

Worthington Presbyterian Church
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

JULY 20, 2025

10:00AM

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

**Please stand*

WELCOME

Annie Barner

Invitation to Mission & Discipleship *(Please sign & pass the Friendship Pads)*
Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

**CALL TO WORSHIP
IN MUSIC**

"I Need Thee Every Hour"
Jennifer Fry, Director
The Celebration Ringers

arr. Joel Raney

OPENING SENTENCES *(Psalm 77)*

Leader: I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord;
I will remember your wonders of old.

**Congregation: Your way, O God, is holy.
What god is so great as our God?**

Leader: You are the God who works wonders;
you have displayed your might among the peoples.

**Congregation: With your strong arm you redeemed your people,
the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.**

*** HYMN #475** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of every generation, we confess our struggle to be your church in our time. You call us to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we can be more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, legalistic than loving. Have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. By your Spirit, renew and empower us to be ambassadors for Christ to a broken world. This we pray in his name. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

Congregational Response "The Kyrie"

*Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria (from Hymn #581)

*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.*

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

Pastor Matt

Children will attend Sunday School after the message. (See inside cover for location).

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sue Rapier

1ST SCRIPTURE READING Galatians 5:1, 13-15

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery....

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

A Song of Praise and Thanksgiving

Allen Pote

The Summer Choir & The Celebration Ringers

Russell Nagy, Director

*Sing, O sing to the ends of the earth, Allelu, Allelu.
Tell His wonders, sing of His worth, Allelu, Allelu.
Praise the Lord for He is good, His love endures
forever.*

*Sing Alleluia, tell His wonders,
Sing Alleluia, praise the Lord His love
endures forever.*

Sing Alleluia, praise the Lord.

*Sing, O sing to the ends of the earth, Alleluia,
Praise the name of the Lord.*

2ND SCRIPTURE READING 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel....

Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, 'Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?' When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Mantle Is (Not) Yours"

Pastor Matt

*** HYMN #320**

"The Church of Christ in Every Age"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dr. Tom Rice

Sharing of Prayer Requests and Blessings
The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory

"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

Robert J. Hughes

*** DOXOLOGY** *(from Hymn #607)*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*** DEDICATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**

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GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*** HYMN #309**

"Come, Great God of All the Ages"

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Pastor Matt

POSTLUDE

"Sing Forth to the Lord!"

David Paxton

Please remain seated during the postlude as it is the final "Amen" to our worship.