



**THE HYMN OF PRAISE: "Take My Life and Let It Be" vs. 1 & 4 (KSB #219/LSB #783)**

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*(please be seated)*

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 117 (Praise God.)**

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! <sup>2</sup> For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE EPISTLE READING: Romans 10:9, 14 – 17 (Everyone who calls on the Lord will be saved.)**

<sup>9</sup> because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>14</sup> How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup> And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" <sup>16</sup> But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" <sup>17</sup> So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God..**

**ANTHEM**

Karenni Choir

We honor our Lord Jesus by standing for the reading of the Gospel.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22–33 (Jesus invites Peter to walk to Him on the water.)**

<sup>22</sup> Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup> And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them.

<sup>25</sup> And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup> But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup> And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup> He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." <sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup> And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup> And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Pete LeBorious  
Director of Christian Education

### **THE MESSAGE:**

**"What is Faith"**

Pastor David Brighton

### **THE HYMN OF THE DAY:**

***"Amazing Grace"***

**(KSB #30/LSB #744)**

**Verse one: All sing  
Verse two: Karenni only  
Verse three: English only  
Verse four: All sing**

## **THE APOSTLE'S 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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **THE GATHERING OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**++ The Stewardship Thought ++**

**The Pentecost Season is all about the growth of the Christian Church.**

**We use this time to study God's Word and then go out into our community**

**To share the love of Jesus as we call people to repentance and faith!**

**"Go and make disciple of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."**

**Matthew 28:18-19**

**OFFERTORY HYMN:**

***"Give Thanks"***

**(All sing) Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.  
Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.**

**(All sing) And now let the weak say, "I am strong"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich,  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich,  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.**

**(English only) Give thanks with a grateful heart  
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**(Karenni only) And now let the weak say, "I am strong"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich,  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich,  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.**

**(All sing) Give thanks.**

**THE PRAYERS:** After each petition, the Worship Leader will say, "Lord in Your mercy," and the congregation will respond, "**Hear our prayer.**"

**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 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 and ever. Amen.**

**THE BENEDICTION**

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:14)

**Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" (KSB #302/LSB #805)**

**A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**THE POSTLUDE**

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**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Layne Kesler**, Dick Kesler's granddaughter, who has a broken pelvis and some internal organ bruising received in a serious car accident.

**Marilyn Schultz**, who was hospitalized last week.

**Keep In Your Prayers**

Steve Kaestner, Bill Bohm, Jan Fingles (Doug's mom), Tom Guilford, John White, Shirley Ermi, Gene Brantley, Susan Bridwell (Barbara Jernigan's sister), Karen Harmon, Kim Rekau, Diane McCall, Cynthia Trichinotis, Melanie Cureton (Maggie Monahan's daughter), Jean Dimeler, Kathy Clark (Barb Jernigan's sister), Deloris Denzine and Karen Johnson.

*(NOTE: Those listed under "Keep in your prayers" are removed from the list after eight weeks. If there is someone you would like to keep on the list for another eight weeks, please contact the church office.)*

**Those Battling Cancer**

Joe Hill (Cynthia Nelson's dad), Jeanne Day (Bob's mom), Chet Branscom, Jace Cumbie (Amanda McVay's boyfriend's son), Diana Iverson (Bonnie Hudlin's sister-in-law), Barry Rice (Becky McVay's brother), Norma Young (Melinda Hopf's aunt), Kathy Grube, Mary Schwope (Michele Durbin's aunt), Jeannette Poniske (Fred Tamer's mom) and Bruce Oswald (Krystal Ferguson's father).

**Those Serving our Country in Dangerous Areas**

Darrin Landis, Denver Yarbrough, Jonathan Fetchik and Christian Corbitt, for safety and good health as they serve our country in dangerous areas.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Our Altar Flowers were provided this week** by Erv & Kathy Robinson in honor of their 37<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, by Mike & Marsha Longbine in honor of their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, and by Riley Hood in memory of Margaret Frazier's birthday.

**Ladies Guild meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month** at 10:00 am in Classroom # 1 in Michael Fellowship Hall. All ladies of Mount Calvary are invited to attend.

**The Karenni Youth will host a Car Wash at the Annex on 8/19/17** from 9 am to 1 pm to raise money for next year's Summer Camp.

**Georgia Right to Life (GRTL)** Come and help make a difference! GRTL is committed to speaking up for those who cannot speak up for themselves. On Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 pm, our Houston County Chapter of GRTL will meet at Gottwall's Warehouse in Byron. The address is 660 Peavy Road, just before you get on the interstate. FREE meal at 6:30 pm and the meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

**Coffee Anyone?** Just a reminder that although we receive our donuts and muffins free of charge from Publix, the coffee supplies (coffee, tea bags, multiple creamers, sugars, stirrers, napkins and cups) all come out of the Fellowship budget. There is a small jar on the counter for donations when you get your cup of java on Sundays, so if you have a spare quarter or two, please help us to pay for those supplies. That way, Fellowship can offer other fun events for a low price. Thanks for your help!  
- Board of Fellowship

**Bingo & Trivia night!!** Everyone is invited to join in the fun on Friday, August 25 in the MFH from 6:30-8:30. We'll have a few rousing games of Bingo, followed by Trivia, where entire tables can have great fun trying to figure out answers to history, sports, Bible, pop culture, and general knowledge. During that time, while the adults are whooping it up, there will be babysitters with crafts and movies in the adjacent classrooms for the kids. Please sign up for this fun evening, and bring along a friend, and a snack to share! - Board of Fellowship

**Anyone Interested in Playing Fall Volleyball:** Please sign up at the information desk no later than August 13<sup>th</sup>. Practices will begin the week of August 21<sup>st</sup>. Must be 18 years old to play. Games typically are Monday, Tuesday or Thursday evenings. For more information, contact Tian Foss at 478-973-2622 or fosst@csp.edu.

