



**Welcome to worship!**  
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**September 22, 2024**  
**10:00 a.m.**

## ***We Prepare***

*God, you have given us a dream of your world made whole, a heavenly real that is near in heart and close at hand, and it is ours to choose each day. May our smallest acts of courtesy, when transformed by your love, grow abundantly into a realm of flourishing for all. Amen.*

## ***We Gather***

### **The Life of the Church**

The *Prelude* offers time for us to focus on preparing our hearts and minds for worship – God is here; we need to bring ourselves to worship as God already has.

The *light of the candles* symbolizes the presence of God and Jesus as light of the world.

### **Prelude**

#### **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 Ye the Lord, the Almighty" Purple # 35

*Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!*

\* Indicates please rise in body or spirit

**\* Call to Worship (responsive)** Psalm 119: 132, 133

One: Blessed be God whose word gives hope and shapes our dreams,

**All: whose love has conquered death.**

One: Blessed be God who orders our way and guides our steps,

**All: who leads us into life.**

The *Call to Worship* invites us to begin worshipping God.

**\*Hymn of Praise** "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy"

Purple # 305 v. 1, 3

**\* Call to Confession**

Romans 8: 27, 31

If God is for us, who can be against us? Let us confess our sins to the One who searches and knows us.

**\*Prayer of Confession** (unison) 1 Kgs. 3:6; Psalm 119

**We confess that we have turned away from you and have not lived with upright hearts. Forgive us for failing to follow you. Guide our feet to walk in your ways and serve your world to the glory of your name. Amen.**

No one is perfect. God knows that. God asks us to admit our faults. We do this using the *Prayer of Confession*. *Silent Confession* is a time to tell God anything else you are sorry for.

**\*Silent Confession**

**\*Assurance of Pardon** (responsive)

Romans 8:28

One: Your sins are forgiven; be at peace, for all things work together for good for those who love God.

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

**\*Sung Response**

"Gloria Patri"

Red # 622

*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.**

*(As we have received peace from Christ, let us also pass that peace to each other.)*

## ***We Hear the Word***

**Sung Preparation for the Word** “The Bible Tells Us Stories” Pew Insert  
*The Bible tells us stories About our God above, And prophets told in days of old The story of God’s love. Then Jesus brings his peace with him And shows us how to live. So listen to the stories for The lessons that they give.*

In the *Prayer for Illumination*, we ask the Holy Spirit to help us understand God’s Word. “Illumination” means “turning the lights on”.

**Special Music** “In My Heart There Rings a Melody”

**Prayer for Illumination (unison)** Ps. 119:130  
**Enlightening God, the unfolding of your Word gives light and provides wisdom to all who seek your truth. Open our minds and hearts by the presence of your Holy Spirit, that the mystery of your heavenly realm is made evident here on earth. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading**  
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Luke 6:35  
Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15- 21

*Scripture* is God’s Word to us. We listen carefully and study God’s word.

One: The Word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Message** “In Us and Through Us” Rev. Diane Ziegler

## ***We Respond***

**Hymn of Affirmation** “I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry” Purple # 488

**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.**

*The Lord’s Prayer* is the prayer Jesus taught us.

**Sung Response to Prayer** "I Need Thee Every Hour"

Purple # 735

*I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord; no tender voice like thine can peace afford. 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**

Christ has freely given us the gift of grace and salvation. Let us therefore freely bring our generous gifts of gratitude to him.

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology**

**\*Prayer of Dedication/Offering (unison) Rom. 10:12, Ps. 105:16-17, Gen. 37:28, Rom. 10:15**

**We give thanks to you, O Lord, for your sustaining presence and abundant grace. Receive now these gifts we bring to you out of your generous provision in our lives. May they be used to satisfy the hungry in famine, relieve the oppressed in time of trouble, and proclaim everywhere the good news of your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

*Doxology means "to give God glory."*  
  
*We pray God will use our gifts for God's work through us and others in the Prayer of Dedication.*

***The Sacrament of Baptism***

**Presentation**

**Words of Scripture**

Gal. 3:27-28

**One:** As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

**All:** **There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all are one in Christ Jesus.**

**\*Profession 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.

Thanksgiving Over the Water  
The Baptism  
Laying on of Hands and Anointing  
Welcome

**Sung Response**

“You Belong to Christ”

Purple # 492

*You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

(We will repeat this as we welcome and then return to our seats.)

