

ORDER OF WORSHIP

13th Sunday after Pentecost

*A Season of Peace begins;
Christian Formation week begins; Christian Formation Celebration*

September 7, 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: **I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.**

People: **Wonderful are Your works; that I know very well.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer

***OPENING PRAYER** **Creator God, You form us on the wheel of life as a potter molds the clay. Shape us into holy vessels, bearing the mark of Your wise crafting, that we may remain strong and useful through years of faithful and obedient service, in Christ's name. Amen.**

Our first hymn today is:

***HYMN** No 826 "Lift High the Cross" CRUCIFER

***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 God, hear our prayer of heartfelt confession. We strive to do Your will, but we do what we ought not do and fail to do what we should do. Though we work to follow You, the world distracts us. We are blinded to the needs of others. We struggle to find a way to help those in need, because the needs seem too hard to deal with. Help us to find the ways You would have us show Your love and forgive us when we consider ourselves to be too small, weak, unskilled, or alone to be of use to You. (Say – “Please pray silently,” and after about 20 seconds, say,) We ask this in the name of Your Son, 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 Loving God, open our ears to hear Your word and draw us closer to You, that the whole world may be one with You as You are one with us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 1, please read it responsively with me.

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers,

People: but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law they meditate day and night.

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

People: The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind blows away.

Leader: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,

People: for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Our Old Testament Lesson comes from Deutoronomy 30:15-20 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 186 of the Old Testament

Deutoronomy 30:15-20

"See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The choir will now sing the Anthem:

ANTHEM: *"Come, Come Unto Me"*

GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from Luke 14:25-33 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 78 of the New Testament

Luke 14:25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with him, and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

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. 525 “*Let Us Break Bread Together*” LET US BREAK BREAD

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

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**

Holy One, hear our prayers and make us faithful stewards of the fragile bounty of this earth so that we may be entrusted with the riches of heaven. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

Our last Hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 697 "*Take My Life*" HENDON

***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 on September 14 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

Janet Boyanton

Joan Christy – continued prayers

Mireille asks for prayers for the leadership in Cameroon, they are killing innocent people who are just trying to leave the country

Lori's friend Steve Rangel has been sent home for hospice care, his doctor says he only has about a week left.

Lorrinda Alexander is in the hospital and is not doing very well

Lori fell and hurt her left knee

Alice Anne's mom fell and broke her femur and her arm. Please pray for her mom and her sister who is there helping her