COMMUNITY CHURCH
MORNING WORSHIP • 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM
September 3, 2017 • 13th Sunday after Pentecost

We are so happy you are worshiping with us today!
If you have questions or need any assistance, please see an Usher or stop by the Welcome Desk.

Assistance Hearing Devices are available from an usher.
To activate the LOOP HEARING SYSTEM please turn your hearing aid to T-coil.

The Cry Room (off the Narthex) is available for nursing moms and those with special needs.

A Nursery is available in the Christian Education Building for children under the age of 5 yrs.
Children, K-5th grade may attend Church School following the Children’s Sermon. Youth meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

Please note on the prayer card or call the office (941-778-0414) if you or someone you know would like a Pastoral Visit or is in the hospital.

PASTOR
Rev. Dr. Robert O’Keef
910-580-7359

ASSOCIATE PASTOR
Rev. Neil Crowell
980-521-7129

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES
Kristen Stanton

An asterisk (*) indicates when those who are able will stand.

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY
A time to quiet our hearts, minds and voices in preparation for worship.
Please fill out your prayer request cards at this time to be handed to the ushers later in the service.

PRELUDE
Meditation on “O Perfect Love” Bradshaw

SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP REGISTER & ANNOUNCEMENTS
Please sign the Friendship Register with your name and address for our records of attendance and pass along to your pew mates.

*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP (Unison)
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

*HYMN OF ADORATION
On Jordan’s Stormy Banks No. 674

*PRAYER OF PETITION (Unison)
Humbly we come together Lord. Thank you for the blessing of your presence. We love you, and ask that you would make our love more sincere. We give our hearts, our hands, our lives to you. Perfect our service so that others may see you in us. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN CHRISTIAN LOVE
CALL TO PRAYER
I Need Thee Every Hour arr. Hayes

(Your prayer request cards will be collected by the ushers.)

(Silence)

(People) . . . In your steadfast love and mercy,

SILENT PRAYER
PASTORAL PRAYER

CHILDREN’S SERMON

THE GIVING OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY
The Lord’s Prayer Malotte
Erin Tribble, soloist

*DOXOLOGY
Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow No. 809
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
The Apostle’s Creed (Unison)
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, dead and buried; the third day He rose from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Scripture**

Joshua 1:1-9

After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses’ assistant, saying, “My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all these people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. From the wilderness and Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so will I be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

(Leader)...The word of God for the people of God.
(People)...Thanks be to God.

**Sermon**

“GET UP! GO!”
Dr. Bob O’Keef

**Celebration of the Lord’s Supper**

As this is the Lord’s Supper, this is an open table, and all are invited to participate. This morning we are receiving communion in the Chapel at the 8:30 a.m. Service in the pews and by intinction at the 10:00 a.m. Service in the Sanctuary. You will be given a piece of bread to be dipped in the cup.

**The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them up to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

**SERVING THE BREAD & CUP**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**HYMN OF DEDICATION**

*Near The Cross* No. 549

**BENEDICTION**

**Benediction Response**

*Bl'est Be The Tie That Binds* No. 708

**POSTLUDE**

Voluntary on “Aurelia” Broughton

Many thanks to Erin Tribble for sharing her gift with us today. Erin is a senior at the University of Central Florida, majoring in history, and works as a registrar at the Blake Hospital ER.
**Mission of the Month**

**MISSION MOMENT • SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

Migrant farmworkers are the poorest of the working poor. Some remain in one location year round, while others follow the crops. Beth-El Farmworker Ministry began in 1976 when a small group of Cumberland Presbyterians rented a tiny house in Ruskin, Florida and began holding Spanish-language church services for migrant farmworkers. When the families came to worship, their many other needs were obvious: they were usually hungry, often cold in winter, some slept in cars or trucks, many could neither read nor write, and most lived in fear of deportation. In its effort to meet some of those needs, Beth-El grew.

Now legally a nonprofit corporation, Beth-El Farmworker Ministry, Inc. has a 27-acre site on U.S. Highway 301 about 20 miles south of Tampa. The Ministry serves the nearby rural population. To learn more about Beth-El go to [www.beth-el.org](http://www.beth-el.org).

To donate to Beth-El, please use the envelope in the pew or GIVE online at [www.RoserChurch.com/GIVE](http://www.RoserChurch.com/GIVE) and note that your gift is for MISSION OF THE MONTH.

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**Died to Life Everlasting**

Nancy Carson died to Life Everlasting on August 23, 2017 in Brevard, NC. She joined Roser Church in 1975 and was an active member, involved in the Thrift Shop, the food pantry and serving at Roser’s annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner, and many other boards. A service was held in Brevard on August 31st. A Celebration of Life will be held at Roser Church—date to be announced. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Nancy’s family and her many friends.

