

# Tenth Sunday after Pentecost - August 13, 2017

FESTIVAL LOVEFEAST - 10:00 A.M.  
COMMEMORATING THE RENEWAL OF THE  
MORAVIAN CHURCH ON AUGUST 13, 1727

QUIET MEDITATION: *Jesus spoke to the disciples and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."* Matthew 14:27

BAND CHORALES.....Home Church Band, Chris Jones, leader

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....The Rev. Ginny Tobiassen

PRELUDE - *Adagio* from *Sonata I in B<sup>b</sup>* .....George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)  
Mark Biggam and Robin Driscoll, oboe duet

CALL TO WORSHIP

CONGREGATION.....T. *Pilgrimage*, Page 437

Lord Jesus, for our call of grace, to praise your name in fellowship,  
we humbly meet before your face and in your presence lovefeast keep.  
Shed in our hearts your love abroad, your Spirit's blessing now impart;  
Grant we may all, O Lamb of God, in you be truly one in heart.

(Serve)

ANTHEM - *My Soul Before You Prostrate Lies*.....von Rosenroth (1648)  
Choir

CONGREGATION - *They Walked with God*.....T. *Speratus*, Page 396

They walked with God in peace and love but failed with one another;  
while sternly for the faith they strove, they fell out with each other.  
But he in whom they put their trust, who knew their frames,  
that they were dust, with pity healed their weakness.

He found them in his house of prayer with one accord assembled,  
and so revealed his presence there; they wept for joy and trembled.  
One cup they drank, one bread they broke, one baptism shared,  
one language spoke, forgiving and forgiven.

Then forth they went, with tongues of flame in one blessed theme delighting;  
the love of Jesus, and his name, God's children all uniting.  
That love our theme and watchword still; the law of love  
may we fulfill—give love as love we're given.

*In Essentials Let Us Be United*.....T. *Covenant*, Page 397

In essentials let us be united, joining in God's sovereign truth,  
that our Father is the Lord Almighty, maker of the heav'ns and earth;  
that God sacrificed his Son, Christ Jesus, who became for us salvation wondrous,  
that the Holy Spirit lives in each heart that does believe.

In the non-essentials of church doctrine let us open-minded be,  
showing kindness, mercy, understanding, and respect diversity;  
let us practice tolerance and goodness, walk in love and be our Savior's witness;  
for we are God's family even though we different be.

In all things our Father, Lord and Savior, teaches us the law of love;  
then let love determine our behavior, for 'tis God's command to all;  
may this motto live in all God's children as we strive to follow love's direction;  
may God bless us as we show charity in all we do.

BLESSING: Come, Lord Jesus, our Guest to be, and bless these gifts bestowed by thee.  
Bless thy dear ones everywhere, and keep them in thy loving care. Amen.

(Daily Texts, 2017, Page ix)

(Partake)

ANTHEM - *Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice* .....arr. Mark Biggam (1995)  
Choir

OBOE DUET - *Allegro* from *Sonata I in B<sup>b</sup>* .....George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)  
Mr. Biggam and Mr. Driscoll

(Collect)

CONGREGATION - *On This Day of Celebration* .....T. *Hymn to Joy*

On this day of celebration, at this time when hopes are new,  
God, we gather as your people, called to put our trust in you.  
You have made the world we live in; you have worked through history.  
In your plan we find our purpose, in your love, our unity.

Long ago, you sent a Savior to our world in deep despair.  
In your Word made flesh you came, our life to know, our sins to bear.  
Christ has died and Christ is risen! At this new year we proclaim:  
Yesterday, today, forever—Jesus Christ is still the same!

Through two thousand years of changes, through these passing centuries,  
You have called your church to witness to Christ's love that claims and frees.  
Each new generation hears you, each must find a fresh new way  
To make known the life you offer, to the people in their day.

On this day, we pause and wonder what the future years will bring,  
Yet we know you clothe each flower and you make each sparrow sing.  
How much more will you protect us with your guiding, caring hand!  
By your Spirit, lead us boldly in the future you have planned.

*We in One Covenant Are Joined* .....T. *Worship*, Page 527

We in one covenant are joined and one in Jesus are;  
with voices and with hearts combined, his praise we will declare;  
in doctrine and in practice one, we'll love and serve the Lord alone,  
with one accord sound forth his praise, till we shall see his face.

