

September 18, 2022; 9:00 am  
20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

## **We Gather Together**

**Prelude** “Nearer, My God, to Thee w/In The Secret”    *arr. Carol Tornquist*

*(Welcome to our Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on zoom or watching several days from now, we are glad you are here. We extend a special welcome to our visitors. Please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. **Masking (N-95 preferred) and social distancing are not required but are respected and encouraged. Please consider your own health and the health of those around you.**)*

### **Welcome & Announcements**

**Handbells:** “Breathe”

*arr. by Peggy Bettcher*

### **Ringling of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ**

#### **\*Call to Worship**

*Carol Wetzel*

We gather together, in God’s presence, to celebrate the joy in our lives.

**God's love fills our hearts to overflowing with laughter.**

We gather together, in God's presence, to find comfort and hope for our pain.

**God's grace wipes away our tears and knits us together as one people.**

We gather together, in God's presence, to worship God in faith and truth.

**Alleluia! Amen!**

#### **\*Prayer**

Most wonderful God, help us to delight in you more than farmers do with rain, bankers with profits, and children with parties.

**Give us the liberty of your Holy Spirit, that here, side by side with fellow disciples, we may dare to be your children, in your house. In the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.**

**\*Hymn GTG 340 “This Is My Song”**

*The first two stanzas of this hymn were written between the 20<sup>th</sup> century's two world wars and focus on the theme of international peace. The third stanza, by another author and added later, uses the language of the Lord's Prayer to voice a distinctly Christian perspective.*

**\*Call to Confession**

Before we speak, God knows our needs. But we must speak, for in speaking we open our hearts to God's grace. Let us prepare ourselves for God's healing as, in words and silence, we tell of all that separates us from God and one another.

Please join me in our responsive prayer of confession.

**\*Confession**

Everlasting God, we admit we have not lived as your people.

**We serve many masters - work, wealth, power, addictions - yet find no hope in them. We hear the cries of the poor, and shut the doors of our hearts to them. We ridicule those who expose their hopes and dreams to us, and yet secretly we envy them.**

Forgive us, Compassion's Heart, and heal us of our brokenness.

**Make us well, so we might bring to others the gifts of hope and love Jesus brought to us.**

*Silent Confession (In the silence of our hearts we confess our sins to God.)*

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

God judges us, but God's justice is always tempered by divine mercy. The good news of God is sure and certain: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Amen!**

**\*Sharing God's Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with!

**And also, with you!**

*(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you using the ancient formula 'The Peace of Christ.' 'And also, with you.' Please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands or be too close. **We encourage you to use this time to send a text or emoji to someone who cannot be here.**)*

**\*Hymn PH 577 “Glory Be to the Father”**

## **God's Word Is Proclaimed**

**Old Testament Lesson** Amos 8:4-7  
**New Testament Lesson** Luke 16:1-13

**Children's Time**

*Jennifer Zander*

**\*Hymn GTG 335** "The Foolish in Their Hearts Deny"

**Sermon** "Learning from the Other Side"

*Rev. Ken Locke*

## **We Respond to God's Word**

**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.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**The Offering** "Praise God, From Whom all Blessings Flow"

*Handbell Choir*                      *arr. by John A. Behnke*

**\*Offertory 428** "We Give Thee but Thine Own" (vs 1)

**\*Offertory Prayer**

Gracious God, giver of all that is good, bless the gifts we bring you today.  
These gifts represent our work, our hopes, and our dreams, and we offer them  
in thanksgiving for all we have received.

**May they be the first fruits of all we have, and not what we have left over.  
May we see them as a sacred offering, and not a gift of obligation or  
exchange.**

**May we use them wisely for your service, to reflect your love to our city  
and our world.**

**May they move us to be more faithful disciples, energizing us for lives of  
generosity.**

In gratitude for the grace of God, in the warmth of God's hospitality, and in the spirit of the generosity embodied by Christ, we dedicate these offerings to the work of God. Amen.

**\*Hymn GTG 700 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

Let all God's people say,  
**Alleluia, Amen!**

**\*Closing Refrain PH 537 "Shalom Chaverim!"**

This Hebrew blessing is set to a traditional Israeli melody. The version in *The Presbyterian Hymnal (1990)* differs from others in its use of both the masculine *chaverim* and the feminine *chaverot*, plural Hebrew words for "good friends.: The Hebrew is pronounced: Shah-lom, kah-vay-reem, shah-lohm, kah-vay-roht! Lah-heet-rah-oht.)

