

ORDER OF WORSHIP

7th Sunday After Pentecost

July 7, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
Liturgist: Bill Gast

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: Bless the Lord my soul,
People: Let all within me bless His holy name.
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** Almighty God, who knows us better than we know ourselves, accept our worship and praise this day. We come seeking You with our whole heart and a spirit of joy and openness to Your words. May our worship be the true worship of a follower of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our redeemer. Amen.

Our first hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 463 (vs. 1-3) "How Firm a Foundation" FOUNDATION

***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**

Lord, hear this, our abject confession of our inadequacies. We recognize that we are people driven by our own interests to do things we would rather do. We long to be Your people but live in a world that demands actions inconsistent with Your call. Forgive us, O Lord, when we choose the world's ways over Yours, when we choose self-interest over Christian love, and when we pretend not to know that we are doing wrong. Help us to follow You, even when it seems impossible. (Say – “Please pray silently,” and after about 20 seconds, say,) In Jesus’ name we pray, 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 Open our minds and hearts to Your word. Help us to understand Your call on the church in this century as You have called it down through the ages. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 48, please read it responsively with me.

Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God. His holy mountain,

People: beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King.

Leader: Within its citadels God has shown Himself a sure defense.

People: Then the kings assembled, they came together.

Leader: As soon as they saw it, they were astounded; they were in panic, they took flight; trembling took hold of them there, pains as of a woman in labor, as when an east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish.

People: As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God, which God establishes forever.

Leader: We ponder Your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of Your temple.

People: Your name, O God, like Your praise, reaches to the ends on the earth. Your right hand is full of victory.

Leader: Let Mount Zion be glad, let the towns of Judah rejoice because of Your judgments.

People: Walk about Zion, go all around it, count its towers, consider well its ramparts; go through the citadels, that you may tell the next generation

Leader: that this is God, our God forever and ever.

People: He will be our guide forever.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Our Old Testament Lesson comes from Ezekiel 2:1-7 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 770-771 of the Old Testament Ezekiel 2:1-7

2He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. ²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

⁶And you, O mortal, do not be afraid of them, and do not be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns surround you and you live among scorpions; do not be afraid of their words, and do not be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house. ⁷You shall speak my words to them, whether they hear or refuse to hear; for they are a rebellious house.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The choir will now sing the Anthem

ANTHEM: "In Remembrance"

GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from Mark 6:1-13 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 40 of the New Testament

Mark 6:1-13

6He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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. 366 "*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*" HYFRYDOL

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**

Together we ask Your blessings on these our gifts to Your church. We offer You a portion of what You have given us for the work of Your church. May our gifts help spread Your word to all who need the joy of Your presence. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

(For the music used during the prayer turn to #552, 553, and 554 in the hymnal.)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: To the one true and living God...

Therefore, we praise You, joining our voices with the choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

How wonderful are the works of Your hands, Holy God, and how gracious is the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior...

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Breathe on us, breath of God, and upon these gifts of bread and cup...

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

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. 837 "*What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*" SHOWALTER

***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.**

Daily Bread

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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

CELEBRATIONS

Tiffany had a great celebration for her graduation

Janet thanks Pat for all the work she did outside in the heat, and is grateful she didn't suffer from heat-stroke

Janet is glad we were able to save the squirrel from the courtyard

Nnenna and Chikezie were able to go to Tiffany's graduation party

Nnenna was in a car accident that totaled her car, but she is grateful that she didn't get seriously injured

Joe and Lorrinda celebrated their 43rd anniversary