**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST July 16, 2023**

**PRELUDE** *Canzona* Andrea Gabrieli (1533-1585)

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Cynthia Hoover

Leader: God calls the weary,

**People: saying "Come to me."**

Leader: God offers the burdened a gentle yoke,

**People: saying, "You will find rest for your souls."**

Leader: Draw near to the Lord,

**People: whose yoke is easy and whose burden is light.**

Let us worship God.

**MORNING PRAYER**

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**OPENING HYMN 30**   *O God, In A Mysterious Way*             Dundee

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

 **Merciful God, even as you beckon us toward new life, we focus on comfort and convenience, distracting ourselves with dreams of wealth and power as if they could satisfy the hunger in our souls. Forgive us, Lord, this and all our sin. Free us from the snares that bind us and draw us near to you, until we finally walk with Christ.**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA PATRI 581** Greatorex

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING** Genesis 24:34-38p.17

**SPECIAL MUSIC** Voluntary on *Blessed Assurance* Bert Carlson (b. 1937)

 **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**  Genesis 24:42-49, 58-67 p.17

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**SERMON** *A Wedding Story..*Patrick Pettit, Interim Pastor

 **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles’ Creed p.35

 **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**\*CLOSING HYMN 634**    *To God Be the Glory*                            To God Be the Glory

**\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

 **POSTLUDE**  *Toccata in G* Dennis Eliot

\***Please stand if able**

*Hearing devices are available for your convenience.*

*Please be aware that they do not function until after the service begins.*

 **Today’s link is:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=syyvC-1ol-w>



We welcome guest organist Diane Kingsbury this morning, as Roger and Kimberlea are away celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary.  Diane has helped us on numerous occasions over the years, and we are most grateful to her for providing music for our worship service this morning.



The Legacy: Mary June Cook

Regency at Augusta: Edie Lawrence

Shenandoah Nursing Home: Rubye Schwab, Nancy Garber

Home: Dick Huff, Mary Ultee, Mary Ann Maupin, Warner & Linda Sandquist,

Cathy Cunningham, Charles Simpkins

Friends and Family: Erwin Berry (Joan), Bill Bromley, Jean Custen, Jerry Hughes, Sally McNeel, Bill Metzel (Joyce Tipton), Col. Stuart Roberts (Mark Henderson), Paul Watts, Kathleen Clements, (Colleen Cash), Josh Slonaker, Barb Ostrander (Holly Bennett), Marty Rogers (sister of Cathy Cunningham)

Military: Carson Craig

A luncheon, prepared by dedicated volunteers,

 will be held in the Barksdale Room after worship today.

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 **WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA**

 *A community-minded congregation living out the love of Christ as we serve one another with humility, gentleness, and patience through God’s grace.*

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