

SCRIPTURE Proverbs 22:1-2, 7-9, 16-23 (NIRV)  
Liturgist

Leader: *This is the Word of God for the People of God.*  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 581 Red Hymnal

**“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”**

Verse 1

\*SCRIPTURE James 2:1-10, 14-17 (NIRV)  
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MESSAGE Pastor Ron Kite

**“Picking Favorites”**

\*CLOSING HYMN 2149 Black Hymnal

**“Living for Jesus”**

Verses 1, 3 & 4

\*BENEDICTION Pastor Ron Kite

\*BENEDICTION SONG 664 Red Hymnal

**“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”**

Verse 1

\*POSTLUDE Carol Kirchmer

**“To God Be the Glory”**

Words by Fanny Crosby, Music by William H. Doane

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# Salem at Worship

## Sunday, September 17, 2017

A Warning against Prejudice  
My dear brothers and sisters,<sup>[a]</sup> how  
can you claim to have faith in our  
glorious Lord Jesus Christ if you  
favor some people over others?  
*James 2:1 (NLT)*



9:00 am Sunday School  
[sum@sum.kscoxmail.com](mailto:sum@sum.kscoxmail.com)  
[salemumc-newton.org](http://salemumc-newton.org)

10:00 am Worship Service  
(316) 283-3620  
115 Old Main, Newton, KS 67114

*If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join our church family by talking with Pastor Ron at the church office, 283-3620.*

## God's People Gather

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

*(Please be sure to sign the attendance registration)*

*(Prayer cards are in attendance pad, you may fill out and place in the offering plate)*

WELCOME Liturgist

\*GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Ron Kite

PRELUDE Carol Kirchmer

### **“Think About His Love”**

Words and Music by Walt Harrah, Arr. by Carol Tornquist

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on James 2)* Liturgist

L: *Our God is a great and loving God.*

P: **We come to worship with our whole lives.**

L: *Our God calls us to love and serve everyone.*

P: **We will love our neighbor as ourselves.**

L: *Come and worship the God of faith and works.*

P: **We will worship God with a living, loving faith.**

\*OPENING PRAYER *(based on Matthew 15)* Liturgist

*Gracious God of the universe, you have called us here from different walks of life. From our diverse backgrounds, you have knit us into a unified family of faith. We pray that, even as you have accepted us as we are, we can learn to accept others whose ways are different from our own. As we open our hearts to you, show us the way to open our hearts to others. In your presence today, O God, may we worship together without exclusion and rejoice together without ceasing. Amen.*

\*HYMN OF PRAISE 146 Red Hymnal

### **“All Things Bright and Beautiful”**

Verses 1 & 4

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Unison

### **Love**

We believe in God, who is love, whose love is manifest in all Creation, in our lives, and in all people. We follow Christ, who embodied God's love. In his life and ministry, his death and resurrection, and his granting to us of his Spirit, he filled us with that love as well. We live by the Spirit, the presence of God's love in us. (cont. next page)

In that love we participate in the Church, Body of Christ, in loving God by loving our neighbors through our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service. Love is our faith, and it is a gift from God. We thank God, and ask God's blessings, that we may love in the name of Christ and the power of the Spirit, to God's glory. Amen.

by Steve Garnaas-Holmes

\*GLORIA PATRI 70 Red Hymnal

### **“Glory Be to the Father”**

JOYS AND CONCERNS Pastor Ron Kite

PRAYER HYMN 2152 Black Hymnal

### **“Change My Heart, O God”**

PASTOR'S PRAYER Pastor Ron Kite

LORD'S PRAYER Unison

**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. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC Children's Bells

### **“Do Lord”**

Arranged for the Kristal Bell Method

CHILDREN'S TIME Ashli Teel

### **“Jesus Loves the Little Children”**

INVITATION TO OFFERING *(based on James 2)* Liturgist

*May the God who provides us with everything we need grant us the gift of God's own generosity as we make our offerings today. Amen.*

OFFERTORY Carol Kirchmer

### **“We Are An Offering”**

Words and Music by Dwight Liles

\*OFFERING SONG 95 Red Hymnal

### **“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

\*OFFERING PRAYER Pastor Ron Kite