

Worthington Presbyterian Church
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025

10:00 AM

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

**Please stand*

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Tom Rice

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

Moment for Mission: *Coat & Blanket Drive*

Sheri Holcomb

Passing of the Peace

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

Congregation: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP "The God of Abraham Praise"
IN MUSIC Kim Anderson, organist

Walker Baylor

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

OPENING SENTENCES (*Psalm 9:1-2, 9*)

Leader: I will give thanks to you, O Lord,
with my whole heart.

Congregation: I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

Leader: I will be glad and rejoice in you;

Congregation: I will sing to your name, O Most High.

Leader: You, O Lord, will be a refuge for the oppressed,
a refuge in time of trouble.

**Congregation: Those who know your name
will put their trust in you.**

*** HYMN #613** "O Lord, Our Lord"

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of compassion, you hear cries rising up from a world filled with injustice. You send your Spirit to join us to Jesus' liberating work, but we do not listen to the voices of those who suffer. We do not look at the struggles of those who are poor. We close our hearts to the concerns of those who are disadvantaged. Forgive how slow we are to live into the way of Jesus' justice and love. Renew us by your Spirit and join us to your liberating work with our neighbors near and far. 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.***

SONG

I AM

Shine Robison

The Cornerstone Youth Band – Shine Robison, Director

Mentors: Robert Boyd, vocals; LingLing Chen, percussion; Tom Shaffer, guitar

Verse 1

I have heard your groaning
Under the weight of it all
I the Lord take notice of you
I will deliver you

Verse 2

I know your suffering
I keep watch over all
I am the God of your ancestors
I will deliver you

Chorus

Standing here now, this is holy ground
for God has seen our plight and is
coming to deliver us
He will take us to a land of plenty, full
and overflowing
There we'll be with God forever
The great 'I AM'

PROCLAMING GOD'S WORD

MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

Annie Barner

Third Grade Bibles

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Britton Mehl

1ST SCRIPTURE READING John 8:51-58

[Jesus said,] “Very truly, I tell you, whoever keeps my word will never see death.” The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham died, and so did the prophets, yet you say, ‘Whoever keeps my word will never taste death.’ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? The prophets also died. Who do you claim to be?” Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, he of whom you say, ‘He is our God,’ though you do not know him. But I know him; if I would say that I do not know him, I would be a liar

like you. But I do know him, and I keep his word. Your ancestor Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day; he saw it and was glad." Then the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, before Abraham was, I am."

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

ANTHEM

Dear Lord and Father

Hubert Perry

The Chancel Choir – Russell Nagy, Director

*Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper rev'rence, praise.*

*In simple trust like theirs who heard
Beside the Syrian sea
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word,
Rise up and follow Thee.*

*Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,*

*And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace.*

*Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and Thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small Voice of calm.*

2nd SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 2:23 - 3:1-15

Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves

After a long time the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned under their slavery and cried out. Their cry for help rose up to God from their slavery. God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God looked upon the Israelites, and God took notice of them.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their

sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I am has sent me to you.’ ” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’:

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Awake to a Liberating God”

Pastor Matt

*** HYMN #766** “The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound”

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

“My Peace I Leave With You”

Fred B. Binckes

*** 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 #767** "Together We Serve"

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Pastor Matt

POSTLUDE "Episode on "Dunlap's Creek""

David Paxton

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.*
