Pastoral Concerns:

Bernice Hamrick, Lisa Thomas, Becky Justus, Bobby Justus, Sylvia Mahaney, Pat Medley, Vickie Hughes, Cathy Dobson, Josie Potter, Deborah Harkins, Wendy Blake, Sam Davenport, Helen Haberneck, Erin Haberneck, Carroll Marshal, David McKinney, Mike Duncan, Theo Weger and his parents Daniel and Christiana, Gus and Pat McKinney, Phillip and Caroline McKinney, Martha Pound, Lesha Justus, Eveline Horrell, Judy Weger, Helen Greene, the family of Gay Garland, Conner Miller, Walt Smith, the Wyatt family, the family of Martha Snipes, and Dennis Dale.

Announcements:

We will be having lunch together next Sunday at 12:30. The Church will provide hotdogs and buns. Please bring a side dish and join us. Session will meet right after lunch. We will also be asking you to pick out hymns for worship that day so be thinking about it! 5th Sunday sing will also be at Newdale that evening at 5:30.

Tuesday evening study on Adam Hamilton's book "Half Truths" continues. The group meets on Tuesdays at 6:30 at Newdale Church. All are welcome.

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October 23, 2016 We Worship, We Share, We Serve

Announcements and Welcome

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Prelude: For the Beauty of the Earth

Preparation for the Word

*Call to Worship

L: This is the day the Lord has made:

P: A day for praise and prayer; a day for gratitude and generosity.

L: This is the time God has given us:

P: A time for singing and silence; a time for speaking and listening.

L: This is the life to which God calls us:

P: A life of humility and service; a life of faith and trust.

*Hymn of Praise—467 How Great Thou Art

Unison Prayer of Confession

Watching God, like the Pharisee, we think we can stick our thumbs into life, pull out a prayer, and congratulate ourselves for being such good Christians. Then, we remember the harsh words we have spoken this week, the hurt we have inflicted on someone we loved, the lack of compassion we failed to offer to someone who needed our help. Forgive us, God of Grace, and deal gently with us. May we become more like the tax collector - humble, penitent, acknowledging our faulty lives to you. Then, may we receive the mercy promised to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

(a moment of silent confession) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

L: Forgiven and healed, we open ourselves to the grace, the peace, the hope offered to us through our loving God. This is the good news we have received!

P: Graced and blessed, we are able to live our lives for others, taking them by the hand to reach that finish line called the Kingdom. Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Word Proclaimed

First Lesson Psalm 123

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: God of Everlasting Glory (Living Praise—7)

Second Lesson Luke 18: 9-14

Sermon: "A Humble Prayer"
Pastor, Jim Taylor

Response to the Word

*Hymn of Response—455 All Creatures of Our God and King

*Affirmation of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: Its God

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

Merciful Lord, we offer our gifts and we offer our prayers, not trusting in our righteousness, but as those who know our own unworthiness, trusting only in your love and grace. Keep from us any temptation to see ourselves as better than any other and help us to see in Christ, our mediator, the way to love you and all your children more fully. We pray in Christ's holy name. Amen.

*Hymn of Sending—272 God of the Sparrow

*Charge and Benediction

*Please stand if able.