## **We Are Sent**

**\*Parting Hymn**

“I’ve Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy”

*I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy*

*Down in my heart (where?)*

*Down in my heart (where?)*

*Down in my heart*

*I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy*

*Down in my heart (where?)*

*Down in my heart to stay*

*I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus*

*Down in my heart (where?)*

*Down in my heart (where?)*

*Down in my heart*

*I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus*

*Down in my heart (where?)*

*Down in my heart to stay*

*I've got the peace that passes understanding*

*Down in my heart (where?)*

*Down in my heart (where?)*

*Down in my heart*

*I've got the peace that passes understanding*

*Down in my heart (where?)*

*Down in my heart to stay*

*I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy  
Down in my heart (where?)  
Down in my heart (where?)  
Down in my heart  
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy  
Down in my heart (where?)  
Down in my heart to stay  
Down in my heart to stay  
Down in my heart to stay.*

**\*Charge**

Romans 10:8, 14, 12

The word of faith is near you, on your lips and in your heart. How shall others hear unless you proclaim it? Go now in the generous grace and favor of our God. How beautiful are the feet of you who bring good news!

**\*Carrying the Light**

One: As we go forth to serve,

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

**\*Benediction**

Rom. 10:12, Ps. 105:18-22, Matt. 14:31, Rom. 10:14-15

May the generous blessing and favor of our loving, abundant God lift you, sustain you, and send you to the world with the gift of life!

**\* Sung Benediction**

“May the Song of Hope God With Us”

Purple # 765

*May the song of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

**Postlude**

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

**Announcements and Information**

*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 to those Visiting Today!**

We are a Reformed liturgical worshipping congregation. Liturgy means “the work of the people.” Through our spoken word, prayers, and singing, we worship God. Our pastor is Rev. Diane Ziegler. Sally Smallwood is our Ministry Coordinator. Adina Taylor is our accompanist, and Declan Peterson our Choir Director. Phil Rogers is our Sexton.

For parents with children, we offer Sunday morning classes for children through the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

- Infants through pre-school age children are warmly invited to their classroom at the far end of the hallway, where they will engage in a lesson using Godly Play.
- Children Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are warmly invited to their classroom, located next to the fellowship hall. This class uses Narrative Lectionary curriculum, learning about the same stories read in worship.
- Fourth through sixth grade youth, and any children wishing to remain in the sanctuary, are invited to engage with a worship bag, located on the book shelves behind the center pews.

We invite you to join us for a brief time of fellowship following worship!

**Prayer Concerns** The McNulty Family, Ed Tell, Family of Marvin Shelby, Family and friends of Amy Stone, Dan Stout, Christina Miller, Bill Wiseman, Kathy Beleny, Ed McNulty, Leslie Clements, Bently, Loy and Ed Boncek, the City of Springfield and residents, those who are sick and their caregivers, those who hunger, those recovering from storms, those grieving, those having relationship struggles, national and international leaders, PEACE.

### **Suggestion for at home this week**

- Find a situation this week that looks bad, and brainstorm a way to turn it into something good.
- Make peace with someone with whom you have strife or separation.
- Begin keeping a journal of your dreams.

### **Looking Ahead**

- Week of September 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sally and Diane will be on vacation. If you need assistance, please contact a member of Session: Larry White, Mike Seiler, Betty Blose, Glen Janus or Stephen Bilen.
- Today – *The Gifts of Imperfection* study concludes. We will be meeting from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

- Monday – Sunday Scriptures study at 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday – The Great Omission study at 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> – Bell-a-Bration. Join us in the courtyard and around the community as we celebrate the return of the bell. Area businesses will have special offerings on this day as part of our celebration. We will have activities in the courtyard and the sanctuary will be open.

**NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR BIBLE STUDY BEGINS OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup>**

Have you ever wanted to read the Bible through? If so, this study is for you! We will begin the Community Bible Experience on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:15 p.m. The Community Bible Experience is a program to read through Scripture in segments – Covenant History, the Prophets, Wisdom Literature, and the New Testament. It is designed like a book group. The October 1st meeting will be an informational meeting about the program and an opportunity to help plan the schedule that the group will meet. Bethany and Drew Stewart will be leading. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall or let Bethany or Drew know you are interested.

**Giving**

**Online/Credit Card Giving:** Access by using the QR code to the right or make a credit card donation using the Clover machine located in the sanctuary.



**Stewardship cards** are located in the pew racks. These cards provide you with a way to name the ways you will love and serve God and others in the coming week. We invite you to fill out a card and place it in the offering plate, if you would like to do so. This is a great way to name and plan for your gifts of time and talent in the week ahead!

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