



Welcome to the Worship of God!

Welcome! We hope the service touched your heart and spoke to your mind. Let us know how we might ever be of service. Feel free to call Pastor Ken at 732-502-6373 if you ever need assistance, have suggestions or just need a prayer.

Your ushers today are David Trump and Brian McGuinness.

Summer Office Hours:

Tuesday and Thursday 9:30-11:30, Wednesday 9:00-1:00

Updated Worship Schedule

8/25 Steve Huston, 9/1 Roger Assimos, 9/8 LL DuBreuil, Linwood Bagby 9/15

We pray for the family of Betty Zwicky, the family of Doug Clausen, Janet Schott and her family, The Miller family who just lost Russ' mom, Alice Miller; and the following as they grieve: the families of Russ Charnock, Emily Sena, Judy Walsh, Carol and Pete Thomson, Rob and Roseanne Lindemann. We also pray for Patti, Cena's friend, Jillian Knetchtel's mother, Susanne Stamm, Mary Jankowski, Bill Murphy, Linda's uncle, the Herrlich family, Ellie Kramps, Betty Gustafson, Liz Henderson, Betty Sharrett, Jeannie, friend of MaryAnn Miller; Darcie Lubalin's mother, Jim Tway, Rev. Charlie Sutton and his wife Mary, Marshall and Bandto, the people in countries at war. If there are matters of concern or thanksgiving you would like included in our prayers or if you would like a name removed from the list, please fill out the prayer request portion of the connection card and put them into the offering or contact Lindsay at Fanwoodpres@gmail.com.

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A Service for the Worship of God

10:30 a.m.

Season of Pentecost

August 18, 2024

Gathering Around God's Word



Prelude & Chimes

Greetings and Welcome

Leader: The gifts of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer

Leader: We gather as God's beloved children. However glad we are, however out of sorts we are. We come together as a people whom Jesus calls into community – So this becomes a place where all are welcome. We have come to give thanks, to pray, sing, and to be with each other – Let us worship God!

Leader: God welcomes us to our shared experiences of worship, fellowship, prayer and praise.

People: Holy God, the Creator of us all, we gather to worship you and to reaffirm our shared relationship as children of God.

Leader: Renewing God, we gather to be re-invigorated in our worship, and in the witness and relationships that flows from worship.

People: Together and individually, we will be cleansed and refreshed by the holy winds of God's Spirit, as it blows around and within us.

Leader: The Lord our God gives new life and new blessings as we come together in the unity of one purpose – to praise and glorify God.

ALL: Blessings, honor, glory and power belongs to our God, the God of all humanity – who claims us all as beloved children. Amen.

***Opening Song 472 'O Sing to the Lord'**

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. God's mercy endures forever. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

*Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Rejoice and be glad! Our God is full of mercy, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Dare to believe in the gift of a new beginning, and be at peace.

*Gloria Patri (Hymn 579)

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.

*Passing of the Peace

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you. (or Peace be with you. or Peace.)

Response: **And also with you.**

Joys and Concerns

Announcements

Hearing God's Word

Children's Message

Linwood Bagby

First Reading *Ecclesiastes 4:9-12*

Second Reading *Mark 2: 1-12*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Redeeming God, as we hear your Word spoken to us, open our eyes to see the risen Christ,

open our ears to hear the good news of his salvation for all the world, and open our minds to understand the mysteries of your love. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Song Before Sermon 'How Great is Our God' by Chris Tomlin

Sermon "Five Friends and their Act of Faith"

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Call for the Offering *Acts 20:35*

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, who said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Responding to God's Word

*Offering Special Music

Hymn of Dedication

Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, these offerings are only a portion of all that you have given us. We gratefully present these gifts and entrust them to your work in this world. May our gifts share the Good News of the gospel to those who are in need. May these gifts help unburden those with the heaviest of loads. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

*Sending Hymn

*Charge and Benediction

Our time together is finished, but our work is not yet done: May your spirits be renewed and your purposes resolved As you meet the challenges of the week to come. May God ignite in you, Faith that requires action by the strength of community. And may the grace, mercy and wisdom of God be your support, guidance and strength from this day forward and forever more. Amen.