



Worship for Sunday, July 25th, 2021 10:00 a.m.
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost/Ordinary Time

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Our mission: Embracing the Community with God's Love, Providing a Home for Spiritual Nurture & Worship, Reaching Out to Those in Need, Growing through Service to Others

Welcome!

This morning may Christ "dwell in your hearts through faith," and may you "grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ" (Ephesians 3:17-18, NIV).

"We Worship"

We Prepare

The Life of the Church

Prelude: "He Leadeth Me"

- by Larry Shackley

Lighting of the candles

One: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

All: We welcome the light of Christ into our worship.

Sung Prayer of Preparation "Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord" Purple # 390

Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's holy name. Alleluia!

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***Call to Worship**

Ephesians 2:22

One: Come into the presence of the Most High God with songs of praise and shouts of thanksgiving.

All: For our Savior frees us from slavery; our Savior heals our diseases; our Savior is our peace.

One: You are a holy temple in the Lord Jesus Christ. Come, let us worship God.

***Hymn of Praise**

“Praise Him! Praise Him!”

Red # 106 v.1

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer! Sing, O Earth, His wonderful love proclaim! Hail Him! Hail Him! Highest archangels in glory; strength and honor give to His holy name! Like a shepherd Jesus will guard His children, In His arms He carries them all day long: Praise Him, Praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness; Praise Him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful song.

***Call to Confession**

Even our best intentions go awry when we are not at one with God’s purpose. Our gracious God journeys with us and provides for us with unending mercy, patience, and kindness so that when we repent, we find ourselves forgiven. Let us confess our sins.

***Prayer of Confession (unison)**

Philippians 2:5; Ephesians 2:14

Eternal God, Your steadfast love endures forever. We confess that we act as if we are in control as if You will bless whatever we do. If we think of others at all, it is with an eye toward their usefulness to us. If we consider Your creation, it is to ponder what benefits us. We have failed to show Your love or to do justice in obedience to You. We have no right to be called Your children. Have mercy on us, God of grace. Lord, have mercy. Forgive our sins, we humbly pray. Put the mind of Christ within us, O God, so that our lives take the form of a cross. Use us to break down walls of hostility within the church, among the nations, and around the world. Equip us to do Your will, giving You glory, honor and praise together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

One: Our Lord Jesus gives us rest and peace. Our Master’s touch heals us, and His shed blood is our salvation. In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven!

All: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

***Congregational Response** **“Gloria Patri”** Purple # 606
***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.***

***Declaration of Trust and the Peace**

One: Congregation of Jesus Christ, in whom are you trusting?

All: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

One: Grace, mercy, and peace to you in the name of the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit.

All: And also with you.

(Please take a moment to greet your neighbor.)

We Hear

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Holy Spirit, come and dwell in us. Place Jesus Christ in us so that He is the cornerstone holding us together and making us a sacred place where steadfast love and faithfulness and righteousness and peace will meet.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2 11-22

¹¹ So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called ‘the uncircumcision’ by those who are called ‘the circumcision’—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So

then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Message "A Dwelling Place For God"

Rev. Diane Ziegler

We Respond

***Hymn of Affirmation** "O, How He Loves You and Me" Red # 513 v.1
O, how He loves you and me. O, how He loves you and me; He gave His life, what more could He give? O, how He loves you; O how He loves me; O, how He loves you and me!

***Affirmation of Faith — The Apostle's Creed**
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 at 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.

Prayers of the People and 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

Sung Response to Prayer “I Need Thee Every Hour” Purple # 735, v. 4
*I need thee every hour, Most Holy One; O make me thine indeed,
thou blessed Son.*

*I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee! O bless me now,
my Savior – I come to thee.*

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God (responsive) Psalm 127:1-2
Unless God builds the house, those who build labor in vain. God gives rest to the weary and sleep for his beloved. Let us present offerings of thanksgiving without fear or anxiety about anything, for God provides for us.

(Offering plates are located at the front and back of the sanctuary or we invite you to give online using this QR code. When we all take an ownership stake in the financial health of this congregation, it works!)



Offertory: “Like a River Glorious”

- by Anna Laura Page

***Doxology**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

***Prayer of Dedication/Offering** (unison)

Almighty God, enthroned in eternity; crucified and risen Christ, dwelling in heaven and with Your people; powerful Holy Spirit, bringing life and truth; we thank You for calling us when we had no hope and for crowning us with salvation. We thank You for enriching our lives with all that is good and for providing for us in times of trial. Make us ever more mindful of the blessings You grant us each day; deepen our trust in Your love and mercy. Increase our thanksgiving by guiding our offerings to help others in need. Unite us all in a community of thanksgiving, always glorifying You, now and forever. Amen.

We Go

***Parting Hymn** "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story" Red# 508 v. 1, 2

v. 1 I will sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me – How He left His home in glory for the cross of Calvary. Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me, sing it with the saints in glory, gathered by the crystal sea.

v. 2 I was lost but Jesus found me – Found the sheep that went astray, threw His loving arms around me, drew me back into His way. Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me, sing it with the saints in glory, gathered by the crystal sea.

***Carrying the Light**

One: As we go forth to serve,

All: We carry the light of Christ into the world.

***Charge**

Seek out your neighbor in love. If it is within your power, be reconciled to your enemies. Hunger and thirst for the rule of Christ Jesus and let him dwell in your minds and hearts.

***Benediction**

God grant you peace in your sleeping and waking; Christ fill you with joy in your working and playing; the Holy Spirit drive you with passion in your love for God. Amen.

*** Sung Benediction** "May the Love of the Lord" Purple, # 549

May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul. May God's love dwell in you, throughout every day. May God's countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you. May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.

Postlude: "Through the Love of God, Our Savior" - by Tracy McKibben

(Sanctuary worshippers, please be seated for the postlude.)

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Monday 10- 2; Wednesday 10-2; Friday 10-2

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Prayers

Juanita-Family of Ken Bonman- Ben and Allene Rader-Nicole VanPelt and Family upon the death of her mother-Family of Kendall Reece-Family of Ruth Barnett-Wiseman's Niece-Leslie Erbaugh-Terry's friend's MIL- Nancy Brumfield- Barb Wagner for the loss of her son- Mary Jo Zoller-Travis Williams- George Walker- Brian Koch-Those with estranged loved ones-Those who are sick and those who are dealing with anxiety-Betty Cornette - Charlotte Downing-Alzheimer Patients-Cancer Patients-Caregivers -COVID patients.

Announcements

A retreat is being planned for October 30-31 at Kirkmont Center. You can attend for the day only on Saturday, or stay overnight Saturday into Sunday. We have reserved the Croft House for our overnight. If you are interested in attending, please let Kelly Janus or the office know by July 15th so that we can plan for the right number of people. More details will be in the July Bellringer.

Next Sunday, August 1st: our Summer of Awesomeness continue. 10:00 a.m. worship with a praise picnic to follow at 11:00 a.m. We will begin Ephesians- this week "We Worship Gathered". **Come to one or come to both.** **All are welcome, anytime!**