
14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 3, 2023



In Christ's love, we connect, serve, and transform

14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
SANCTUARY (IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM)
SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 – 10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

** Please rise in body or spirit.*

WELCOME & RENEWAL OF THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH Rev. Dr. Tom Rice
INVITATION TO MISSION & DISCIPLESHIP *(Please sign & pass the Friendship Pads)*
MOMENT FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Elder Peter Okyere
PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you.

Please stand and greet one another in the peace of Christ. Please give friendly waves to one another. Handshakes and hugs could pass on something more than the peace of Christ!

CALL TO WORSHIP IN ***"Let Us Break Bread Together"*** arr. Mark Hayes
MUSIC Dr. Stephen Jacoby, piano

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

OPENING SENTENCES *(Psalm 90:1-2)*

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

People: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Leader: Let us worship God!

*** HYMN #15** ***"All Creatures of Our God and King"*** LASST UNS ERFREUEN

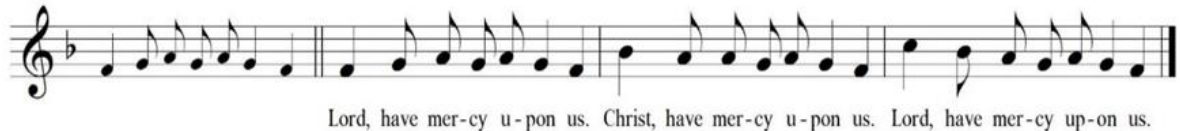
*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)**

O God, whose chosen dwelling is the heart that longs for Your presence and humbly seeks Your love, we come to You to acknowledge and confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved You with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, or for the good we have left undone. Because You,

O Lord, are full of compassion, gracious, slow to anger, and plentiful in mercy, there is forgiveness with You. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us the word that we need, and let Your word abide with us until it has wrought in us Your holy will. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

(A brief time for silent confession)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *"The Kyrie"*



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA (*Stanza 1 from Hymn # 582, Sing Once*)

GLORY TO GOD

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

Pastor Betsy

Worship with your family today! Pew activity bags are available at each entrance, and the Nursery is open for children up to age 5.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Joyce Blackmore

FIRST READING

Matthew 16:21-25 (NIV1984)

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever

wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it.

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

ANTHEM

O Bread of Life from Heaven

THE SUMMER CHOIR
Russell Nagy, Interim Director

*O Bread of Life from heaven,
To saints and angels given;
O manna from above!
The souls that hunger, feed Thou,
The hearts that seek Thee, lead Thou,
With Thy sweet, tender love.*

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 11:23-34 (NIV1984) Rev. Dr. Tim McQuade

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves. That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. But if we were more discerning with regard to ourselves, we would not come under such judgment. Nevertheless, when we are judged in this way by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be finally condemned with the world.

So then, my brothers and sisters, when you gather to eat, you should all eat together. Anyone who is hungry should eat something at home, so that when you meet together it may not result in judgment. And when I come I will give further directions.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"A Correct Communion"

Dr. McQuade

* HYMN #501

"Feed Us, Lord"

FEED US

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Betsy Rice

OFFERTORY

Prelude in b-flat

J. S. Bach

* DOXOLOGY #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

* DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Online giving is available anytime via EasyTithe: text your offering dollar amount to 614-808-8580 or go to www.easytithe.com/wpcgive.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*All who put their trust in Christ are welcome to receive communion.
Please come forward to receive communion. Gluten-free bread is in the
center of the plate. Grape juice is red, and wine is white.*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, our creator. You have given us life and second birth in your Spirit. Once we were no people, but now we are your people. You claimed Israel as your chosen nation and raised up the church as a witness to the resurrection, breathing into it your life and power. From worlds apart, you gathered us together. When we

go astray, you welcome us home. Always, your love has been steadfast. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: 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.

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. In love with you and in compassion for all, Jesus healed and taught, challenged and comforted, welcomed and saved. He formed a community, promising to be with his disciples wherever two or three were gathered, and sending them on his mission of hope and healing in the world. Jesus trusted his life to you, and went freely to his death, so the world might be set free from suffering and sin. You raised him from death and raise us also to live a new life with him. In the power of the Holy Spirit, you send us out to make disciples as he commanded. Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION 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.

