HYMN NOTES:
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (353)
Written by Edward Mote (1797-1874) this hymn was originally titled “The Immutable Basis of a Sinner’s Hope.” When telling of this hymn (he wrote more than 100) Mote stated that “one day it came into my mind as I went to labor to write a hymn of the ‘gracious experience of a Christian.’” The hymn was first sung at the bedside of a dying parishioner and met with instant favor and was soon published (1836). Mote was born in London where his parents owned a pub and grew up quite irreligious. He wrote, “O ignorant was I that I did not know there was a God.” Converted, he became an English Baptist pastor and is buried in the churchyard of his beloved parish which he served for 26 years. Today we sing Mote’s words to the tune MELITA which is known as “The Navy Hymn.” Melita is the ancient name of the island of Malta, where Paul was shipwrecked (Acts 28:1-2).

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY NEWS
8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (17/18 School Year)
Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Children in 3rd-5th may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday school class following the sharing joys and concerns in prayer time.

3 years– 5th grade
Room 3 with Dan Gipson & Mauricio Estavil.

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (17/18 School Year)
Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

Childcare for children 3yrs-5th grade who attended Sunday school at 9:30 will be in room 2.

Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion please have them remain with you in the worship service on Communion Sundays. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Elder Dawn Winder, Chair of Worship Team.

9:30 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Middle & High School Sunday school will meet this week! All youth are invited to attend worship together in the Sanctuary at 9:30 Ignite service for the first 20 minutes, then move to the Youth Room for Bible Study.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
9:30 TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Class – TCI Class will meet today in rooms 9&11. Coffee and cookies are always available.

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class will meet today in room 15, led by Vicki Krueger.
Order for the Public Worship of God
October 22, 2017
20th Sunday after Pentecost
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

WE GATHER
(Please silence electronic devices. Large print bulletins and hymnals as well as hearing assistance devices are available. Ask an usher.)

CALL TO WORSHIP
Paul Means, Associate Pastor
Leader: O Lord, from our hearts, we will give to you our greatest thanks.
People: O Lord, we will recount all of your wonderful deeds.
Leader: We will be glad and exult in you.
People: We will sing joyful praises to your name, O Most High.
Leader: Let us worship God!

OPENING VOLUNTARY
“Antiphon V” Marcel Dupré

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION
Beth-El Blanket Sunday

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
(please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle.)

*HYMN #667 “When Morning Glims the Skies” LAudes DOMIni

WE CONFESS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)
Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from the blindness and pride of our hearts; cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from pride and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Congregational Response #581 ABBOT’S LEIGH
God of life, in Christ You lead us, guiding us along the way. In our past, through joys and sorrows, You have been our strength and stay. Keep us faithful, true disciples, in our learning and our praise, celebrating past and present, consecrating future days.

ANTHEM “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” arr. Roland E. Martin
(Based on Bach’s Suite No. 1 in G for unaccompanied cello)
Come, thou Fount of every blessing, sing my heart to thy grace! Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flames of tongues above.
Praise me! Oh for me on it, mount of God’s unchanging love.
Here I find my greatest treasure, hither, by thy help, I’ve come; And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger wand’red ‘ring from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY
“Processional/Trumpet Tune on MELITA” Michael Joseph
(The closing voluntary is the final act of worship. If you must leave before the end of the service, please respect those who are listening and leave quietly.)

COME, Thou Fount of every blessing, sing my heart to thy grace!

*HYMN #353 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” MELITA
(sung to the tune of “The Navy Hymn”)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION
HYMN #36 “For the Fruit of All Creation” AR HYDY NOS

SCRIPTURE READING
Luke 18:18-30 (page 853)

SERMON
Paul Means, Associate Pastor
“Earthly Resources and Eternal Rewards”

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

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