

ORDER OF WORSHIP

15th Sunday after Pentecost

*International Day of Peace; Theological Education;
Evangelism Sunday; Gifts of New Immigrants Sunday*

September 21, 2025

Eleven O'Clock

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
Liturgist: Pat Nash

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 Assurance of Pardon

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

Leader: **Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.**

People: **Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer

***OPENING PRAYER** O God, You call us to embrace both You and the children of this world with unconditional love. Give us grace to discern what Your love demands of us, that, being faithful in things both great and small, we may serve You with an undivided heart. Amen.

Our first hymn today is:

***HYMN** No 15 "All Creatures of Our God and King" (vs. 1, 4, 6) 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**

Father, in the midst of a trying world we come to You with hearts full of regret. We have done those things we ought not to have done and left undone those things that ought to have been done. We wait for others to address injustice, poverty and hunger in our country and in the world. Help us to see other people as individuals worthy of Your love and help, even when they are different from us. Forgive us when we struggle to do Your will in the world and place Your commands in our hearts so that we may never forget them. (Say – “Please pray silently,” and after about 20 seconds, say, Amen) Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Brothers and sisters in Christ, 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 At this time would our youth please come forward.

Please bow your heads for our Prayer for Illumination

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Lord, give us clarity of thought as we listen to Your word today. Help us to see it in a new light and understand Your words for the people of the 21st century. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 113, please read it responsively with me.

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

People: The Lord is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens.

Leader: Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down of the heavens and the earth?

People: He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

Leader: to make them sit with princes, with the princes of His people.

People: He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the Lord!

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Our Old Testament Lesson comes from Amos 8:4-7 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 856 of the Old Testament

Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from Luke 16:1-13 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 79 of the New Testament

Luke 16:1-13

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes. "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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. 649 “*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*” AMAZING GRACE

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**

When joy is gone and hearts are sick, O God, You give us Christ as our healing balm. He came in human flesh that He might give Himself as a ransom for our salvation and anoint us with the Spirit of consolation and joy. Hear the cry of Your people, that we may rejoice in the richness of Your love and be faithful stewards of Your many gifts. Amen.

Our last Hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 307 “*God of Grace and God of Glory*” CWM RHONDDA

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 542 “*God Be with You Till We Meet Again*” GOD BE WITH YOU

God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide uphold you,
with a shepherd’s care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

***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

10:30 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We are going to have our Annual Congregational Meeting has been moved to October 12 near the end of our Worship Service. All our members are asked to stay for the meeting, non-members are welcome to stay, or they can go to the Opportunity Corner and wait for the meeting to end.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Thomas Alexander – please continue to pray

Jim Glander

Martha Brashear – continued prayers

The church and nation of Ukraine

DeSoto Food Pantry

Chikezie is very weak

Christians in Pakistan

Joan Christy – continued prayers

Makia asks for prayers for the people of Cameroon and the upcoming election

Lorrinda Alexander had to go to the hospital for a blood transfusion and isn't doing well

Travel mercies for Pat and Cecil as they travel to Fredericksburg and San Antonio

Thomas has bad allergies

Jessica Zinn is sick

Martha Brashear is doing good, but her refrigerator is out

The family of Charlie Kirk after his assassination