

ORDER OF WORSHIP

17th Sunday After Pentecost
Theological Education/Seminaries Sunday
Evangelism Sunday

September 15, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
Liturgist: Thomas Boyanton

PRELUDE:

CHIMING THE HOUR

GREETINGS 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 response.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: **The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork,**

People: **Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

*PRAISE CHORUS:

Hymn No. 1 *“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”* vs. 1 NICAEA

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed trinity!

Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer

***OPENING PRAYER** **O God, Wisdom of the universe, You bear the pain of Your people. Grant us the gift of wisdom, that we may discern Your way and live justly and graciously amid the struggles of this world. Amen.**

Our first hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 36 *“For the Fruit of All Creation”* AR HYDY NOS

***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**

Loving God, all too often we find that our spirit is truly willing, but our resolve is weak. We choose not to follow You when it seems hard or it conflicts with our own plans. It is easier to do what we want and convince ourselves it is right, than to do what we know is the right thing to do. Lord give us the knowledge of good and evil, of right and wrong, and the strength to choose the right. Forgive us when we fail and support us as we work to be Your faithful followers. (Say – **“Please pray silently,”** and after about 20 seconds, say, Amen)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Brothers and sisters in Christ, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 694 *“Great God of Every Blessing”* vs. 2 AURELIA
Your word is my salvation, the source of endless grace,
in death and life extending Your covenant embrace.
In Christ we are one body; each member has a part:
sincerely and completely I offer You my heart.

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 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to You, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 116:1-9, please read it responsively with me.

Leader: I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my supplications.

People: Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

Leader: The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

People: I suffered distress and anguish.

Leader: Then I called on the name of the Lord: “O Lord, I pray, save my life!”

People: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

Leader: The Lord protects the simple; when I was brought low, He saved me.

People: Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

Leader: For You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

People: I walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS Our Old Testament Lesson comes from [Isaiah 50:4-9a](#) you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 681 of the Old Testament

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from [Mark 8:27-38](#) you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 43-44 of the New Testament

Mark 8:27-38

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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. 839 *“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”* ASSURANCE

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

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

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, it is with a grateful heart we thank You for all that we have and all that we are. Your gifts to us exceed anything we can imagine. The gift of life eternal, spent in the presence of our Lord, is a gift of unmeasured value. Help us never to take Your gifts for granted. Amen.

Our last Hymn today is:

*** HYMN** No. 610 “*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*” AZMON

***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 the 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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Please join us for Refreshments
in the Opportunity Corner Following the Worship Service

Daily Bread

Supplement

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CLOTHES FOR THE NEEDY AND GLASSES FOR THE LIONS CLUB

We will continue to collect clothes for the needy and glasses for the Lions Club. Please bring in your donations and put them in the designated places in the Opportunity Corner.

HEARING ASSIST UNITS

Thanks to Barry Krueger we now have Hearing Assist Units. If you would like to use one, they are available on the counter in the sanctuary kitchen.

DESOTO FOOD PANTRY

DeSoto Food Pantry needs the help of the community to continue to feed the less fortunate in our city. The best way to help is through monetary donations. \$1 can buy as much as \$7 worth of food. They buy their food through the North Texas Food Bank, so it is much cheaper than buying food at a grocery store. However, all donations are welcome and appreciated. Thank you to all that continue to donate to this great cause.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY

10:30 AM Tuesday Morning Group

THURSDAY

10:00 AM Art Group

NEXT SUNDAY

10:30 AM Adult Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

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

Gene Knox and Jewell Victorino

DeSoto Food Pantry

Prayers for the people in Nigeria

Max Jewell is at home, but needs our continued prayers as he is still recovering

Chikezie is very weak

Bryan's mom

Christians in Pakistan

Janet

The Israel-Hamas War

Prayers for those who are hungry and without clean drinking water

People all over the world are hungry, not just for food, but for the word of God.

Alice Anne has a good friend, Jeremy, who is in the hospital and needs our prayers

Makia and Mireille's niece is looking for a job in this area

Steve Perry has an infection on his leg

Cori's mom is looking for a new job

Michael Kennedy is in the hospital after having 2 surgeries

Baby Miller was born with a heart defect and needs open heart surgery

Heidi and Ivan had a neighbor that lost his life in a car accident, prayers for his family

Mike Keffer hurt himself

Isabella Miranda played the piano for the offertory

Travel mercies for Cecil and Pat

Continued prayers for Joan and Bill and Lori as a caretaker

CELEBRATIONS

Chris Fayson was here visiting from Grace Presbytery