

Celebration of Worship

✠ Stand as you are able.

We Gather as God's People

*We welcome you on this eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, **October 8th, 2017.***

Prelude

Greetings, Welcome Visitors, and Announcements

(Please sign and pass the red folder in your row.)

✠ Congregation Introit

He Has Made Me Glad

no. 2270

✠ Call to Worship

L: Good morning, friends. Welcome to a celebration of God's love.

P: **Thank you. We are glad to be here this morning.**

L: Today we will hear the good news of God.

P: **In this world in which the news is mostly bad, we look forward to hearing God's good news for us.**

L: Prepare your spirits. Quiet your souls. God is ready for you.

P: **In Jesus' name, AMEN.**

We Give Ourselves to God

✠ Praise Hymn

My Hope Is Built

no. 368

We Pray Together (Unison):

Gracious and Patient God, as we come to You this day,

we are mindful of the many ways in which we have so easily turned our back on You.

Turn us around again, O Lord. Open our hearts and our spirits to receive

Your holy word that we may again walk in the path of true discipleship. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

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Witness: We share our joys, connections, and concerns with Christ.

Pastoral Prayer

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Loose change offerings go toward mission projects SPUMC supports.

Offertory

He Touched Me

no. 367

Doxology

Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

James 2: 8-9 (NT p. 213)



We Hear God's Word

Anthem

Everyday Is a Gift
Lisa Sweeder, Soloist

Besig/Price

Message

"Claim What Christ Proclaims"

Sermon Text:

James 2: 1-13 (NT p. 213)

We Respond with Our Lives

✠ Hymn of Invitation

Here I am, Lord

no. 593

✠ Benediction

✠ Pass the Peace:

"The Peace of Christ be with you. And also with you."