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**CHANCEL CHOR**

**REHEARSALS BEGIN THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 AT 7:00 PM**

The loft has plenty of seating available and we’d love to have you join us! It is not necessary that you be able to read music, just a desire to lift your voice in praise.

**WHETHER YOU ARE 13, 30 OR 92 WE HAVE A PLACE FOR YOU!**

**Joyful Noise**

**A FREE AFTER SCHOOL Community Choir for Children in K-5th Grade**

Directed by Kristen Stanton, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES

Van transportation from AME • Snacks

More info & Register ONLINE: RoserChurch.com/joyful-noise
Hands On Missions

Call the Church Office for contact information—941-778-0414.

▶ Join the Missions Committee
Never a dull moment... we are growing—adding programs and missionaries. If you have a passion for missions—check us out! Contact: Pam Alvord

▶ Our Daily Bread • Sept. 11
To help serve contact Lynn Brennan. The Roser team serves on every 2nd Monday and 5th Sunday! This is a community-driven organization that provides free daily meals to all who are hungry. Hot lunch is served to over 200 people a day, 7 days a week.

▶ Youth for Christ
Volunteer, listen to the kids at club, bring food and drinks or money for food and drinks. Send a kid to camp—it could change his/her eternal future. Contact: Pam Alvord

▶ Jim Russo Prison Ministry
Donations of towels, linen, and men’s needs are welcomed. Contact: Mike Oney

▶ Roser Food Pantry
Volunteer/donations Contact: Jack & Lynn Brennan

▶ Roser Thrift Shop
Volunteer/donations Contact: Peggy Nash

▶ Beth-El Farmworker Ministry
Any and every donation helps the migrant workers. Contact: Anne Morse

▶ Roser Women’s Guild
Can tabs, canceled stamps cut from envelope with 1/3” border, school box tops and labels for education can be left in the Women’s Guild Box in the church office or given to Glenda Beck for AME.

Dr. Bob O’Keef is teaching through

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN!

The Gospel of John celebrates Jesus as the Word of God, the source of life, light, and truth. It is the most SPIRITUAL of the Gospels, and the most BEAUTIFULLY WRITTEN. Scenes of night and day are intended to help its readers move from DARKNESS to LIGHT. Only in the light of Christ can we TRULY SEE, TRULY LIVE, and TRULY BE ALL THAT GOD WANTS US TO BE.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 6
IMG Academy, Bradenton
Dinner & Bible Study 5:30 PM • $20
Dinner & Bible Study + Clinic • $40
Dinner & Bible Study + Golf 2:45 PM • $35
9-hole scramble for all levels of golfers
Register: Online, in the Narthex, call the office or go to www.roserchurch.com/golfing-for-god

Next dates: September 20, October 4, 18

A 9/11 REMEMBRANCE
ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 • 8:30 - 12:00

We can give the gift that gives life in honor of those who lost their lives.

Everyone who donates will receive a t-shirt.

Register in the Narthex, the church office or online at www.roserchurch.com/blood

THE BENEFITS OF GIVING BLOOD

• RECEIVE A FREE WELLNESS CHECKUP.
Each time you donate you’ll receive a free wellness checkup which includes blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening. These wellness checkups have saved the lives of some of those who volunteer to give blood.

• YOU MAY BE LESS LIKELY TO HAVE A HEART ATTACK.
Donating regularly may help your blood flow and result in fewer arterial blockages. In fact, some studies have shown that men who donate at least three times a year can drastically reduce their risk of having a heart attack or stroke.

• DONATING CAN KEEP YOUR IRON LEVEL BALANCED.
Having too much iron in your blood can contribute to hardening of the arteries. When you donate blood, the amount of iron in your blood is reduced. The iron will be replenished by the food you eat after donating, but regular donations can balance your iron level.
9:30 AM
Wednesdays & Fridays
FELLOWSHIP HALL
This chair-based exercise class is appropriate for older adults and those looking to lessen the impact on their joints.

THE COST: Donation-based
BRING: 2 cans of fruit of equal size and weight.

Dinner at 5:30 PM each Tuesday.
THE COST IS $6 PER PERSON (OR $15 A FAMILY).
From 6:15 to 7:15 PM, we will offer two Bible studies for adults, and a youth/children’s study as well. The two studies are:

BAD GIRLS OF THE BIBLE

There are many Bad Girls in the Bible. Each of them demonstrate one great truth -- God’s sovereignty. God works through us (even our sins!) to accomplish His will. In our study, we will focus on four women whom God uses in spite of their faults -- the witch of Endor, the woman caught in adultery, Bathsheba, and Tamar. We will see, hopefully, how God can use us, too.

Taught by- Rev. Dr. Bob O’Keef
Location: Chapel


Ever sung hymns in church and not understood them? Have you ever wondered if some hymns line up with Scripture? This class will explore different hymns each week, study the history of them, and ask whether they are theologically sound.

