

Worthington Presbyterian Church
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 14, 2025

10:00 AM

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

**Please stand*

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves

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

Moment for Mission: *CROP Walk for Hunger*

Jon Neylon

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

"Morning Litany"

Lani Smith

Kim Anderson, organist

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

OPENING SENTENCES *(Psalm 89:1-2, 15-16)*

Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord,

Congregation: and proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

Leader: Your steadfast love endures forever.

Congregation: Your faithfulness is as high as the heavens.

Leader: Happy are those who sing your praise

Congregation: and extol your righteousness all day long!

* HYMN # 686

"God of Our Life"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who provides our every need, you have given us countless gifts. You have welcomed us as we are. You have showered us with steadfast love. You have freely given us eternal life in Christ Jesus. But we do not deserve these gifts. We take them and squander them. We continue to trust ourselves more than we trust you. We fail to embrace others as you have embraced us. Forgive us, Gracious God. In your mercy, empower us to trust you, and follow you, and tell of your goodness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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). Youth participating in our Confirmation & Baptism class will head to the Youth Room.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Susan Boisvert

1ST SCRIPTURE READING John 1:35-41

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed).

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

ANTHEM

Joy in The Morning

Natale Sleeth

The Chancel Choir – Russell Nagy, Director

*There'll be joy in the morning on that day,
there'll be joy in the morning on that day,
for the daylight will dawn when the darkness is
gone,
there'll be joy in the morning on that day.*

*There'll be peace and contentment evermore,
there'll be peace and contentment evermore,
ev'ry heart, ev'ry voice on that day will rejoice,
there'll be peace and contentment evermore.*

And the glory, glory of the Lord will shine,

*And the glory, glory of the Lord will bring
the truth divine.*

*There'll be love and forgiveness ev'rywhere,
there'll be love and forgiveness ev'rywhere,
and the way of the Lord will that day be
restored,
there'll be love and forgiveness ev'rywhere.*

*There'll be love and forgiveness,
There'll be peace and contentment,
There'll be joy, joy, joy, joy... JOY!*

2nd SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14

Rev. Dr. Tom Rice

The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him....

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." And the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide," as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"What Kind of God Is This?!"

Pastor Tom

*** HYMN #314** "Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness"

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

"O How I Love Jesus"

Robert W. Thygerson

*** 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 #543** "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Pastor Tom

POSTLUDE

"Old Time Religion"

Robert W. Thygerson

Please remain seated during the postlude as it is the final "Amen" to our worship. After worship, please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall for conversation and refreshments.

We invite you to attend the Installation service of our senior pastor,
Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves at 3PM today in the sanctuary.
A reception will follow the worship service.
