

ORDER OF WORSHIP

14th Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 17
Season of Peace begins

September 3, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
Liturgist: Bill Gast

PRELUDE *"Meditation on FOUNDATION"* - arr. David Lasky

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: **I give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.**

People: **His love endures forever.**

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** **God, who knows even the hairs on our heads, knows the depth of our souls. We praise You with our whole being and come before You with prayer and songs of joy. Be with us as we celebrate Your gift of the risen Christ this day and every day. Amen.**

Our first hymn today is:

***HYMN No. 65**

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

CWM RHONDDA

***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

Compassionate God, You know our hearts. We long to follow Your commandments but find it hard. We try to work for the good of Your kingdom, but stumble when we encounter problems. Forgive us when we fail to exhibit Your love to other people. Give us the strength to overcome the obstacles that we encounter and to share Your love with all people. (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 at this time would our youth please come forward.

Please bow your heads for our Prayer of Illumination

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Give us eyes to see and ears to hear Your word in Scripture today. Help us to understand what Your words mean for our lives today. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b please read it responsively with me.

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 His wonderful works.

Leader: Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

People: Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His presence continually.

Leader: Remember the wonderful works He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He uttered, O offspring of His servant Abraham, children of Jacob, His chosen ones.

People: Then Israel came to Egypt; Jacob lived as an alien in the land of Ham.

Leader: And the Lord made His people very fruitful, and made them stronger than their foes,

People: whose hearts He then turned to hate His people, to deal craftily with His servants.

Leader: He sent His servant Moses, and Aaron whom He had chosen.

People: Praise the Lord!

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Our Old Testament Lesson comes from Exodus 3:1-15, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 50 of the Old Testament

Exodus 3:1-15

3Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

¹¹But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹²He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." ¹³But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Our New Testament Lesson comes from Romans 12:9-21, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 162 of the New Testament

Romans 12:9-21

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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. 66

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

PENTECOST

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

OFFERTORY: “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts” - QUEBEC, arr. Garrett Parker

***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**

Gracious God, we thank You for Your many blessings. Give us a new appreciation for all we have and all You have given us. Help us to know that Your goodness stands in contrast to the threats of this world and we are grateful. For all this we give thanks. In Jesus’ name, 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. 69 *"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)"* HERE I AM (Schutte)

***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:** *"Postludio Pastorale"* - Luigi Botazzo

***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.

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

09:30 AM Choir practice

10:30 AM Adult Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service with Congregational Meeting

12:15 PM Pot-Luck Lunch

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Sue Fitch is in the hospital

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

Christians in Pakistan

Teachers and students this school year

Josie's daughter Sienna has a best friend Lizette whose mother was diagnosed with cancer

Brian Gearheart had a heart attack and had to have a stint put in

All of Joan's nieces and nephews in Michigan that were affected by the storm

CELEBRATIONS

Tiffany thanks us for our prayers. She and Michelle both had great studies, she in D.C. and Michelle in Ghana. They're both going back to college