

ORDER OF WORSHIP

15th Sunday After Pentecost

A Season of Peace begins

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

National Suicide Prevention Month begins

Disaster Preparedness Month begins

September 1, 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: **Come before the Lord with joy,**

People: **enter His presence with songs of joy!**

All: **Let us worship God.**

*PRAISE CHORUS:

Hymn No. 1 *“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”* vs. 1 NICAEA

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed trinity!

Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer

***OPENING PRAYER** **O God, Wisdom of the universe, You bear the pain of Your people. Grant us the gift of wisdom, that we may discern Your way and live justly and graciously amid the struggles of the world. Amen.**

Our first hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 286 *“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”* TRENTHAM

***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**

Hear our prayers, God of power, that You may forgive us for our sins. We seek to do Your will but choose to do what feels best. We know we are weak and in need of Your support, and through the ministry of Your Son free us from the grip of the tomb, that we may desire You as the fullness of life and proclaim Your savings deeds to all the world. (Say – **“Please pray silently,”** and after about 20 seconds, say, **Amen**) Amen.

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

***RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 694 *“Great God of Every Blessing”* vs. 2 AURELIA
Your word is my salvation, the source of endless grace,
in death and life extending Your covenant embrace.
In Christ we are one body; each member has a part:
sincerely and completely I offer You my heart.

You may be seated.

A TIME FOR YOUTH It is now time for youth, so would our youth please come forward.

Please bow your heads for our Prayer for Illumination

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Blessed are You, O Lord and Lover, source of beauty and depth of passion. Strengthen and inspire us to do the Word we hear and live the faith we confess. 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 their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all they do, they prosper.

People: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives 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 Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 160 of the Old Testament**

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

4So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. **2**You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. **6**You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!” **7**For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? **8**And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? **9**But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children—

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 42 of the New Testament

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

7Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” ²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

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. 442 “*Just as I Am, Without One Plea*” WOODWORTH

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**

Lord, be for us the living food and life eternal. Move us from our focus on the worldly gifts You provide. Help us to focus on the true gift, the gift of eternal life, freely given to us through Jesus Christ. We thank You for the gift of Your Son, in whose name we pray. 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. 310 "*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*" ST. THOMAS

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 80 "*You Shall Go Out with Joy*" THE TREES OF THE FIELD

**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and the all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.**

**And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.**

***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, they are available on the counter in the sanctuary kitchen.

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.

POT-LUCK LUNCH

We are having a Pot-Luck Lunch today following the Worship Service, we hope everyone will stay and join us.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY

10:00 AM Art Group

NEXT SUNDAY – Annual Congregational Meeting

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

Bill Gast had a massive heart attack and had 3 stents put in

Cori's mom is looking for a new job

Michael Kennedy is in the hospital after having 2 surgeries

Baby Miller was born with a heart defect and needs open heart surgery

Heidi and Ivan had a neighbor that lost his life in a car accident, prayers for his family

Mike Keffer hurt himself

CELEBRATIONS

Bill Gast is here!