Taught by- Rev. Neil Crowell
Location: Fellowship Hall

We will show the movie “THE HIDING PLACE”, the story of Corrie ten Boom and her family who were caught hiding Jews and were sent to a Nazi concentration camp where they were great witnesses for Christ. Come, relax, and be inspired. The movie is a little long (2 hr 20 min) so we will be serving lunch for $5 (Publix sandwiches and other goodies) to eat during the showing. Please RSVP by Monday, September 11th to the Church office 778-0414.
Birthday Blessings

SEPTEMBER
5 Myralyn Hartsfield
7 Wayne Patterson
8 Diane Ziemke
9 Rachel Willet
10 Bev Hunsberger
10 Susan Nudd
11 Nancy Colcord
11 Betsy Grundy
11 Sally Martin
12 Joyce Brehm
12 Lucy Walter
14 Jack Lundy
14 Marcia Powers
15 Karen Parsons
17 Erika Mendez
17 Betsy Nichols
18 Joy Bennington
18 Barbara Calhoun

If your birthday is not listed or is incorrect, please call the office (941-778-0414) or email info@roserchurch.com

Note of Thanks
My heart is filled with gratitude to all of you. Your calls, love, prayers, cards and notes of encouragement for David and me through his battle with cancer and the days since he entered the Gates of Heaven mean more than you could possibly imagine. Thanks to Dr. Bob for visiting and speaking and those that attended the Celebration of Life!

Bev Hunsberger

BEGINNING ADULT PIANO CLASS
Always wanted to learn to play the piano but never had time?? Played years ago but have forgotten most of what you learned?? Then this is for you!

Beginning Adult Piano Class – ages 13 and up
• 1-hour class, once a week for 10 weeks
• Mondays from 2:30-3:30 PM beginning October 2
• Tuition: $200 (includes materials)
• Instructor: Kristen Stanton, Director of Music Ministries
• Location: Classroom A, Education Building

Maximum enrollment is 4 students. Slots will be filled on a first-come/first-served basis. Please contact Kristen at kristen@roserchurch.com or 941-778-0414, x110 if you are interested or have questions.

GRIEF SHARE
YOUR JOURNEY FROM MOURNING TO JOY
Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend.
You are welcome to begin attending the program at any point. Each session is self-contained.
After the cards and flowers have stopped coming, friends and family return to their normal lives. But your grief continues and you feel alone.
Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and successfully rebuilt their lives. We will walk with you on the long path through grief toward healing and hope for the future.

There are three parts to your GriefShare experience— an encouraging, information-packed video featuring leading grief recovery experts, small group discussion and a workbook for journaling and personal study exercise that reinforce the weekly session topics.

BEGINNS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4 AT 1:00 PM
in Classroom D and continues every Wednesday for 13 weeks.
Call the church office (941-778-0414) to enroll. The cost is $15 for the workbook (scholarships available).
You have been reading about Roser’s Stephen Ministry for months now. Why not consider joining us for our upcoming classes to become a Stephen Minister?

We are gathering names of persons in our Roser community who might be interested in sharing their gifts of compassion for those who are hurting, lonely, fearful, or perhaps facing health challenges or difficult decisions. The classes will include practicing care-giving skills such as effective listening, understanding feelings, and assertiveness within an environment of encouragement and distinctively Christian principles. Maintaining boundaries and the importance of confidentiality are discussed. In addition, you have an opportunity to grow in your personal Christian faith while you are acquiring skills that you will use throughout your lifetime.

Specific dates will be determined by the class members. These will include four 5-hour Saturdays and 9 weekday sessions of two and one-half hours, totally 50 hours. Classes will conclude the weekend before Palm Sunday.

A FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION: How much of my time will it really involve? There are 50 hours of training. As a Stephen Minister you will visit about once a week (for about one hour) with the person you are caring for. You will also attend one meeting per month for supervision and continuing education.

GIVE US A CALL to request more details. You may call the church office at 941-778-0414. Or you can contact one of the Stephen Leaders, who include JoAnne Moyer, Betsy Grundy, Lorna Smilde, Joy Bennington and Dee O’Brien. Also any of our current Stephen Ministers could share with you their experiences and the value of the classes.

Perhaps you know someone who might benefit from RECEIVING the care-giving skills of a Stephen Minister. If so, call the church office or JoAnne Moyer.

To receive eUpdates [WEEKLY eBULLETIN plus] please sign up on the Sunday attendance pad, text ROSER to 22828 or scan code above. Please LIKE us on Facebook to receive instant updates and photos.

You can find out more about Roser’s Stephen Ministry by visiting www.roserchurch.com/thrift-shop. We will be closed for the month of September for cleaning and reorganizing, though we will accept donations on Wednesdays from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. The Thrift shop will reopen Tuesday October 3rd.

Volunteers are needed! Please call the church office or see Peggy Nash to volunteer.