

ORDER OF WORSHIP

9th Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 12

July 30, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
Liturgist: Bill Gast

PRELUDE “Come, We That Love the Lord” - MARCHING TO ZION, arr. James Mansfield

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:** (Responsively)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on His name, make known His deeds among the peoples.

People: **Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wonderful works.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

*PRAISE CHORUS:

Hymn No. 327 “From All That Dwell Below the Skies” - vs. 1 LAAST UNS ERFREUEN
From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator’s praise arise.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer’s name be sung through every land, in every tongue.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer

***OPENING PRAYER** Gracious God, we praise You for Your infinite goodness. Be our guide in all of life’s challenges and our greatest joy in times of plenty. Hear us as we raise our hearts and voices in praise of the one true and living God, Amen.

Our first hymn today is:

***HYMN No. 331**

“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

NATIONAL HYMN

***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**

Merciful God, we praise Your Holy name. We bow in supplication before Your throne. When we fail, forgive us, Almighty God. When we stray from Your path, point us in the right direction. When we support those who chose to hate rather than love Your people and creation, forgive us. Keep us safe and be our true refuge in times of trouble. (Silent prayer) 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. 436 *"God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us"* vs. 1 O QUANTA QUALIA
God of compassion, in mercy befriend us,
giver of grace for our needs all availing.
Wisdom and strength for each day ever send us,
patience untiring and courage unailing.

TIME FOR YOUTH You may be seated and at this time would our youth please come forward.

Please bow your heads for our Prayer of Illumination

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Shine Your light, O God, on the truth of Your word today. Let us hear it in new ways, so that it may refresh and renew our spirits. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 128 please read it responsively with me.

PSALTER LESSON Psalm 128 (Please read responsively)

Leader: Happy is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways.

People: You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you.

Leader: Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

People: Thus shall a man be blessed who fears the Lord.

Leader: The Lord bless you from Zion. May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

People: May you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Our New Testament Lesson comes from Romans 8:26-39, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 158-159_of the New Testament

Romans 8:26-39

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 14-15 of the New Testament

Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

³¹He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." ³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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. 450**

"Be Thou My Vision"

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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS You may be seated. 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: *“A Contemplative Prayer”* - David Lasky

***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.

Please join me in our prayer of Thanksgiving

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Lord, we gather together to thank You for the gifts of plenty You have provided. We are grateful for food and shelter and clothes to wear. Let us never forget our brothers and sisters who do not have enough to eat or clean water to drink. Let us never forget the gifts you have given us from the basics that support life to the availability of education, healthcare and so much more. All these things are gifts from You. We thank You today and every day for the gift of eternal life through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Our last Hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 264 *“At the Name of Jesus”* KING’S WESTON

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 265 *“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”* vs. 1 DUKE STREET
Jesus shall reign where’er the sun does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***POSTLUDE:** *“With the Saints in Glory Shining”* - Edward Broughton

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

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*Please join us for Refreshments
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.

POT-LUCK LUNCH

The Church Life Committee has decided to host another Pot-Luck Lunch on August 27th following the Worship Service. We hope everyone will come and bring a dish to share and have a wonderful time of fellowship.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY

10:00 AM – Art Group

NEXT SUNDAY

10:30 AM Adult Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship with communion

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Sue Fitch

Joe and Lorrinda Alexander

Thomas Alexander – please continue to pray

Continued prayers for Bryson

Millie Allen

Irmagene Mitchell

Jim Glander

Bryan's mom

Martha Brashear – continued prayers

The church and nation of Ukraine

Makia's people in Cameroon

Gene Knox and Jewell Victorino

Carolyn Clayton was diagnosed with cancer

DeSoto Food Pantry

Prayers for the people in Nigeria

Max Jewell is at home, but needs our continued prayers

Tracy Berkich

Janet asks for prayers for a disturbed 8 year old child

Alice Anne's best friend's mother, Mary, has had shingles since last July

The nation of Sudan

Immigrants at the borders

Phyllis Taylor has multiple medical issues

Travel mercies for all our members traveling

Monica has health issues

Donnie Jordan has cancer

Nina's brother is on Hospice care

Sara Lewis has health issues