

June 2, 2024; 9:00 am
Second Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion

We Gather Together

Welcome to today's Service of Worship. Whether you are with us in person, joining us live on zoom, watching on our YouTube channel, or listening on KFIZ, we are glad you are here. For those in person, please use the time before worship to fill in the Friendship Pad in your pew. We extend a special welcome to our visitors, and if you have not already received your welcome gift, please pick one up as you leave the sanctuary after worship.

Copies of the Glory to God hymnal and Common English Bibles are available at the back of the sanctuary for your use during worship.

Prelude: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

arr. by Gordon Young, Paul Karvonen and Charles Callahan

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Craig R. Alwin

Ringling of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ

***Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 81)**

Eddie H.

Sing aloud to God our strength!

Shout for joy to the God of Jacob!

Raise a song.

Sound the tambourine.

Play sweet music with the harp.

Hear, O my people, while I admonish you.

If you would but listen to me!

There shall be no strange god among you.

You shall not bow down to a foreign god.

I am the Lord your God.

Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.

I would feed you with the finest of the wheat,

and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.

*** Opening Prayer**

O God, we gather in your presence to praise your holy name, with songs on our lips and love in our hearts. We gather together, because we find joy and love, peace and understanding, among your people. We seek to serve and glorify you, the only true God, three in one, in all we do and say. Teach us the way that we should go each day. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that we might know the comfort of your presence within us day and night.

***Opening Hymn: GTG 319 “Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing”**

(feel free to play instruments on the chorus, Shout to the...)

Laurie C., Cantor

***Call to Confession**

Eddie H.

We cannot claim ignorance of our sins, for we know how we have not lived as God's people. But God refuses to forsake us, waiting to forgive us and call us as God's children. Please join me as we pray, saying,

***Prayer of Confession**

Eddie H.

God of transformation, if we are to have any hope, we must face the reality of our lives, putting a name to our failings. You hand us a bouquet of gifts, but we let them wither by not placing them in your living water. You call us to speak out for those who live on the margins of our world, but we convince ourselves that silence is the best way to help them. Speak to us in our silence, so we may learn to offer your grace to others.

Silent Confession

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

Forgive us God, so we may respond to your opportunities to serve your people. **May the steadfast love of your Spirit teach us the new language of faith, so we might share our gifts with others, even as you have shared the gift of your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

God delights in you so much that God will not rest until you are at peace. God will not remain silent, but will call you by name.

God's steadfast love extends to the heavens, and reaches down to touch our hearts. From God's heart to ours - we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Sharing God's Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you! **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.**)*

*** Sung Response: GTG 441 "Here the Good News of Salvation" vs 1**
(feel free to play rhythm instruments to emphasize our joy of the Good News)

God's Word Is Proclaimed

Psalm Reading: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (Common English Bible)
(page 577 in the pew Bible, page 773 Common English Bible)

Lord, you have examined me.

You know me.

You know when I sit down and when I stand up.

Even from far away, you comprehend my plans.

You study my traveling and resting.

You are thoroughly familiar with all my ways.

**There isn't a word on my tongue, Lord,
that you don't already know completely.**

You surround me—front and back.

You put your hand on me.

**That kind of knowledge is too much for me;
it's so high above me that I can't reach it.**

You are the one who created my innermost parts;
you knit me together while I was still in my mother's womb.

I give thanks to you that I was marvelously set apart.

Your works are wonderful—I know that very well.

My bones weren't hidden from you
when I was being put together in a secret place,
when I was being woven together in the deep parts of the earth.

**Your eyes saw my embryo,
and on your scroll every day was written
that was being formed for me,
before any one of them had yet happened.**

God, your plans are incomprehensible to me!

Their total number is countless!

If I tried to count them—they outnumber grains of sand!

If I came to the very end—I'd still be with you.

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 (Common English Bible)

(page 180 in the pew Bible, page 1407 Common English Bible)

We don't preach about ourselves. Instead, we preach about Jesus Christ as Lord, and we describe ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. God said that light should shine out of the darkness. He is the same one who shone in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in clay pots so that the awesome power belongs to God and doesn't come from us. We are experiencing all kinds of trouble, but we aren't crushed. We are confused, but we aren't depressed. We are harassed, but we aren't abandoned. We are knocked down, but we aren't knocked out.

