mittermaier

*Eternal Father, strong to save,
The storm's wild fury has been grave
We've seen the pictures, felt the pain,
Of all those caught in flood and rain.
O hear us as we cry to thee
for those engulfed in tragedy.*

*O Savior, whose almighty hand
protects all those in every land.
Send help and aid of every kind
grant us a way to serve may find
O hear us as we cry to thee
may hope rise out of tragedy.*

*O Holy Spirit, work your art
in every place and every heart.
Stir great compassion, healing, love
pour down your blessings from above.
O hear us as we cry to thee
may hope rise out of tragedy.*

*O Trinity of love and power,
bless all your servants in this hour.
To bring relief, to find a way
to rebuild and to heal today.
O hear us as we cry to thee
may hope rise out of tragedy!*

*BENEDICTION

*THE CHIMES *Three chimes, for the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
signal the end of our worship and call us forth into a new week of service.*

POSTLUDE *Go Therefore* Smith

*Please stand as you are able.

Large-print hymnals, Bibles and hearing devices, as well as information about childcare
are available from any usher.

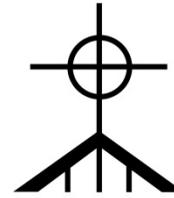
We Welcome You in the Name of Christ - We especially welcome all our guests, and ask that you fill out the Ritual of Friendship pad you will find in the pew. We are a fellowship of prayer, worship, and service to a loving God. If you are looking for a church home, we would be delighted for you to consider membership in Clemmons Presbyterian Church. Information about us is found at the Visitors table in the Narthex or online.

To share a prayer request, please use the cards in the pew racks and place the card in the offering. It will be taken to the minister and shared in today's prayers.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God...

• By Joyce Sweeten in honor of Frank Sweeten's 95th birthday on September 1st.

*Invite a friend or new neighbor to worship with you next Sunday
as we extend the love of God and the welcome that we receive in Jesus Christ!*



Clemmons Presbyterian Church

10:45 am Worship Service

September 3, 2017

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.
Gluten-free communion wafers are available in the narthex for those who need them.
If you did not pick up your wafers as you entered the sanctuary, you are invited to do so during one of the hymns.

PRELUDE *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* Powell

WELCOME AND THE RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP William Hoyle
*Everyone is encouraged to sign, date, and pass the pew pad down your row,
noting your neighbors upon its return.*

We Gather Around The Word,

CALL TO WORSHIP Susan Preston

Leader: God is our refuge and strength
People: a very present help in times of trouble.
Leader: Though earth's waters rage and foam
People: the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
Leader: Lead a life worthy of your calling
People: bearing with one another in love. - Psalm 46 & Ephesians 4

*HYMN #401 *Here in This Place*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)
**God of mercy and grace we seek your face in prayer, knowing that our
sins deceive and block us. Forgive us in Jesus Christ.
Hear our prayers as we confess before you the wrongs we have done.
Forgive us Lord for all the ways we have failed you and our sisters and
brothers. Cleanse us and help us to walk in your way and to forgive
others as you forgive us.**

*TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*HYMN #581 *Glory Be to the Father*

to Hear God's Word,

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Carol Helms

O God, by your Spirit tell us what we need to hear, and show us what we ought to do, to obey Jesus Christ our Savior.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 12:9-21

Pew Bible NT Page 151, Red Bible Page 1034

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Let Everyone Who Is Thirsty, Come

Curry

*Let everyone who is thirsty, come.
O let anyone who will,
Come to Me and drink your fill.
Let everyone who is thirsty, come.*

*Come to the Water, come and know
His streams of mercy which overflow.
Come, let His healing wash over you,
O be cleansed, your sins forgiven,
all things made new.*

*All the broken, Come.
All the lonely, Come.
All the wounded, Come.
All the weary, Come.*

*All the weak and all the fearful,
All the timid and the tearful.
Everyone who is thirsty, come.
Let everyone who is thirsty, come.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 3:1-15

Pew Bible OT Page 48, Red Bible Page 49

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN

HYMN #503

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

SERMON

“Life raft meals”

to Respond to the Word,

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed (Ecumenical)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all

things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

(** universal)

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Jesus Loves Me

arr. Spong

*DOXOLOGY #606

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING and THE LORD'S PRAYER

(...debt/debtors...) Hymnal p. 35

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING THE BREAD

(Please hold your bread until all are served. We will eat together, symbolizing our unity with Christ and with one another.)

SHARING THE CUP

(Please drink your cup as it is given to you, symbolizing your personal faith in Jesus Christ.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION