

Worthington Presbyterian Church
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 21, 2025

10:00 AM

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

**Please stand*

WELCOME

Nicholas Robison

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

"A Prayer For The Nation"

Lani Smith

Kim Anderson, organist

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

OPENING SENTENCES *(from Psalm 47)*

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with a joyful sound.

**Congregation: For the Lord Most High is to be feared:
a great king over all the earth.**

Leader: God chooses our inheritance for us,
the pride of Jacob, whom God loves.

**Congregation: God is king of all the earth;
sing praises with a song.**

*** HYMN #620 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Forgive us, we pray. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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.***

PROCLAMING GOD'S WORD

MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

Annie Barner

*Children will attend Sunday School after the message. (See inside cover for locations).
Youth attending the Confirmation & Baptism Class will meet in the Youth Room.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Joyce Blackmore

1ST SCRIPTURE READING John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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

ANTHEM

Just Before The Dawn Appears

John Carter

The Chancel Choir – Russell Nagy, Director

*Just before the dawn appears when night is
dark and deep, when the stars are gathered
'round a world that's fast asleep;*

*Just before the dawn appears to bless me
with the day, there's a moment, just a
moment, when I pray.*

*Just before the dawn appears, when the world
is slow and still when the moon is lost from
sight beyond the highest hill;*

*Just before the dawn appears there is
something in the air; there's a moment, just
a moment for a prayer, just a prayer.*

*Just before the dawn appears when I cannot
find my way when I need a hand in mine to
meet the coming day;*

*Just before the dawn appears I kneel and say
a prayer, in that moment, just that moment,
God is There!*

**2nd SCRIPTURE
READING**

Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23;
28:10-17

Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves

When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called his elder son Esau and said to him, “My son,” and he answered, “Here I am.” He said, “See, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field, and hunt game for me. Then prepare for me savory food, such as I like, and bring it to me to eat, so that I may bless you before I die.”

...Then Rebekah took the best garments of her elder son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them on her younger son Jacob, and she put the skins of the kids on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. Then she handed the savory food and the bread that she had prepared to her son Jacob.

So he went in to his father and said, “My father,” and he said, “Here I am; who are you, my son?” Jacob said to his father, “I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, so that you may bless me.” But Isaac said to his son, “How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?” He answered, “Because the Lord your God granted me success.” Then Isaac said to Jacob, “Come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not.” So Jacob went up to his father Isaac, who felt him and said, “The voice is Jacob’s voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau.” He did not recognize him because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau’s hands, so he blessed him.

...Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a stairway set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, “I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!” And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“God’s Messy House”

Pastor Matt

*** HYMN #415**

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Peter Okyere

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

"A Galilean Seascape"

Carl Simone

*** 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 #51**

"To Abraham and Sarah"

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Pastor Matt

POSTLUDE

"Short Postlude in F"

Donald Lee Moore

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.*