We always carry Jesus' death around in our bodies so that Jesus' life can also be seen in our bodies. We who are alive are always being handed over to death for Jesus' sake so that Jesus' life can also be seen in our bodies that are dying. So death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

Children's Time

Jennifer Zander

Sermon: “Treasure in Clay Pots”

Rev. Dr. Craig Alwin

Sung response: GTG 695 “Change My Heart, O God”

We Respond to God’s Word

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

Offering Music: GTG 29 “O God, You Search Me”

(please join us in singing verses 4 & 5)

<https://youtu.be/broBTwmATx0?si=3Wit8m4mt-8xt0JJ>

*** Offertory: GTG 610 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (vs 4)**

***Offertory Prayer**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

GTG 509 “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

(Remain seated, we sing this song as the table is being prepared for communion)

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

This is neither a Presbyterian table, nor even the church’s table. This is the Lord’s table. It is prepared for those who love the Lord and for those who desire to love him more. All who believe in Jesus Christ are welcome to share in this meal.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, our creator. You have given us life in your Spirit. Once we were no people, but now we are your people. You claimed Israel as your chosen nation and raised up the church as a witness to the resurrection, breathing into it your life and power. From worlds apart, you gathered us together. When we go astray, you welcome us home. Your love is always steadfast.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. In love with you and in compassion for all, Jesus healed and taught, challenged and comforted, welcomed and saved. He formed a community, promising to be with his disciples wherever two or three were gathered, and sending them on his mission of hope and healing in the world. Jesus trusted his life to you, and went freely to his death, so the world might be set free from suffering and sin.

You raised him from death and raise us also to live a new life with him. In the power of the Holy Spirit, you send us out to make disciples as he commanded.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we pour may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

We ask these things through Christ, with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit be glory now and forever more. AMEN.

And now, lifting our voices together in unity, we pray the prayer Jesus taught:

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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD - (words of institution]

SHARING OF THE MEAL

These are the gifts of God, for the people of God.
Come, share in the mystery of this holy meal.

**The Bread of Life
The Cup of Salvation**

Music during communion: GTG 157 "I Danced in the Morning"

PRAYER OF THANKS

Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Sending Song GTG 192 “Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining”**

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: “Shine, Jesus Shine”

arr. by John Carter

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Jesse F.	Dave E.	*Dale F.
Liam A.	Bob & Olive B.	*Karen & David H.
Burt M.	The Family of Ruth P.*	*Lorele C.
Marie L.		*Jim & Laura C.

*Ruth’s father, Chong Kim, passed away on May 25.

The names with an asterisk (*) are not church members. However, a church member has received permission to ask that they be lifted in prayer. If you or someone you know would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact a Deacon or the church staff.

If you have a pastoral concern, that happens before or after office hours, please call the office (920.922.0425), press #2 for Pastoral Care.

Weekly Statistics for May 26, 2024

Individuals in Person: 97
 Zoom Households: 8

<u>DATE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
05/26/2024	\$1718.75	Tithes/Offerings
	\$1000.	Pave the Way
05/20- 05/24	\$856.00	Vanco Online "Tithes/Offerings"
	10.00	Vanco Online "Pave the Way"
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	\$3584.75	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK

June Deacon of the Month
Debby Lorenz

June Elder of the Month
Laurie Christie

This Week at Church

Sunday **June 2**
9:00-10:00am Worship / Communion
10:15-11:15am Fellowship Time
10:15-11:15am Growing Connections
 • Adults Sermon Discussion
 • 4th – 7th Grade Room 3
 • Preschool – 3rd Grade Room 8
11:30-1:00 PYA

Monday **June 3**
10:00-11:00am Staff Meeting
1:00 – 2:00pm Deacons Meeting

Wednesday **June 5**
8:00-9:00am Men's Breakfast (Pump 'n Pantry)
9:30-10:30am Growing Connections Planning
11:00am-12:00pm Serving Team
1:00-3:00pm Personnel Team

Thursday **June 6**
10:00am-3:00pm Presbytery Meeting (Zoom)
3:30-4:30pm Baccalaureate Service

Sunday **June 9**
9:00-10:00am Worship
10:15-11:15am Fellowship Time
10:15-11:15am Growing Connections
 • Adults Lynn's Personal Story
 • 8th – 12th Grade Room 6
 • 4th – 7th Grade Room 3
 • Preschool – 3rd Grade Room 8