

Worthington Presbyterian Church
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

August 10, 2025

10:00 AM

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

**Please stand*

WELCOME

Nicholas Robison

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

Minute for Mission: *Flood Relief Buckets*

Kristan Finn

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

"Look, Ye Saints!

arr. Cindy Berry

The Sight is Glorious"

Melissa Robol, guest pianist

The music is a call to open one's spirit to God's presence in our midst.

OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: In our living and in our loving,

Congregation: you have blessed us.

Leader: In our tears and in our laughter,

Congregation: you have blessed us.

Leader: In our sisters and brothers here,

Congregation: you have blessed us.

Leader: With everything that is in us,

Congregation: we will praise your holy name!

*** HYMN #260** "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" *(stanzas 1-3)*

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, you promise us a life full of blessing, but we do not always trust in your promise. You inspire us to hope, but we are tempted to fall back into fear. You call us to watch at all times for you, but we too often are self-absorbed. Forgive us, Lord! By the power of your Spirit, increase our hope, enlarge our hearts, and keep us alert to the wonders you work in the world every day. Through Christ our Lord we pray. 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

Nick Robison

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Don Anderson

1ST SCRIPTURE READING John 1:29-34

The next day (John) saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

 The Gospel of the Lord.
 Praise to you, O Christ.

ANTHEM

How Can I Keep from Singing?

arr: Ginger Littleton

The Summer Choir – Russell Nagy, director

*My life flows on in endless song,
above earth’s lamentation.
I hear the real though far off song
that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm,
while to that rock I’m clinging;
It sounds an echo in my soul, how
can I keep from singing?*

*What though the tempest round me
roars, I know the truth, It liveth.
What though the darkness round me
close, songs in the night It giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm,
while to that rock I’m clinging
Since love is lord of heav’n and earth,
how can I keep from singing?*

2ND SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 5:1-13

Rev. Dr. Tom Rice

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals, and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, with seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song:

"You are worthy to take the scroll
and to break its seals,
for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God
saints from every tribe and language and people and nation;
you have made them a kingdom and priests serving our God,
and they will reign on earth."

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might
forever and ever!"

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Team Lamb!"

Pastor Tom

*** HYMN #443**

"There Is a Redeemer"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Betsy 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

"Now Thank We All Our God"
set to Mussorgsky's "Promenade"

arr. Cindy Berry

* 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.**



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* DEDICATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

* HYMN #263

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor Tom

POSTLUDE

"Revelation Song"

Jennie Riddle, arr.
Heather Sorenson

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

Please join us out front for
lemonade & refreshments
after the service!

lemonade
on the lawn