(Stand)

(During the singing of the next hymn, children age 4 and up are welcome to follow Godly Play leaders to continue their worship in RB-227. At 11:00, children will be guided across the hall to RB-228 for Sunday School.)

*Bless, O Lord, This Congregation* .....T. *Austrian Hymn*, Page 442

Bless, O Lord, this congregation, gather us within your fold;  
may we walk in love before you as your saints in days of old.  
Grant your peace to rest upon us; let our prayers to you be heard;  
speak salvation to our spirits as you promised in your word.

GOSPEL LESSON: John 4:31-38, page 865 .....Rev. Tobiassen

SERMON - *Hidden Seed and Harvest*

CONGREGATION - *With Our Sainted Ones in Glory* .....T. *Austrian Hymn*, Page 229

With our sainted ones in glory seated at the heav'nly board,  
may the church that's waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.  
In your service, Lord, defend us, in our hearts keep watch and ward;  
in the world where you have sent us, let your kingdom come, O Lord.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY INVITATION AND PRAYER

ANTHEM - *Grant Us Thy Peace*.....Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Choir

UNISON PRAYER: Lord of the fields, we thank you for calling us and equipping us to labor in your name. We thank you for providing good seed, ready to grow and bear fruit for a hungry world. Help us always to sow in faith and to nurture in love, that the world may be blessed by the harvest. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

CONGREGATION - *The God of Harvest Praise* .....T. *Italian Hymn*, Page 542

The God of harvest praise; in loud thanksgiving raise  
hand, heart, and voice;  
the valleys laugh and sing, forests and mountains ring,  
the plains their tribute bring, the streams rejoice.

O bless God's holy name, and joyful thanks proclaim  
through all the earth;  
be grateful and receive God's blessing, and believe;  
God's love does not deceive. Now share your mirth!

The God of harvest praise; hands, hearts, and voices raise  
with sweet accord;  
from field to store the grain bearing your sheaves again,  
and in your glad refrain now bless the Lord.

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

*The congregation will be seated for the postlude, which provides a time to meditate on the harvests of love our church has known and will know, through the blessing of the Holy Spirit.*

POSTLUDE - *Autumn from Salem Seasons*.....Margaret Vardell Sandresky (b. 1921)

*"The brethren brought in many wild grapes from the woods."* From *The Records of the Moravians in North Carolina*, September 25, 1778, Vol. III, p. 1247

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## THE BIRTHDAY OF THE MORAVIAN CHURCH

The signing of the “Covenant for Christian Living” by our ancestors on May 12, 1727, brought great blessing to the 300 refugees living on the estate of Count Zinzendorf in Saxony. The first communion service of the united community after May 12 was held on August 13 at the village church in Berthelsdorf. So great was the blessing felt during this communion and so great and lasting was its influence that it has been called the *Birthday of the Renewed Moravian Church*. The “Covenant for Christian Living” continues to serve as a guide for our life together.

It was also on this memorable day in 1727 that the custom of the lovefeast in the Moravian Church had its beginning. Having returned home to Herrnhut after the communion, the villagers gathered in small groups, continuing to talk over the great blessing they had received. After noon, Zinzendorf had food sent to each of them from his home and they ate, prayed, talked, and sang together, probably in seven different homes. The resemblance of this incident to the ancient *Agape* of the first-century Christians prompted Zinzendorf and others to promote the idea. Thus, the lovefeast, a simple meal shared in the church in a spirit of fellowship and love, became a custom in the life of the Moravians.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We extend a cordial welcome** to all of our visitors this morning, and we invite you to join us again whenever possible. Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Register, pass it both ways in your pew, and greet those near you after the service.

**Thank you** to Mark Biggam and Robin Driscoll, guest musicians, for their contribution to our lovefeast music today.

**The flowers** are placed in the Sanctuary today in loving memory of *the Rev. William Ambrose Cranford and Mrs. Wilhelmina Breedlove Cranford* by the family, and in honor of *those who attend breakfast on Wednesday morning at the Light House Restaurant* by David Joyner.

