

# Announcements for October 15, 2017

## For: Rev. Escandell

The **PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY** will gather here at the church on Tuesday, October 17. The Quilt Ministry meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on the second floor. For more information, contact Shirley Pippin at 956-358-0591.

The **SERVICE OF INSTALLATION FOR REV. ESCANDELL** will be held in the sanctuary next Sunday, October 22, at 2 p.m. A reception will follow afterwards in the Fellowship Hall.

**CANDY & CAKES NEEDED FOR FALL FESTIVAL ...** The church's annual "Fall Festival" will be held here Wednesday, October 25, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the courtyard and Fellowship Hall. There will be plenty of fun, fellowship, games and food for all members of the family. However, donations of candy are needed. If you can help out with this request, please bring your donations to the church and drop them in the baskets located in the Narthex. Other opportunities to help out include signing up to bring baked goods for the cake walk or volunteering your time. For more information, please talk to *Christian Education Calling* chairperson, Cristina Garfield.

The **"PRESENT WORD" SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** is participating in the Stewardship season study of "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations," led by Bob Simpson, Maria Colvin-Lopez, and Pastor Kathy. Join us in the Parlor at 9:00 a.m. next Sunday morning.

# Additional Liturgy for October 15, 2017

For: Dana Friedman

## **Call to Confession**

Let us confess our sins to God, whose loving-kindness endures forever.

## **Prayer for Illumination**

It's time to hear God's Word read and proclaimed. Let us pray:

Holy Spirit, as your word is read and preached, pass among your gathered people, opening minds to increase understanding, opening hearts to bind us together in your love. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

## **Old Testament Reading**      *Exodus 32:1-14 (NRSV)*

<sup>1</sup> When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” <sup>2</sup> Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” <sup>3</sup> So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. <sup>4</sup> He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” <sup>5</sup> When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.” <sup>6</sup> They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; <sup>8</sup> they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ ”

<sup>9</sup> The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are.

<sup>10</sup> Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

<sup>11</sup> But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup> Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup> Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’ ” <sup>14</sup> And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

## **Invitation to the Offering**

Because God has given us a great banquet, let our thanksgiving overflow with joyous giving for the sake of God's world.

## **Offertory Prayer**

God of compassion and generous love, we give you thanks for the riches of Earth, which sustain our lives and which you have created for our joy. We thank you for Jesus, whose life, death, resurrection, and ascension renews our strength and revives our hope. We give you thanks for the Holy Spirit, who comes among us, invites us to dine with each other and with you, and keeps us in faith. Bless these gifts for the sake of those in need and the work of your church. In peace, we pray our thanksgiving. Amen.