

ORDER OF WORSHIP

7TH Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2026

Eleven O'Clock

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast ~ Liturgist: Bill Gast

PRELUDE:

CHIMING THE HOUR

GREETINGS Psalm 118 says: This is the Day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! Good morning and welcome. It is so nice to see all of you here this morning. Visitors, please sign the attendance registers located in each row.

Please stand, in body or spirit, and join me in our Call to Worship and remain standing through the the Assurance of Pardon

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsively)

Leader: God is my strength and salvation.

People: A very present help in trouble

All: Let us worship God.

Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer ***OPENING PRAYER** Father, we worship You with our heart, mind, and soul. We embrace the joy of the days You have given us. Bless this worship, and our time together and celebration of Your love. In Your Son's name we pray, Amen.

Our first hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 327 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***CALL TO CONFESSION** If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves. Let us confess our sins before Almighty God. Let us pray together

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful and just God, hear us as we confess our sins and our shortcomings before You and those assembled here. We long to be the good people You call us to be, but struggle with the call of a society that grows ever stronger. Lord, we want to be holy, but often turn away from You when our own desires eclipse Your word. Forgive us when we turn our backs on the poor, when we fail to feed the hungry, when we don't embrace the immigrant, or fail to provide care for the sick. Open a path to do Your work in this world, where there seems to be no opportunity to do good. Give us strength to live the life of a follower of Jesus of Nazareth. (Say – "Please pray silently," and after about 20 seconds, say,) In Jesus' name, Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: **Believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

People: Thanks be to God!

You may be seated

A TIME FOR YOUTH It is now time for youth, so would our youth please come forward.

Please bow your heads for our Prayer for Illumination

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Lord, make Your word a shining light for us to follow in a dark world. Guide us as we go through our days of work, family, and fun. Let Your word be written in our hearts for all times. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 119:105-112, please read it responsively with me.

Leader: **Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**

People: I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe Your righteous ordinances.

Leader: **I am severely afflicted, give me life, O Lord, according to Your word.**

People: Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me Your ordinances.

Leader: **I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget Your law.**

People: The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from Your precepts.

Leader: **Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.**

People: Incline my heart to perform Your statutes forever, to the end.

Leader: **The Word of the Lord.**

People: Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Our Old Testament Lesson comes from Isaiah 55:10-13, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 686 of the Old Testament

Isaiah 55:10-13

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The choir will now sing the Anthem:

ANTHEM: *"Ancient Words"* arr. Purifoy

GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 13-14 of the New Testament

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. If you have ears, hear!"

"Hear, then, the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Janet Boyanton

Those who are able, please stand and join with me in singing:

***HYMN** No. 459 *"O Word of God Incarnate!"* MUNICH

Please join me in Affirmation of Faith as it is printed in your bulletin.

***AFFIRMATION** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 581 "*Glory Be to the Father*" *GLORIA PATRI*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, amen.

You may be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS **It is time for announcements, does anybody have an announcement they would like to make?**

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY **And now it is time for our Prayer Concerns and Celebrations. Does anybody have anything they would like to share?**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

OFFERTORY:

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 606 "*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*"

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.

Let us come to God with our prayer of Thanksgiving

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

God, giver of all good things, we thank You for Your many gifts. We know that all good things come from You, but sometimes forget. We often take credit for creating our own success. We look at the earth and think it is ours to do with as we want. We forget that we are stewards of Your gifts, not owners. Help us to see the glory in all things and not view them as our dominion. Give us a clean heart and clear head as we work to do what You would have us do in Your world. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Our last Hymn today is “Bringing in the Sheaves” and it is printed in your bulletin.

***HYMN** “*Bringing in the Sheaves*” SHEAVES

BRINGING IN THE SHEAVES arr Knowles Shaw

1. Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness,
sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve;
waiting for the harvest and the time of reaping—
we shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Refrain:

Bringing in the sheaves,
bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.
Bringing in the sheaves,
bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

2. Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows,
fearing neither clouds nor winter's chilling breeze;
by and by the harvest and the labor ended—
we shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves. [Refrain]

3. Going forth with weeping, sowing for the Master,
though the loss sustained our spirit often grieves;
when our weeping's over He will bid us welcome—
we shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves. [Refrain]

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 80 “*You Shall Go Out with Joy*” THE TREES OF THE FIELD

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their
hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***POSTLUDE:**

***Those who are able may stand.**

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY – 10:00 AM Art Group

NEXT SUNDAY –

09:45 AM Choir Practice

10:15 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Thomas Alexander – please continue to pray

Jim Glander

The church and nation of Ukraine

DeSoto Food Pantry

Chikezie is very weak

Christians in Pakistan

Joan Christy – continued prayers

Travel mercies for Thomas and William

CELEBRATIONS

Reverend and Marsha Smith joined us today