**Postlude:** "Every time I Feel the Spirit"

*arr. by Anthony Giamanco*

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## This Week at Church

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>09.18</b>
9:00-10:00am	Worship Pastor Ken is leading us in worship. Handbell Choir Sanctuary & Live-stream
10:15am	Fellowship Time
10:15-11:15am	Growing Connections for All Ages: New Member Class <b>The Bible</b>
11:30-12:30pm	Growing Connections Adult <i>Planning</i> Meeting
6:00-7:30pm	Boy Scout Meeting
<b>Monday</b>	<b>09.19</b>
10:00-11:30am	Staff Meeting
6:30-8:00pm	Hybrid Session Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>09.20</b>
7:00-8:00pm	Book Study (Zoom)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>09.21</b>
8:00-9:00am	Men's Breakfast - Pump 'n Pantry
10:30-11:30am	Book Study (Church)
4:30-5:30pm	Handbell Practice
6:30-7:30pm	Bingo (Zoom)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>09.22</b>
	Presbytery Meeting
<b>Friday</b>	<b>09.23</b>
7:00-9:00pm	Cribbage
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>09.25</b>
9:00-10:00am	Worship Pastor Ken is leading us in worship.
10:15am	Fellowship Time
10:15-11:15am	Growing Connections for All Ages: New Member Class <b>Church History</b>
	1:00-2:00pm AA Planning Meeting
	4:00-5:00pm Learning Team
	6:00-7:00pm Scout Meeting

## This Week at Church

**Growing Connections** September 18 10:15am

New Member Classes begin. Be sure to join us if you are interested in joining the church. However, current members are welcome to join, too. Today we are talking about the Bible.

**Handbell Choir** September 21 9:00am

Our Handbell Choir is leading us in worship.

### New Member Classes

**September 25 – Church History.** We've been around for almost 2,000 years. How have we changed during that time? Where is John Calvin buried?

**October 2 – Presbyterianism.** What do we believe? Why do we worship the way we do? What are ways you can be a part of our life in ministry together?

**Bingo** September 21 6:30pm

After the summer break, Bingo returns. You can find a link for the Bingo card in Wednesday Updates or on our website.

**Book Study** – Through November 16

In her book, *Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life*, Tish Harrison Warren invites us to connect our everyday, ordinary life to the work of God. Books are available, in the office, for \$12.00.

- **Tuesday Evenings on Zoom** 7:00pm  
(Contact the office for the Zoom link)
- **Wednesday Mornings In-Person** 10:30pm

**Congregational Mission Study Team** September 25

Moving forward, which way does God want us to go?

### Wednesday Updates / Sunday Reminders

Watch for these in your inbox around 11:00am.

## Prayers

Peter D.  
Brian C.  
Gary G.  
Pete R.  
Pat D.  
Gib D.  
Arnold L.  
Pauline W.

Les M.  
Ruth S.  
Jesse F.  
Silas W.  
Liam A.  
Jerry and Mary H.  
Chastity G. and Joan S.  
The Family of Heather Holstein Kozlowski  
Heather's service was held yesterday.

Jolene S's sister Janell, and her husband Jack.

## Weekly Statistics

DATE	ATTENDANCE	WEEKLY INCOME	NOTES
Sept.11,2022	<b>80</b>	\$2,726.00	OFFERINGS/TITHES
Sept.11,2022		\$0.00	RAISE THE ROOF CAMPAIGN
09/05--09/09/22		\$1,001.00	VANCO-ONLINE OFFERINGS
09/05--09/09/22		\$250.00	VANCO-ONLINE ROOF OFFERINGS
		<b>\$3,977.00</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK</b>
		<b>\$46,756.97</b>	<b>TOTAL IN THE "RAISE THE ROOF" CAMPAIGN FUND</b>
9/11/2022	<b>7</b>		ATTENDANCE FOR THE LIVE STREAMING SERVICE 09/11/2022

Please take a moment to thank those who help make our service run smoothly. Because of them, we are able to worship God well.

## **Luke 16:1-13, NRSV, alt.**

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup> So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ <sup>3</sup> Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup> I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ <sup>5</sup> So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup> He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ <sup>7</sup> Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ <sup>8</sup> And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.

<sup>9</sup> “And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of worldly wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

<sup>10</sup> “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup> If then, you have not been faithful with worldly wealth, who will entrust to you heavenly riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful with the worldly wealth God has given you, who will give you your own treasure in heaven?

<sup>13</sup> “No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and worldly wealth.”