

ORDER OF WORSHIP
September 21, 2025

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Davis

“O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart.” Come, let us worship Him.

2 Chronicles 6:14 (ESV)

+ PSALM OF PRAISE

Praise the LORD

RIPLEY

The ARP Psalter no. 146

Praise the LORD, let all within me Offer to the LORD His praise.
I Will praise the LORD forever, Praise my God through all my days.
Put no trust in earthly princes Mortal men who cannot save.
When he dies his thoughts will perish, Buried with him in the grave.

He who has the God of Jacob As his help is truly blessed.
On the LORD his God forever will his hope securely rest.
God has made the earth and heaven, And He also made the sea;
He made everything within them; He is faithful constantly.

He will always render justice For the sake of those oppressed.
He gives food to those who hunger, Satisfies their emptiness.
Captive ones, the LORD releases, To the blind the LORD gives sight;
Those brought low the LORD will lift up, Hallelujah! Praise the LORD.

How the LORD loves all the righteous! He protects the stranger's stay,
Helps the fatherless and widow, But subverts the wicked's way.
Yes, the LORD will reign forever; Zion's God forevermore,
Throughout every generation; Hallelujah! Praise the LORD.

+ INVOCATION

+ PSALM OF PRAISE

Divine Strength Our Protection

HURSLEY

The ARP Psalter, no. 160 (vs. 3)

Distressed, I call upon the Lord, And to my God addressed my pray'r;
My voice He from His temple heard, My cry ascended to His ear.

PASTOR'S PRAYER

(Conclude with Lord's Prayer)

Our Father, which 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.

+ HYMN OF FAITH

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

MARTYN

The Hymnbook, no. 216

Jesus, Lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, While the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide, Till the storm of life is past;
Safe Into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none; Hangs my helpless soul on Thee;
Leave, ah! Leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed, All my help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head With the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; More than all in Thee I find:
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy name; I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, Freely let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart, Rise to all eternity.

+ STATEMENT OF BELIEF

Rev. Davis

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRESENTATION OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

+ **DOXOLOGY** *Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH
The Hymnbook, no. 544

SERMON TEXT Matthew 19:13-30

SERMON **How Valuable is the Kingdom to You?** Rev. Clint Davis

+ **HYMN OF COMMITMENT** *Jesus Calls Us* GALILEE
The Hymnbook, no. 269

Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult of life's wild, restless sea,
Day by day His sweet voice soundeth, Saying "Christian, follow Me."

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
From each Idol that would keep us, Saying "Christian love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still He calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, Love Me more than these."

Jesus calls us: by Thy mercies, Saviour, may we hear Thy call,
Give our hearts to Thine obedience, Serve and love Thee best of all.

+ **CONCLUDING BLESSING**

+ **HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Benediction* STUART TOWNEND

May the peace of God our heav'nly Father, and the grace of Christ the risen
Son, and the fellowship of God the Spirit keep our hearts and minds within
His love. And to Him be praise for His glorious reign, from the depths of
earth to the heights of heav'n. We declare the name of the Lamb once slain:
Christ eternal, the King of kings!

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Church Family: Maurice Bennett, Lorraine Hernandez, Lois Hall, Lamar Kelsey, Elizabeth Levister, Jo Lewis, Sims Lynn, Mary Frances Searle, Martha Taylor, and Walt Whitman.

Church Members: LB Boyd, Erica Boyd, Kale McDougald-Boyd, Banks Boyd, Wendy Branham, Derek Branham, Roy Brunson, Bill Bundy, and Lenora Bundy.

Community: David Brown, Tommy Hamilton, Mark Huey, Mac and Sandra Turner, and Rick and Sandy Ward.

Christian/Churches Around the World: Chester Freedom Ministries, Persecuted Christians in China, Displaced Syrian and Iraqi Christians, Christians in the Sudan, Persecuted Christians in Pakistan.

World: Ben and Trish Alexander (England), James & Claire Blackwell (Scotland), Michael & Laura Cochran (England), Sam & Martha Margaret Cotton (Africa), Chris & Katherine Davidson (Inverness, Scotland), Drew & Lauren Goodman (Africa), Lee & Joni Shelnutt (Pakistan & Rwanda), People who don't know Jesus.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of Jerry Stringfellow and in loving memory of Jimmy Barron by Larry and Anna Whitesides.

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES **September 24, 2025 @ 6:00 pm**

Join us Wednesday, September 24, 2025, for our Morning Breakfast and Bible Study starting at 8:30am in the Barron Room and later for our Wednesday Evening Dinner, Bible Study, and Youth Groups at 6:00 pm. The meal will be provided by Bobbie and Robbie Romanek and John and Marcy Krueger. Team #1 will have the responsibility of set-up and clean-up: Wendy Branham, Jeff Orr, Wayne McGarity, Michael Ritchie, Barbara and Billy Rouse. Hope to see you there!