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*in loving memory of Dr. Y.J. and Lucile McGaha by*

*Pete and Jane Bloss*



#### THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS/EVENT

Hymn Sing: Today at 5:00 p.m. *via Facebook Live or gulfportchurch.org.*

Prayer Group: Tuesday at 10 a.m.

Session Meeting: Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Children's Sunday School: Sunday at 8:30 a.m. *via Zoom.*

Adult's Sunday School: Sunday at 9:30 a.m. *via Zoom.*

#### UPCOMING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark Your Calendars! Plan to attend the **Fall Festival Parade**, Saturday, October 10

Would you like to volunteer at **Feed My Sheep**? Contact the church office for more information.

#### DUTY ELDER

Ted Hammer

*Offerings can be placed in the receptacles at the exits, mailed into the church office, or given online on our website through Tithe.ly.*

  
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The Order of Common  
Worship

September 13, 2020

Pre-Service Music

Dave Carlson, Clarinet

Welcome and Greeting

The Rev. Will Shurley

Opening Sentence

from Revelation 21

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there.

Opening Music:

“When We All Get to Heaven”  
arr. by Diane Bish

Debra Atkinson, Organ  
Heaven

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, sing His mercy and His grace; in the mansions bright and blessed,  
He’ll prepare for us a place. When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!  
When we all see Jesus, we’ll sing and shout the victory.

Let us then be true and faithful, trusting, serving every day; just one glimpse of Him in glory will the toils of life repay.  
When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!  
When we all see Jesus, we’ll sing and shout the victory.

Opening Prayer

Call to Confession

from Revelation 21

Nothing unclean will ever enter the [holy city], nor anyone who does what is detestable or false,  
but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

Unison Prayer of Confession

from the prayers of Martin Luther

I thank you, my dear God, that I have learned not to begin faith with my own efforts, nor attempt to destroy sin with my own strength. I might do this before other people and be acceptable to the world and its judges. But with you, O God, there is an eternal wrath which I cannot satisfy, and before it I would despair. Therefore I thank you that Another has seized and carried my sins and has made atonement for them...Give me the power and gift to believe this. I plead, as did David, “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.” I am unable to create a new and clean heart...I cannot create the sun and the moon and make them rise and shine brightly in the heavens any more than I can make the heart clean and give myself a right spirit. Help us daily to increase in faith. Though the world should topple and all conspire against us, and though the devil were to destroy every creature, grant that I may not fall. By your divine help let me remain in the Gospel. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

from I John 1

If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Interlude for Silent Meditation:

“Morning Prayer”  
arr. by Benton Price

Debra Atkinson, Organ

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons:

Colossians 2:16-17  
I Corinthians 15:20-28  
Psalm 46:10a

The Sermon

“Heaven: Our Eternal Sabbath Rest”  
Final in the “Finding Sabbath” series.

The Rev. Will Shurley

The Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into Hell. On the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Celebrations and Concerns of the Church and Invitation to Discipleship

The Prayers of the People and the 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Charge and Benediction

The Rev. Will Shurley

Dismissal Music and Offertory

“We’re Marching to Zion”  
arr. by Don Phillips

Debra Atkinson, Organ