

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*7th Sunday of Easter
Intercultural Church Sunday;
1001 New Worshipping Communities*

June 1, 2025

Eleven O'Clock

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
Liturgist: Bill Gast

PRELUDE:

CHIMING THE HOUR

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Psalm 118 says: **This is the Day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! Good morning and welcome. It is so nice to see all of you here this morning. Visitors, please sign the attendance registers located in each row.**

Please stand, in body or spirit, and join me in our Call to Worship and remain standing through the Assurance of Pardon

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsively)

Leader: **God is the Alpha and the Omega,**

People: **the first and the last, the beginning and the end.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer

***OPENING PRAYER** Gladly we approach the throne of the Almighty God. The hot summer is upon us and we are content. God, You provide for all that we need and for that we thank You. You made the birds to sing and the rain to fall and the sun to give us warmth and light. It is through Your grace we live and move and have our being, and we thank You. Amen.

Our first hymn today is:

***HYMN** No 39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

***CALL TO CONFESSION** If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves. Let us confess our sins before Almighty God.

Let us pray together

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, You know our hearts, hear our humble prayer. We are a sinful people. We choose the ways of the world rather than Your ways. We turn our backs on the masses of humanity who need our help and look toward our own satisfaction. Forgive us when we cannot see You in the face of every beggar, every homeless person, and every child who is going through life alone. Give us the wisdom to hear Your voice in the most difficult situations. (Say – “Please pray silently,” and after about 20 seconds, say, Amen) Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Brothers and sisters in Christ, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

You may be seated.

A TIME FOR YOUTH At this time would our youth please come forward.

Please bow your heads for our Prayer for Illumination

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Open our minds and hearts to Your word today. Grant us the wisdom to hear Your word spoken to us in this time and in this place. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 97, please read it responsively with me.

Leader: The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

People: Clouds and thick darkness are all around Him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.

Leader: Fire goes before Him, and consumes His adversaries on every side.

People: His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

Leader: The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth.

People: The heavens proclaim His righteousness; and all the peoples behold His glory.

Leader: All worshipers of images are put to shame, those who make their boast in worthless idols; all gods bow down before Him.

People: Zion hears and is glad, and the towns of Judah rejoice, because of Your judgements, O God.

Leader: For You, O Lord, are most high over all the earth; You are exalted far above all gods.

People: The Lord loves those who hate evil; He guards the lives of His faithful; He rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

Leader: Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright of heart.

People: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to His holy name!

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Our New Testament Lesson comes from Acts 16:16-34, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 136 of the New Testament

Acts 16:16-34

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour. ¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ³¹They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from John 17:20-26, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 111-112 of the New Testament

John 17:20-26

²⁰"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Janet Boyanton

Those who are able, please stand and join with me in singing:

***HYMN** No. 503 "*Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation*" O QUANTA QUALIA

Please join me in Affirmation of Faith as it is printed in your bulletin.

***AFFIRMATION** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

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.

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 581 "*Glory Be to the Father*" 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.

You may be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS It is time for announcements, does anybody have an announcement they would like to make?

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY And now it is time for our Prayer Concerns and Celebrations. Does anybody have anything they would like to share?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY:

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 606 *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Let us come to God with our prayer of Thanksgiving

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Lord, there is no thanks sufficient for that gracious gift of eternal life. We give You our love and devotion as faithful believers. Take our gifts for Your church and use them to spread the joy of the gospel to all people. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

(For the music used during the prayer turn to #552, 553, and 554 in the hymnal.)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: To the one true and living God...

Therefore, we praise You, joining our voices with the choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

How wonderful are the works of Your hands, Holy God, and how gracious is the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior...

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Breathe on us, breath of God, and upon these gifts of bread and cup...

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our last Hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 546 "*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*" SICILIAN MARINERS

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 80 "*You Shall Go Out with Joy*" THE TREES OF THE FIELD

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap,
will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands;
the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***POSTLUDE:**

***Those who are able may stand.**

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FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY – 10:00 AM Art Group

NEXT SUNDAY –

10:30 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Joe and Lorrinda Alexander

Thomas Alexander – please continue to pray

Jim Glander

Martha Brashear – continued prayers

The church and nation of Ukraine

Makia's people in Cameroon

DeSoto Food Pantry

Chikezie is very weak

Christians in Pakistan

Janet Boyanton

Travel mercies for the Boyanton's

Joan Christy

Devynne's grandmother is doing better and will be going to a rehab facility

Afghanistan refugees have been ordered to self-deport

Beau McGee's company closed and he is currently unemployed and struggling

Cori's mom is having chest pains and is going to see a cardiologist

Bill's mom is having chest pains

CELEBRATIONS

Both Spencer and Brayden got all A's this last semester