

**STAUNTON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**  
**Worshipping Christ with Joy, Living Together in Peace,**  
**and Serving the World with Love**

**11:00 A.M. Online Worship**                      **September 13, 2020**

**The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

- One: Jesus said to the disciples, “If any of you wants to be my follower. . .”
- All: *Yes, we come to this time out of our desire to follow Jesus and to learn what is expected of us as one of his disciples.*
- One: Jesus went on, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must put aside your selfish ambition, shoulder your cross, and follow me.”
- All: *That’s not what we wanted to hear! We say we want to follow Jesus, but does doing so have to be so costly? Putting aside selfish ambition and carrying a cross is a price greater than we want to pay.*
- One: Jesus went on to offer his disciples this paradoxical teaching, “If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But if you give your life for me, you will find true life.”
- All: *We celebrate the promise that we attain true meaning in life when we forsake ourselves by giving our lives away.*

Hymn:                      **“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”**                      **#250**

Invocation

Scripture Reading:      **Matthew 16:21-26**

*“If any want to become my followers,  
let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. . .  
Those who lose their life for my sake and will find it.”*

Message:      **“What about 'Cross-Bearing' Don't You Understand?"**

Solo

Congregation at Prayer

Hymn:                      **“Make Me a Captive, Lord”**                      **#539 (1, 3-4)**

Sending

Postlude

CONTINUING THE WORK OF JESUS  
PEACEFULLY. SIMPLY. TOGETHER.

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Interim Pastor — J. D. Glick  
Worship Leader — Sue Simmons  
Hymn Leader/Soloist — David MacMillan  
Organist/Pianist — Gaylon Hevener

**Please Keep In Your Prayers**

Pray for Ferne Rohr (The Legacy), Don Markle, Libby Tussing (Waynesboro Manor), Stanley and Brenda Shackelford, Melba Cline, Fred Wilkerson Sr., Fred Wilkerson Jr., Judy Zdinak, Logan Shortridge (Nancy Canter’s nephew), Dick Bartenslager, Vernon and Cleo Simmons, Allen Sandridge Sr. (The Legacy), Jay and Rosalie McLear (Shenandoah), AJ Sandridge, Daniel Melton, Delton Botkin (Delmer’s brother with heart stints), Emily Edwards’ friend Dennis in Nicaragua, Linda Propst, Sue Whisman, Bob Armbruster, David Shearer, Wallace Clark, Mike Matieszyn (friend of Shirley and Dwane Maust), Cindy Spitzer, Russell and Sandy Roberts, Phyllis Lunsford, George Sullivan, Scott and Sally Shomo’s dear friend Mattie Marsh, Annie Collins’ brother-in-law, Bob Howell, Norma Shoemaker, Ferral Quick, Bob Weiss, and Sue Whisman

**Continue to pray for the healing and the safety of the Nigerian Brethren, the Chibok girls, and so many others who have had their lives uprooted.**

**Keep praying.**