

ORDER OF WORSHIP

8th Sunday After Pentecost

July 14, 2024

11:00 a.m.

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 response.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: **Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.**

People: **Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

*PRAISE CHORUS:

Hymn No. 626 "*As the Deer*" – AS THE DEER

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield; to You alone may my spirit yield

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer

***OPENING PRAYER** **Eternal God, You have called us to be members of one body. Join us with those who in all times and places have praised Your name, that, with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of Your church, and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. 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**

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ Your Son. (Say – “Please pray silently,” and after about 20 seconds, say, Amen) Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Brothers and sisters in Christ, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 695 “*Change My Heart, O God*” CHANGE MY HEART
Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.
You are the Potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

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 Guide us, O God, by Your Word and Spirit, that in Your light we may see light, in Your truth find freedom, and in Your will discover Your peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 85:8-13, please read it responsively with me.

Leader: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for He will speak peace to His people, to His faithful, to those who turn to Him in their hearts.

People: Surely His salvation is at hand for those who fear Him, that His glory may dwell in our land.

Leader: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

People: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

Leader: The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

People: Righteousness will go before Him, and will make a path for His steps.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Our Old Testament Lesson comes from Amos 7:7-15, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 855-856 of the Old Testament

Amos 7:7-15

⁷This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; ⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" ¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." ¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from Mark 6:14-29 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 40-41 of the New Testament

Mark 6:14-29

¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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. 175 "Seek Ye First" LAFFERTY

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 of all mercies, we give You humble thanks for all Your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people.

We bless You for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for Your boundless love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. Amen.

Our last Hymn today is:

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

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 748 “*Go With Us, Lord*” vs. 3 TALLIS’ CANON

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
That in You Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***POSTLUDE:**

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

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Please join us for Refreshments
in the Opportunity Corner
Following the Worship Service

Daily Bread

Supplement

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CLOTHES FOR THE NEEDY AND GLASSES FOR THE LIONS CLUB

We will continue to collect clothes for the needy and glasses for the Lions Club. Please bring in your donations and put them in the designated places in the Opportunity Corner.

HEARING ASSIST UNITS

Thanks to Barry Krueger we now have Hearing Assist Units. If you would like to use one, please see Barry before the Worship Service begins.

DESOTO FOOD PANTRY

DeSoto Food Pantry needs the help of the community to continue to feed the less fortunate in our city. The best way to help is through monetary donations. \$1 can buy as much as \$7 worth of food. They buy their food through the North Texas Food Bank, so it is much cheaper than buying food at a grocery store. However, all donations are welcome and appreciated. Thank you to all that continue to donate to this great cause.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY

10:00 AM Art Group

NEXT SUNDAY

10:30 AM Adult Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Joe and Lorrinda Alexander

Thomas Alexander – please continue to pray

Jim Glander

Martha Brashear – continued prayers

The church and nation of Ukraine

Makia's people in Cameroon

Gene Knox and Jewell Victorino

DeSoto Food Pantry

Prayers for the people in Nigeria

Max Jewell is at home, but needs our continued prayers as he is still recovering

Chikezie is very weak

Bryan's mom

Christians in Pakistan

Janet

The Israel-Hamas War

Prayers for those who are hungry and without clean drinking water

People all over the world are hungry, not just for food, but for the word of God.

Joan Christy is still recovering in a nursing/rehabilitation home.

Alice Anne has a good friend, Jeremy, who is in the hospital and needs our prayers

Makia and Mireille's niece is looking for a job in this area

Steve Perry has an infection on his leg and is in the VA Hospital

Joe's friend John Luko recently passed away, prayers for his friends and family

Thomas' friend, Steven Kahill, recently lost his father

CELEBRATIONS

We need to celebrate Heidi and all she's doing to keep us together