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

* HYMN #535

"Bless the Lord, O my Soul"

BLESS THE LORD

Choir: *Bless the Lord, O my soul;*

Congregation: *and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!*

Choir: *Bless the Lord, O my soul;*

Congregation: *And forget not all God's benefits*

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*We request that you remain seated during the postlude as it is the final
"Amen" to our worship. Thank you.*

WORSHIP LEADERS

Ushers: Team A – Dan Foley, Gregg Russell, Captains

Carillon: Bill Allman Audio: Andrew DeWeese

Video/Livestream: Emerson Greuling, Russ Nagy, Bill Yost

*The flowers on the chancel are given to the glory of God by Sue and Karen
Clark and Dan Schumacher in loving memory of Gordon Clark.*

WORTHINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SUNDAY WORSHIP DIRECTORY

Rev. Dr. Tim McQuade – Interim Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Tom Rice – Pastor for Discipleship

Rev. Betsy Rice – Pastor for Member Ministries

Nicholas Robison – Director for Youth Ministries

Russ Nagy – Interim Director of Music

Dr. Stephen Jacoby – Organist

Melissa Robol – Chapel Pianist

Robert Dent – Food Service Coordinator & Custodian

Bryon Irvin – Sunday Custodian

Tiffany Ramos – Nursery Caregiver



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WORTHINGTON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THINGS TO DO & WAYS TO HELP

TODAY

- 8:00am Religious Studies (Zoom)
- 8:00am Worship & Communion (Chapel)
- 9:00am Adult Education (Hazelton Hall)
- 9:00am Summer Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 9:45am Nursery Care (Nursery)
- 10:00am Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)
- 10:15am Summer Sunday School (Room 111)
- 11:00am Fellowship (Hazelton Hall)

THE BIBLE IN ONE HAND, THE NEWSPAPER IN THE OTHER | 9am in Room 222 or Zoom

Our discussion comes to life with lessons taken from this week's headlines. We'll talk about what's happening and what our faith has to say about it.

NNEMAP GROOMING SUPPLIES DRIVE

Presbyterian Women United (PWU) is collecting 5 items throughout September for NNEMAP: Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Shampoo, Shower gel or bar soap (3.75 oz. or larger), Deodorant (1.8 oz. or larger). All items should be family-sized. Look for bins in Hazelton Hall or the Narthex. You may also make a financial contribution through easytithes or by check (made to WPC), and Presbyterian Women will purchase the supplies.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The church is **CLOSED** tomorrow for Labor Day. The Community Friendship Dinner will be held Monday, September 11.

KICK-OFF SUNDAY PARTY | SEPT 10

Celebrate the official start of Sunday School & Youth Ministry. We'll host a kick-off party on the front lawn of the church after the 10am service. Our Youth kick-off party will be in the church from 5-8pm. The bounce house returns, along with lunch, popcorn and yard games! We can't wait, and we hope to see you there!

SCRIPTURE READER COORDINATOR NEEDED

We are looking for a Worship & Arts committee secretary and a scripture reader coordinator.

The W&A Committee meets the 2nd Monday of the month. To explore these positions and learn more about the inner workings of worship at WPC, please reach out to Gregg Russell at kttycrussell@aol.com.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE PRESBYTERIAN | Sept 10 at 9am

Using the wonderful book, *How Do You Spell Presbyterian?* For "beginners" and "long-timers" alike, learn more about what it means to be part of this branch of the Christian family. Books are in the church office.

WE'RE HIRING - We're looking for an Interim Coordinator for Children's Ministry, a Director for Music Ministry, and a Percussion Mentor for our Youth Worship Team. Are you interested, or do you have referrals? Please visit wpcnow.org/employment for details about these exciting opportunities.

CHRISTIAN LIFE BIBLE STUDY | SEPT 7 at 1pm:

All are invited to join in the Horizons Bible study: *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*.

Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, and her encounter with God's presence will be our focus. We encourage you to come at 12:30pm for coffee, tea and fellowship.

Christian Life meets the first Thursday of each month, September through May.

LOMBARD PROBLEM-SOLVING SESSION |

SEPT 9, 8:30am - 1pm This is

an opportunity for members to consider together ways for the congregation to move forward in a way that allows all

members to flourish in their spiritual, emotional, and physical lives. Scan the code or visit bit.ly/lombardsept to RSVP.



SAVE THE DATE! Oct 3 at 7pm in Hazelton Hall

Sabbatical Stories: Lessons and Laughter from Assisi to Yellowstone with Pastor Tom.