Sunday, July 6, 2025

Communion

Welcome Pastor Jeff will give announcements and welcome

- **Call to Worship (Liturgist parts are indicated in BOLD and **)
- **Good Morning, I am Olivia, and will be serving as Worship Leader today. Would you please stand in body or spirit to join me in the responsive Call to Worship?
- **Leader: God is eager to restore us to right relationships. The Creator is waiting to claim us now as God's own.

People: We have come to meet the God who welcomes us. We have gathered to experience God's steadfast love.

**Leader: Listen, for God will speak to those who want to hear. Turn your hearts toward the one who saves.

People: We bow down to receive God's mercy. We open ourselves to the source of peace.

**Leader: God will answer us and will give what is good. God restores us to faithfulness and righteousness.

People: We come asking, searching, and knocking. We seek the good gifts only God can provide.

**Will you join us in our <u>opening song</u>, "The Church is One Foundation", <u>hymn #401</u> in the hymnal, the words will be on the screen.

Children's Time

Prayers, the Lord's Prayer and Offering of Gifts

(Pastor Jeff will first do the prayers, Liturgist will read Invitation & pray)

**Invitation: The faithfulness of God elicits our answering

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faithfulness. The good gifts of our heavenly Parent call for an outpouring of gratitude. May our offerings give evidence of abounding thankfulness.

**Will you pray with me? Holy God, whose name is before all names, we worship you with our offerings. They represent our labor, our investment of time and energy. We want them to be put to the best possible use. May they save many from the course of evil and turn them toward faithful discipleship. May they provide bread for body and soul, that your people may be preserved and strengthened for ministry. Bless and multiply our efforts, we pray. Amen.

**Scripture Reading Colossians 2: 11-15 NRSV

In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. This is the word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God!

Message "Jesus, What Did You Do?" Pastor Jeff Williams

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Pastor: As we come to the Lord's Table today, let us affirm our historic faith in reciting the Apostles' Creed.

ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;

He ascended into heaven,

Is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

The holy catholic church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastor: the Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Pastor: On the night in which Jesus gave himself up for us, He took bread, gave thanks to God, broke the bread, gave it to the disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to God, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you;

this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Hear now this prayer: Eternal and loving God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and juice.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

(The congregation will come forward to receive communion)

Communion Choir Anthem "The Heart of Worship" by Matt Redmon & Marty Parks

Closing Song "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee" Hymn #430

Blessing for the Week

Choral Benediction