

Communion Hymns *(first and last verses only)*

453 *More Love to Thee, O Christ*; 365 *Grace Greater than Our Sin*;
463 *Lord, Speak to Me*

Commitment Liturgy

One: Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life-giving:

Many: These cards represent our sweat, they represent our lives, they represent our dreams.

One: The promises which we make on them are but tokens of the awesome gifts that have been given to us.

Many: They are pledged in thanksgiving for all that we have received, for all we have been inspired to be, for all we are challenged to become, in this place.

One: May they be the first fruits of all we have, and not what we have leftover.

Many: So that we may live out as best as possible how You give to us. May we see them as our offering to You, sacred, holy, yet earthly, filled with possibilities.

All: May we hold this image in our hearts and our minds so as we watch our offerings each week come to Your table, we can see our very selves being part of this offering as a living sacrifice to You. Amen.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

***Hymn 593** *Here I Am, Lord*

***Blessing**

Postlude *Concerto in G major* J.S. BACH
S. Andrew Lloyd, organ

The altar candle is lit today to honor the birth of a son,
Chase Ryan, to Rebekah Cheek.
Proud grandparents are Jett and Nancy Cheek.

Ministers	All Congregation Members
Lead Pastor	Rev. Don Lee
Associate Pastor	Rev. Deana Mason
Associate Pastor	Rev. Jonathan Perry
Associate Pastor	Rev. Mauricio Orozco
Director of Music and Worship	John Priddy
Organist	S. Andrew Lloyd
Song leader	Malcolm Payne

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10.01.17 attendance: Sunday school - 376 Worship - 840

- Today** **Living the Bible, Flinn Hall Lounge, 9:40 am**
Join this new class in studying the book, *Moses-The Reluctant Prophet*.
UMYF, Monroe Building, 5:30 - 7:30 pm Rec night/Mission Trip meeting
- Oct. 9** **Monday Women's Study Group, Flinn Hall Lounge, 10:00 am**
Ladies, please join us as we complete the fascinating study of the *Book of Daniel* through Nov. 20. Contact risa.earl@verizon.net or denonluttrell@verizon.net.
- Administrative Board meeting, Room 231, 6:30 pm**
All committee chairs, or a representative, are required to attend this important meeting. Ad Board meetings are open to all church members.
- Oct. 11** **Community Bible Study, Miller Center, noon**
Bring your lunch and join this weekly group.
- The Social Principles of the UMC, Flinn Hall Lounge, 5:30-7:00 pm**
This discussion group meets weekly through October 25. See fumc-denton.com/united-methodist-churches-social-principles for information.
- Oct. 15** **Credo Choir Bake Sale, Miller Center, 9:00-noon**
Come by and pick up something for your sweet tooth or donate your favorite cake, pie, or cookies for us to sell. Funds raised will support a choir retreat and trip.
- Oct. 31** **Share the Harvest, Monroe Building, EW parking lot, 6:00-8:00 pm**
Wear your costume for this family friendly community event featuring games, hay rides, trunk-or-treating, a snack supper, and prizes.
To donate - *Individually wrapped* candy is needed and appreciated. Candy collection boxes are located throughout the church.
To volunteer - Cars needed for trunk-or-treating. Dress in costume, decorate your trunk and hand out candy to trunk-or-treaters. Come join in the fun! Email dmason@fumc-denton.com.
- Nov. 4** **Alternative Gifts Fair, Miller Center, Flinn Hall, 5:00 - 8:00 pm**
"First Choice" shopping, \$5.00 admission
- Nov. 5** **Alternative Gifts Fair, Miller Center, Flinn Hall, 9:00 am-3:00 pm**
- Nov. 6** **Alternative Gifts Fair, Miller Center, Flinn Hall, 9:00 am-1:00 pm**

October Mission Corner

Your generous donations will help the Salvation Army to assist those in need. Items requested are: sleeping bags, backpacks, rain ponchos, bike repair kits, bike/locker locks, socks, hygiene items, sports bras size L, and jackets/windbreakers in size XL.



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Celebration Worship

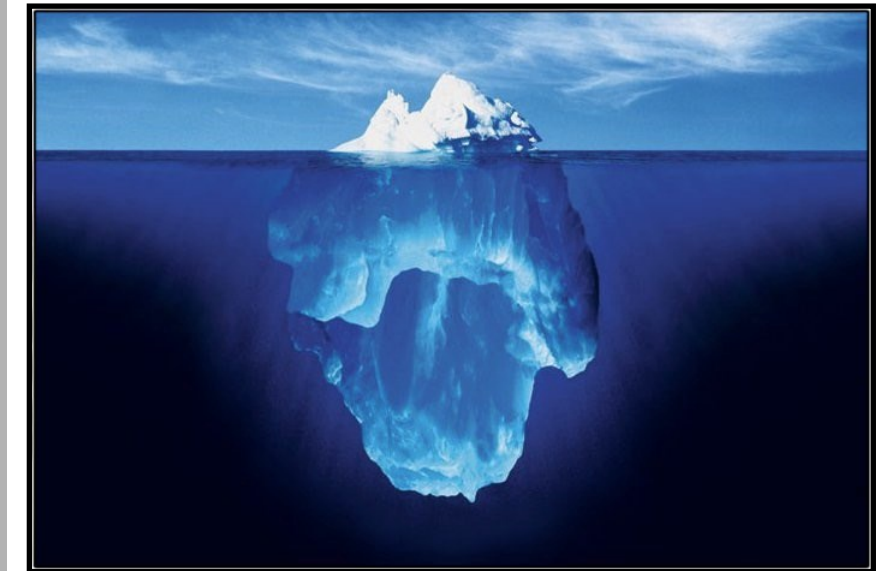


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October 8, 2017

18th Sunday after Pentecost



Emotionally Healthy Spirituality

Sunday Worship Services

First Meal	7:30 am, Monroe Building
Traditional Worship	8:30 am, Sanctuary
Connection Fellowship	9:45 am, Monroe Building
*Celebration Worship	11:00 am, Sanctuary
Open Worship	11:00 am, Flinn Hall
Jesus Fuente de Vida	12:30 pm, Flinn Hall
3 rd Day Family Worship	11:15 am, Monroe Building, 3rd Sunday of each month

*The 11:00 am Celebration service is Livestreamed each Sunday at fumc-denton.com and televised live on Charter 191 and Frontier FIOS 39.

October 8, 2017

11:00 am

*Thank you for silencing your electronic devices and disposing of all food and drink.
To use the Sanctuary's assisted hearing system, please speak with an usher.
Please, no flash photography during worship.*

WE GATHER

**Congregation Standing*

Greeting

John Priddy

If you have prayers of joy or concern to share, please use a prayer card found in the pew back. These will be picked up during the first hymn.

Prelude

See the Lilies

BRAD NIX

Challenger Choir; Jett Cheek, director; Esme Wong, piano
Diane Finney, flute; Ryan Smith, percussion

*Call to Worship

Demi Prentiss

Stewardship Team Leader

One: We are gathered to give witness to the enduring realities of life.

Many: **We have come to affirm that life is a gift, that this gift is good, and that it comes from God.**

One: We are gathered to renew our hope in Jesus Christ, as we travel life's long journey.

Many: **We find God in the paths of our present and our past, but we also trust in God's love in our future.**

One: The same God leads us in the dance of faith, every day of our lives and beyond life.

All: **Let us praise God with our whole hearts and commit ourselves to a life of generous service in God's kingdom. Amen.**

*Hymn 98

To God Be the Glory

The children are invited to come forward for their special time during the hymn.

WE PROCLAIM

A Time for Our Children

Rev. Deana Mason

Prayer of Confession

O God, we know that we are a wayward people whose footsteps falter as we seek to follow Your way. We trust only in Your grace to create new life within us and to bind us together in love and common commitment. Therefore, we renew our covenant with one another to seek and respond to Your word. We purpose to walk together in all Your ways and join in the mission of the church to witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in all the world.

We will pray for the coming of Your realm and look with faith toward the triumph of righteousness and eternal life.

Words of Assurance

One: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Many: **In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

All: **Glory to God. Amen.**

Our Offering

Upon This Rock

JOHN NESS BECK

Chancel Choir

Please register your attendance on the pad in your pew and pass it down the row.

*Doxology

***We now on earth have union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, happy ones, and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.***

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Message

Rev. Don Lee

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality
Philippians 2:1-5,4:8

Found in the New Testament on page 197 of the pew Bible.

WE RESPOND

*Gluten-free wafers are available at the front stations.
Please indicate your preference to the server.*

Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

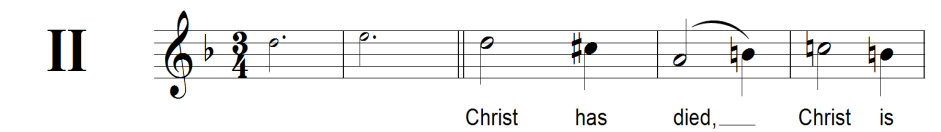
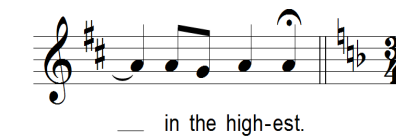
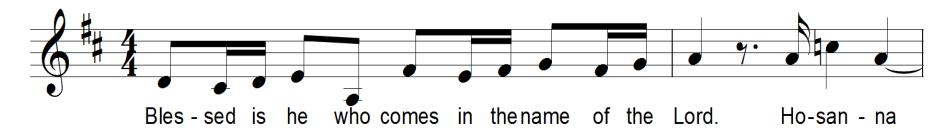
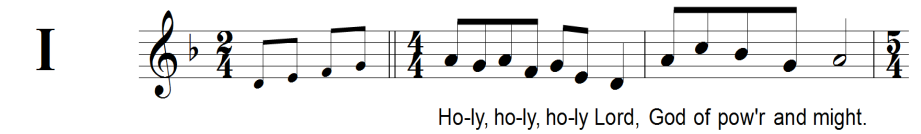
One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Response



Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem

Christ Be Beside Me

PETER CUTTS

We are glad to have you with us in worship today and welcome you to join this family of faith in making disciples of Jesus Christ. Please speak with a pastor about membership.

Acolytes today are Sully Bickle and Michael Dixon.

Children are always welcome in worship. If preferred, childcare is offered for newborns through Pre-K on the East Wing 1st floor.

For after-hours pastoral care emergencies, call 940.536.3353.

A Stephen Minister is available to help you through a difficult time. Please call to speak with a pastor.