

<sup>\*</sup>congregation standing; **bold print** indicates congregation reading in unison

PRE SERVICE MUSIC Mark Gourley

WELCOME Drew Herring

PRELUDE Prelude on ST. ANNE Mark Gourley
(O God, Our Help in Ages Past) Healey Willan

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 30:11; Luke 6:21; Revelation 21:4)

O God, our help in ages past,

We thank you for keeping your promises.

David said to the Lord.

"You have turned my mourning into dancing."

Jesus said to us,

"Blessed are you who weep, for you will laugh."

John of Patmos wrote that one day, "Christ will wipe every tear from our eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things will pass away."

O God, our hope for years to come, we lift our song to you

\*HYMN 566 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

The Church

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Luke 1:37 & 18:27)

We proclaim that what is impossible for humans is possible for God. Nothing is impossible with God!

\*RESPONSE 238 (Vs. 4)

Spirit, Now Live in Me

The Church

O holy Flame of God now burning, You are the power of Christ returning, You are the answer to our yearning: Spirit, now live in me.

(As we sing, the children are invited to come forward for the children's lesson)

CHILDREN'S LESSON Jennifer Clatterbuck

(After the children's lesson, preschool children through kindergarten are encouraged to follow their leader to our Extended Session in the preschool area. Grades one and above remain in worship.)

\*HYMN 573 It Is Well with My Soul \*\* The Church

PRAYERS Jennifer Clatterbuck

MUSIC MEDITATION Psalm 8 - O God, Your Name is Awesome! Mark Gourley

John Carter

SERMON "God's Sense of Humor" Drew Herring

Genesis 18: 1-15, (21: 1-7)

\*HYMN 625 Standing on the Promises\*\* The Church

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING PASSPORTkids

OFFERTORY Mark Gourley

\*DOXOLOGY (Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN)

The Church

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
O Praise Him! Alleluia. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
O Praise Him! O Praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\*BENEDICTION John Bishop

POSTLUDE Chaconne in g minor
Louis Couperin Mark Gourley

The sanctuary flowers are given in honor of the West Main staff and volunteers for an excellent VBS!

Thank you to Bella Wilkerson for assisting in worship this morning.

We would love to use some of your favorite hymns this summer. To request a hymn, contact Mark via email (markgourley1984@gmail.com) or text (919-920-3305) or write it down on the slip of paper provided in the main church hallway. All hymns must be in our *Celebrating Grace Hymnal*.

## **SUMMER SCHEDULE**

<u>6/26-7/1:</u> Youth (7th-12th) PASSPORT camp <u>7/9:</u> Baptism

\*No Sunday School during July! Regular Worship at 11:00 7/30: Pancake breakfast at 9:45 A.M., Baby dedication during worship, John Bishop

preaches

<u>7/2:</u> Youth Sunday <u>8/6:</u> Sunday School resumes, Blessing of

7/4: Church office closed the Backpacks, Youth Red Carpet

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<sup>\*\*</sup> This hymn is from our summer favorites request list.