

ORDER OF WORSHIP

15th Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 17
Christian Formation Week begins
Christian Formation Celebration Sunday

September 10, 2023

11:00 a.m.

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
Liturgist: Bill Gast

PRELUDE “*Voluntary on HYFRYDOL*” - 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: **Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, His praise in the assembly of the faithful.**

People: **Let them praise His name with dancing, making melody to Him with tambourine and lyre.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

***PRAISE CHORUS:** Hymn No. 804 “*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*” – vs. 1 MARION

Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer

***OPENING PRAYER** God of the past and the future, we praise Your holy name. We come with exuberance to show our love for You. Be with us in this service and every day of our lives. Amen.

Our first hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 265

“Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun”

DUKE STREET

***CALL TO CONFESSION** If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves. Let us confess our sins before Almighty God.

Let us pray

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Hear our prayer, O God. Listen as we pray to You for forgiveness of our sins. We long to do what is right, but often do what is wrong because it is more fun. We strive to be Your followers, but the stress of life crowds Your words. Forgive us when we fail in our efforts to be the people You call us to be. (Say – “Please pray silently,” and after about 20 seconds, say, 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. 386 “Come Worship God” vs. 3 O QUANTA QUALIA

We are Your people, the sheep of Your pasture;
You are our Maker, and to You we pray.
Gladly we kneel in obedience before You;
great is the one whom we worship this day!

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 God, be in our understanding as we hear Your word read and sung today. Keep Your laws ever present in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 119:33-40, please read it responsively with me.

Leader: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

People: Give me understanding, that I may keep Your law and observe it with my whole heart.

Leader: Lead me in the path of Your commandments, for I delight in it.

People: Turn my heart to Your decrees, and not to selfish gain.

Leader: Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in Your ways..

People: Confirm to Your servant Your promise, which is for those who fear You.

Leader: Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for Your ordinances are good.

People: See, I have longed for Your precepts; in Your righteousness give me life.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Our Old Testament Lesson comes from Exodus 12:1-14 you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 58 of the Old Testament

Exodus 12:1-14

12The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Leader: **The Word of the Lord.**

People: **Thanks be to God!**

The choir will now sing the Anthem:

ANTHEM: *“Joyful, Joyful Sing Praise”* - Jay Althouse

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Our New Testament Lesson comes from Romans 13:8-14, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 162 of the New Testament

Romans 13:8-14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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. 720

"Jesus Calls Us"

GALILEE

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: "Andante" - Charles H. Rinck

***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 the gifts You have given us. Keep us mindful of Your impact on our lives and the lives of others. Help us to live as Your chosen people, appreciating all that You have provided for us. In Christ's name, Amen.

Our last Hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 722

"Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

CANONBURY

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (A congregational meeting is to be considered an act of worship. Pastor Janet will say a prayer to close the worship part of the service and open the meeting. Guests and visitors are invited to adjourn to the Fellowship Hall for the Pot-Luck Lunch following the worship service. At the conclusion of the meeting, Pastor Janet will give the benediction and pass the peace.)

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 634

“To God be the Glory” vs. 1

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

**To God be the glory; great things He has done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory:
Great things He has done!**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***POSTLUDE:** *“Exultate”* - Roger C. Wilson

***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 today, September 10, at the end of our Worship Service.

POT-LUCK LUNCH

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

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY

10:00 AM – Tuesday Morning Group

THURSDAY

10:00 AM – Art Group

NEXT SUNDAY

09:30 AM Choir practice

10:30 AM Adult Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

12:15 PM Stated Session Meeting

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

Janet

CELEBRATIONS

Manfred thanks God that Jim passed his exam, and now he will be in year 4 of medical school