**Inquirers’ Classes** for those interested in joining Home Moravian Church will begin today and will continue for the next three Sundays (through September 3). The classes will meet at 11:15 each Sunday morning and will cover Moravian history, theology and governance, as well as the life and ministries of Home Church. We will receive new members on Sunday, September 10, during 10 a.m. worship. Please contact one of our pastors if you are interested in becoming a member of Home Church.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Children/Youth

**Nursery:** *Two Coats for Joseph*, CE-105 (Nursery)

**K-6th:** *Bible Games*, RB-228 (across from Godly Play)

**7th-12th:** *Gathering*, CE-204

### Adult

**Scripture Encore:** *Continued exploration of today’s service scripture passages*, CE-101

**Bible Discussion:** *1 Corinthians, Chapter 7*, Club Room

**Quiet Reflection/Writing:** Materials are available for quiet reflection and journal writing, CE-208

## PERSONAL NOTES

**Congratulations to** Andrew Heil and Sarah Hubbard Heil on the birth of a daughter, Molly Grace Hubbard Heil, on August 4.

**Recovering at home:** Dee Ann Smith

**Ill at home:** Barbara Rominger

**We express our sympathy to** the family of Percy Hill Gibson, Jr., who died on August 2.

## CALENDAR

- Today - 10:00 a.m. - August 13th Festival Lovefeast  
11:15 a.m. - Sunday School  
Inquirers' Class, Parlor
- Monday - 7:00 p.m. - Trustees Meeting, Club Room
- Tuesday - 5:00 p.m. - *HTH* deadline  
5:30 p.m. - Christian Education Committee Meeting, RB-225
- Wednesday - 7:00 a.m. - Breakfast at Lighthouse Restaurant  
6:30 p.m. - Women's Chorus, RB-5
- Thursday - 10:30 a.m. - Sr. Friends Pot Luck, Trinity Moravian
- Next Sunday - 10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship  
11:00 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship (Trustees)  
11:15 a.m. - Sunday School  
Inquirers' Class, Parlor

## ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Women's Fellowship** has set up a meal schedule to provide Sarah and Andrew Heil with dinner every other night through September 14. There are still some open dates. If you would like to assist with this, go to [www.TakeThemAMeal.com](http://www.TakeThemAMeal.com). In the center of the screen will be FIND. Type in last name HEIL and the password 1772. Please read the instructions as they provide specific information about the food, delivery time and location. If you have any questions or need assistance in signing up, please contact Elizabeth Sides at (336) 768-3178 home or (336) 705-0804 cell.

**Senior Friends** will meet with our RCC partners at the Trinity Moravian Church Fellowship Hall, Thursday, August 17, for a program and pot luck luncheon starting at 10:30 a.m. (Note: earlier than many of our meetings). The Rev. Patty Garner will share about the work of the international Unity Women's Desk that she founded several years ago.

**Diggs-Latham Partnership** - It is about time to get back in school in our area, so we will be collecting school supplies for our students. Paper, pencils, crayons, notebooks, composition books, etc. will be needed. There are containers in both entrances to collect these items. These supplies will be delivered to the school on August 17 when we honor the faculty and staff with breakfast. Thank You. For information contact Mallie Graham.

**On Sunday, August 20**, you are invited to Friedberg Moravian Church to celebrate the fourth annual Moravian Children's Festival and Lovefeast. These events have been held at settlements in chronological order as to when they were settled to help teach a little Moravian history in interactive and fun ways. This year you are invited to a big opening celebration at 2 p.m. to understand how the Friedberg community began. Following the opening there will be family group activities including tours of a history room, putz making, a nature walk and petting zoo, a commemorative Moravian seal and story rock bags, mission stories and music, Moravian cookies with the Hanes family, games and a photoshoot. The Festival will culminate at 4:45 when a band will call us to an interactive lovefeast in the Sanctuary. Groups are invited to come to Friedberg and picnic on the grounds. Registration will begin at 1:30.

**Brother Jorgen Boytler, Unity Board Administrator**, is coming from Denmark to the Southern Province to share brand new mission work in a brand new country! Please come to Fries Memorial Church on Tuesday, August 22 at 6 p.m. for a potluck supper (bring a dish to share). Come hear Brother Boytler, that we may rejoice together over what our Lord is directing us to do and where to go.

**Church Family/Salem Academy Potluck Luncheon** - Please mark your calendars for Sunday, August 27 and plan to attend our Church Family/Salem Academy Potluck Luncheon. This is the event that our church family holds each year to welcome the Salem Academy students back to school and to encourage them to get involved in the life of our church. The church is providing chicken and we need you to bring side dishes and desserts. There will be around 80 students attending, so please bring lots of food!

**Women's Fellowship** - Please plan to join your sisters on Sunday, August 27, at 1:00 p.m. in CE-101 for an information session on "Revisions to the Constitution." Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend!