

ORDER OF WORSHIP

12th Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 15

Public Education Sunday

Young Adult Volunteer Commissioning Sunday

August 20, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast

Liturgist: Pat Nash

PRELUDE *"Prelude on CINCINNATI"* - Early American Melody, arr. David Paxton

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: **How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!**

People: **When all of Christ's people unite!**

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** **Loving God, though we seem to live in a world of hatred, we are surrounded by Your love. Though we see violence of humanity, we live in Your peace. Though we live in a time of uncertainty, You are always there. Lord, let us never forget the gifts of love, and peace that You provide for Your people. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Our first hymn today is:

***HYMN No. 327** *"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"* LAAST 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**

Loving compassionate God, forgive us when we try to do what is right but are not sure what You want us to do. We strive with all our hearts to be and do that which reflects our belief in the living God, but have trouble sorting that out. Be with us as we make choices inform our decisions and guide our steps. Forgive us when we stumble and fail You. (Say – **“Please pray silently,”** and after about 20 seconds, say,) In Christ’s name, 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.

You may be seated

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

Please bow your heads for our Prayer of Illumination

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION We listen for Your word to us today. Help us hear and understand Your message that we may be clear messengers to the world. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 67 please read it responsively with me.

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us, that Your way may be known upon earth, Your saving power among all nations.

People: Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

People: Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.

Leader: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

People: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere Him.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Our Old Testament Lesson comes from Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 686 of the Old Testament

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

56 Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. ⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant— ⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. ⁸ Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 17 of the New Testament

Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28

¹⁰ Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: ¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” ¹³ He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶ Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶ He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Rev. Janet Boyanton

Those who are able, please stand and join me in singing:

***HYMN** No. 649

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

AMAZING GRACE

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?

And now it is time for our Prayer Concerns and Celebrations. Does anybody have anything they would like to share?

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY Prayer concerns and celebrations

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: *“Elegy”* - Michael Higgins

***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**

Almighty God, hear our prayers as we praise and thank You for all the good things we have been given. Help us to appreciate Your gifts to us in this life and the greatest gift of all, eternal life. For all of this we thank You, Amen.

Our last Hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 765 *“May the God of Hope Go with Us”* (Sung Twice) ARGENTINA

***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:** *“Postlude Maestoso”* - Franz Borgias Walczynski

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

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*Please join us for Refreshments
Following the Worship Service*

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.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We will be having our Annual Congregational Meeting on September 10, at the end of our Worship Service. We hope all our members will be able to be here.

POT-LUCK LUNCH

We are having a Pot-Luck Lunch on September 10 after the Worship Service. We hope everyone is able to bring a dish and join us.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY

10:00 AM – Art Group

NEXT SUNDAY

10:30 AM Adult Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

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

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 as he is still trying to recover

Tracy Berkich

Monica has health issues

Donnie Jordan has stage 4 throat cancer

Sara Lewis has health issues

Chikezie is very weak

Bryan's mom had knee replacement surgery, but will need another surgery

Thomas' cousin Kenny's wife was brutally attacked, and needs prayers for healing

A former co-worker of Thomas has a mass on his brain

Joan's sister Connie has 3 daughters and they all have serious health problems

Steve Dickerson has a mass on his lung, please pray for him and his family

People of Maui

Travel mercies for Michelle and Tiffany

CELEBRATIONS

Brayden is going to be a senior this year

Russell had knee replacement surgery and is doing fabulous

Makia thanks God that his daughter and her 4 children are here