

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR JUNE 9, 2024

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Land of Rest*

INTROIT 469 *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* CHILDREN PRAYING

Gathering Around The Word

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *from Ps. 138:1, 3, 8*

One: O give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart.

All: On the day I called, you answered me.

One: God's steadfast love endures forever.

All: Thanks be to God!

***HYMN 694** *Great God of Every Blessing* AURELIA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Gracious God, have mercy on us,
for we have failed to be faithful to you,
though you have been faithful to us.
You show us your wisdom,
but we prefer to go our own way.
Our broken relationships with you and one another
have created poverty in us and our neighbors.
In your mercy, reconcile us to you and one another
for the work of justice, peace, and love,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *from 2 Cor. 4:15-16*

One: Brothers and sisters, do not lose heart. We are being renewed day by day through the grace of Christ extended to us.

All: Thanks be to God!

***PASSING THE PEACE**

We invite you to share the peace of Christ with others.

***RESPONSE 11** *GLORIA PATRI*

**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.**

Listening To the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF GOD'S WORD *from 2 Cor. 4:13-5:1*

FIRST READING *2 CORINTHIANS 4:13-5:1*
(The scripture readings can be found on the back of the bulletin)

ANTHEM 749 *Come! Live in the Light!* WE ARE CALLED

SECOND READING *MARK 3:20-35*

SERMON "Seed Growing Secretly" Rev. Dr. Tim Noel

Responding to the Word

***HYMN 829** *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* OLIVET

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** CHURCH CREED

**We believe God's love sets us free
as the church with a common heritage,
bound together as one family,
nourished by the gift of His Son.**
**We believe God's love sets us free
from fear, judgment, and death.**
**We believe God's love sets us free
with energy and strength for commitment.**
**We believe God's love sets us free,
renewing our faith, hope, and trust.**
**We believe God's love sets us free
to worship, to love, to accept love, and to live.**
We believe God's love sets us free!

SHARING OUR PRAYERS *See prayer concerns list, back page*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *page 35 in hymnal*

GIVING BACK TO GOD'S KINGDOM *from Mark 3:34-35*

*Who are Christ's brothers and sisters?
Those who do the will of God.
Loving God, loving neighbor,
we share what we have
as members of the household of Christ.*

OFFERTORY

***THE DOXOLOGY 606**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *from 2 Cor. 4:13, 15*

God Sends Us Forth

***HYMN 838** *Standing on the Promises* PROMISES

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION** *from Mark 3:35*

***BLESSING**

HYMN 749 *Come! Live in the Light!(vrs3&refrain) WE ARE CALLED*

POSTLUDE

Visiting today? Welcome!

Please tell us a little about yourself!
You can scan this QR code with your
smartphone to fill out our online form.
We would love to get to know you better!



This Week

TODAY! @ 12:00pm - PW Lifetime Award Luncheon
Tue., June 11 @ 5:00pm - Earth Care Team Meeting
Wed., June 12 @ 10:30am - PW Bible Study
Wed., June 12 @ 12:00pm - Packing Food Boxes at GFP
Wed., June 12 @ 4:30pm - Mission Committee Meeting
Wed., June 12 @ 6:30pm - Choir practice
Wed., June 12 @ 6:30pm - Confirmation Class
Thur., June 13 @ 10:30am - Spiritual Practices Group
Thur., June 13 @ 4:30pm - Congregation Care Committee Meeting

Worship Assistants Next Week

Liturgist.....Naomi Judy
Ushers.....Autumn & Forrest Brock
Audio.....Paul Guffey
Video.....Sue Guffey
Coffee Plus.....Brenda Wesley

**for portions marked with an asterisk, you're invited to rise in body or spirit*

First Reading—2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

4¹³But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and therefore we also speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised Jesus will also raise us with Jesus and will present us with you in his presence. ¹⁵Indeed, everything is for your sake, so that grace, when it has extended to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For our slight, momentary affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen, for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

⁵For we know that, if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Second Reading—Mark 3:20-35

²⁰Then he went home, and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." ²³And he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter, ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness but is guilty of an eternal sin"— ³⁰for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

³¹Then his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside asking for you." ³³And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Scripture verses taken from the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition



Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing

Gordon Germain; Joanne Waddle; Nina Wilhelm; Rollin Bacon, Brenda Wesley's uncle; Tommy Brence; Georgia Chrisman, Todd Chrisman's mother; Ed & Joyce Mick; Barbie Cooper; Autumn Brock's mom, Marie; Jennifer Williams; Glenda Wilson; Bill House; Leslie Phillips

Current Giving

	Rec'd month of May	Needed Monthly	Received YTD	Needed YTD
Pledged Offering	\$13,872	\$11,985	\$74,560	\$59,927
Non-Pledged	\$4,025	\$3,289	\$22,238	\$16,443

Blessing Box Attendant

This Week.....Marshall Judy
Next Week.....Suzanne Kidd

Assisting in Worship Today

Ministers.....Every Member
Liturgist.....Zack Vaught
Ushers.....Marty Whitson & Troy Jamieson
Audio.....Mary Beth Waller
Video.....Jon Burlew
Coffee Plus.....Cathy Wright
Director of Music.....Theresa Jean Kibby
Piano & Organ.....Debby McDonald
Interim Pastor.....Rev. Dr. Tim Noel

Deacons:

Paula Burlew	Eileen Stockham	Carol Prater
Cindy Fountain	Mary Beth Waller	Sue Guffey
Marshall Judy	Marci Randall	

Elders:

<i>Class of 2024</i>	<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Class of 2026</i>
Charles Leveridge	Sharon Mandt	Jo Salmon
Zack Vaught	Perry Waller	Laura Wright
John Wright		

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The Third Sunday after Pentecost



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People of God, Welcome Home!

May Christ's peace and presence fill your heart as you worship this day, and may you go forth with the light and love of God shining within you.

We welcome you to worship, and ask that any electronic devices be placed on silent so that all may hear what God has to say.