**Senior Fellowship** - Come join us for Senior Fellowship **Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am**, in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a brief Bible study, a game or two, recognition of birthdays and anniversaries, a great time, and a delicious pot luck lunch. If, for some reason you cannot make a dish, bring yourself, there is always plenty of really delicious food.

**Updated Church Directories** have been prepared and are available on the Information Desk.

**Daytime Callers** share Christ's love and concern with shut-ins and others who need to know that we at Mt. Calvary care for them. We meet this **Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, in the church conference room at 11:00 am.**

**Prayer Group** - This coming Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 to 8:00, pm our prayer group will meet in the cry room. Anyone is welcome to join us as we pray for our church, our community, and our own concerns.

**Orientation and training for all new and returning Rebecca's Garden volunteers** will be held on Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> **from 6 to 8 pm** in the fellowship hall at Mt. Calvary. RG@MC gets underway for the 2017/18 school year on Tuesday, September 5. A maximum of 35 students will attend each Tuesday from 4 to 6:30 pm (with the exception of school holidays). Volunteers with varied skills are always needed and welcome. For more information contact Karen Harmon at 918-3685 or Pete LeBorious at 919-3723.

**Monkey Joes!** The Children of Mount Calvary will be having a Party With Marty at Monkey Joes (Corner of Russell & HWY 41) on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, from 12:30-2:30. The cost for the afternoon is \$10/child and will cover pizza, pop, and an ice cream snack. Children should be dropped off and picked up at Monkey Joes (see Pete at check in). Parents can either stay to watch their kids play or enjoy some childless time.

**Rebecca's Garden Of Hope Meeting:** There will be a meeting for everyone helping with Rebecca's Garden @ Mt. Calvary next Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 pm. We will provide the dinner you provide the volunteer power! With an anticipated 35 children participating we have an exciting fall ahead of us!

**Student leadership Development Team Meeting:** The next SLDT Meeting will be Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30 pm in the Annex. SLDT members will need to have their personal goals written out and be prepared to implement what we scheduled on our retreat.

**High School Outreach Party!** These events are a great place for TAG youth to bring their friends to our church and get introduced to the group and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The cost is \$5/ person to cover snacks, pop, & burgers but first time visitors can use a "Party Pass" and get in free!

## SERVING US TODAY

**PREACHER:** Pastor David Brighton. **LITURGIST:** Pastor David Brighton. **ELDER:** Bill Gragg. **ACOLYTE:** Libby Parsons. **USHERS:** Mike Hopf, Bruce Bauman, Dave Harter, Ed Bodony, Earl Bogardus & Joshua Johnson. **ALTAR GUILD:** Lois Harter, Melinda Hopf, Ruth Miller, Suzanne O'Daniel & Maureen Young. **LAY READER:** Ruthie Radcliff. **SLIDE PREPARER:** Debi Cole. **PROJECTIONIST:** D. J. Nelson.

## SERVING US NEXT WEEK

**ELDERS:** Tony McVay (Sat 6 pm), Glen Thompson (Sun 8 am) and Don Netzinger (Sun 10:45 am). **ACOLYTES:** Open (Sat 6 pm), Taitum Gossman (Sun 8 am) and Colton Wurdeman (Sun 10:45 am). **ALTAR GUILD:** Lois Harter, Melinda Hopf, Ruth Miller, Suzanne O'Daniel & Maureen Young. **LAY READERS:** Pruett Burge (Sat 6 pm), Glen Thompson (Sun 8 am) and Roger Moeller (Sun 10:45 am). **GREETERS:** Erv & Kathy Robinson (8 am) and Pat & Champ Aldredge (10:45 am).

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 and Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

## ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

**Saturday 6 pm – 63    Sunday 8 am – 87    Sunday 10:45 am – 165    Total – 315**  
**Karenni Worship - 91**

## THIS WEEK AT MOUNT CALVARY

Today	<b>Day 18: DTNT (Luke 1-2)</b> 12:00 pm    Elementary @ Monkey Joe's 6:30 pm    SLDT Meeting
Monday	<b>Day 19: DTNT (Luke 3-4)</b> 10:00 am    Ladies Guild 11:00 am    Daytime Callers 6:20 pm    Evangelism Callers 6:30 pm    Women's Small Group
Tuesday	<b>Day 20: DTNT (Luke 5-7)</b>
Wednesday	<b>Day 21: DTNT (Luke 8-9)</b> 5:30 pm    Christian Fellowship & Education 7:00 pm    Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	<b>Day 22: DTNT (Luke 10-11)</b> 10:00 am    Ladies Bible Study 11:00 am    Senior Fellowship 7 – 8 pm    Prayer Group
Friday	<b>Day 23: DTNT (Luke 12-14)</b>
Saturday	<b>Day 24: DTNT (Luke 15-17)</b> 3:00 pm    Karenni Bible Study (Annex) 5:00 pm    Adult Bible Study 5:00 pm    Praise Team Rehearsal

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