

ORDER OF WORSHIP

18th Sunday After Pentecost
Gift of New Immigrant Sunday

September 22, 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: **We worship the King, all glorious above.**

People: **We shout for joy at the sound of His name.**

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. 37 *“Let All Things Now Living”* CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN

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

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving God we all know we have fallen short of Your commands to us. You tell us to love our neighbor, but we find it easier to hate those who disagree with us. You tell us to feed the hungry and often we feed them, but with the condescension of one who knows they can never be in that position. We don't even attempt to visit the prisoner because they are where they belong. Forgive us when we believe that we are better than others because of our own actions. Help us to see all Your creations as one. Give us the humility to reach out to those in need and show them Christ-like love. Forgive us when we stumble. (Say – **“Please pray silently,”** and after about 20 seconds, say, **Amen**) 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 Lord, open our ears to hear Your word, our eyes to see the world around us as You see it and our hearts, so we may address the needs in our community with love. Amen.

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

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinner tread, or sit in the seat of the scoffers;

People: but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law they meditate day and night.

Leader: They are like trees planted by the streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all they do, they prosper.

People: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Leader: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

People: for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Leader: **The Word of the Lord.**

People: Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS Our Old Testament Lesson comes from **Proverbs 31:10-31** you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 613-614 of the Old Testament

Proverbs 31:10-31

¹⁰A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels.

¹¹The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.

¹²She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.

¹³She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands.

¹⁴She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away.

¹⁵She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls.

¹⁶She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.

¹⁷She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong.

¹⁸She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night.

¹⁹She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle.

²⁰She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy.

²¹She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson.

²²She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple.

²³Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land.

²⁴She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes.

²⁵Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.

²⁶She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

²⁷She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness.

²⁸Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her:

²⁹“Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.”

³⁰Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

³¹Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS Our New Testament Lesson comes from James 3:13-4:3, 7-8, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 230-231 of the New Testament

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

⁴Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from Mark 9:30-37, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 45 of the New Testament

Mark 9:30-37

³⁰They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Those who are able, please stand and join with me in singing “Sweet Hour of Prayer”, the words are in your bulletins

***HYMN “*Sweet Hour of Prayer*”** Author: William Walford

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!

That calls me from a world of care.

And bids me at my Father’s throne

Make all my wants and wishes known.

In seasons of distress and grief,

My soul has often found relief

And oft escaped the tempter’s snare

By the return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!

The joys I feel the bliss I share,

Of those whose anxious spirits bury

With strong desires for Thy return!

With such I hasten to the place

Where God my Savior shows His face,

And gladly take my station there,

And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!

Thy wings shall my petition bear

to Him whose truth and faithfulness

engage the waiting soul to bless

and since He bids me seek His face,

Believe His Word and trust His grace,

I’ll cast on Him my every care,

And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

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**

O God, our teacher and guide, You draw us to Yourself and welcome us beloved children. Help us to lay aside our envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in Your ways of wisdom and understanding as servant of Your peace. Amen.

Our last Hymn today is:

*** HYMN** No. 724 *“O Jesus, I Have Promised”* ANGEL’S STORY

***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

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

Travel mercies for Cecil and Pat

Continued prayers for Joan and Bill and Lori as a caretaker

Travel mercies for Eric Bartels as he travels back to Nigeria, and prayers for him and team as they work on a very exciting project