

October 16, 2022; 9:00 am
24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

We Gather Together

Prelude “If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee” *arr. J.C. Kühnau*

*(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

Alternative Gift Fair

Sue Baker, Serving Team

Ringling of the Bell and entrance of the Light of Christ

***Call to Worship**

Scott Polacek

We lift up our eyes to the hills; from where will our help come?

Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

In praise and with thanksgiving, we gather as one body, with song and with prayer.

The Lord will keep our going out and our coming in from this time and forevermore. Come, let us worship our God

***Prayer**

Ever-present, always-with-us God, we pause to thank you for the constant love that holds us up and keeps us together.

We know we could not function, as individuals or as a church, without you beside us, before us, behind us and in us.

Fill our mouths with sweet sounds. Fill our hearts with sweet love. Fill our minds with sweet knowledge of how we should live.

We pray in the name of our Lord, Jesus the Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

***Hymn GTG 781 “Hear My Cry, O God, and Save Me!”**

Cheryl Clarenbach, Cantor

***Call to Confession**

The living Word of God, Jesus Christ, leads the way to salvation through faith. In turning to the Lord with humility, and trusting in his love, we confess our sin and the sins of the world.

***Confession**

Maybe we have been too busy to notice deeds that are beautiful and good; or too preoccupied to say, ‘thank you’ or ‘I love you’. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Maybe we have been too stubborn to apologize for our mistakes; too proud to do inconspicuous tasks, or too independent to let others help us. Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Maybe we have been too self-demanding to enjoy a task well done though not perfectly; or too proudly humble to gracefully accept thanks from a colleague. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Merciful God, Savior and Friend, forgive us for our obsessive busyness, for our pride, and for our overdone humility. Forgive us for hurts we have inflicted on others, and for the love we have denied them and ourselves. By the grace of Christ Jesus, restore us to the joy of salvation. In his name we pray,

Silent Confession

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

***Assurance of Pardon**

Whoever we are, wherever we are, however we are, we belong to God. Through Jesus Christ, God cleanses us from all unrighteousness and leads us from sin. People of God, believe the good news. 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 Genesis 32:22-31

Epistle Lesson 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Gospel Lesson Luke 18:1-8

***Hymn GTG 458 "Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet"**

Children's Time

Presentation of "First Bibles"

Sermon "A Third Way? Both Ways?"

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.

Offering “Enviado soy de Dios” (The Lord Now Sends Us Forth)

(We encourage you to share from your abundance to support the ministries and outreach of our church. You may give in person during the service, mail your check to our church office or give electronically through our website.)

Consider giving electronically. It's easy, convenient, and secure. You can sign-up on our website www.fdlpresbyterian.org. [Click on 'Giving'](#).

***Offertory: PH 428 “We Give Thee but Thine Own” (vs1)**

***Offertory Prayer**

Like your words, O God, the tangible gifts with which we are blessed are not to be hoarded or hidden away for rainy days. Rather we offer them so they might bring healing, hope, grace, and peace to all around us, your children. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn GTG 747 “The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”**

Charge and Benediction

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

***Closing Refrain PH 537 “Shalom Chaverim!”**

Israeli Melody

(We will sing Verse 1 together, then all verses in a round)

Farewell, good friends,
Farewell, good friends,
Shalom, shalom!
Till we meet again, till we meet again,
Shalom, shalom.

Shalom, chaverim!
Shalom, chaverot!
Shalom, shalom!
Lehitraot, lehitraot,
Shalom, shalom.

Postlude “Thy Word”

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Prayers

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The family of Pete Radlund*

Ruth S.
Jesse F.
Silas W.
Liam A.
Jerry and Mary H.
Chastity G. and Joan S.
Jolene S. - sister and her husband

* A Memorial Service for Pete was held yesterday.

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

E-Giving

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Weekly Statistics

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>WEEKLY INCOME</u>	<u>NOTES</u>	
OCT 9,2022	61	\$2,639.00	OFFERINGS/TITHES	
OCT 9,2022		\$400.00	RAISE THE ROOF CAMPAIGN	
10/03--07/2022		\$2,456.00	VANCO-ONLINE OFFERINGS	
10/03--07/2022		\$0.00	VANCO-ONLINE ROOF OFFERINGS	
		\$5,495.00	TOTAL INCOME FOR THE WEEK	
		\$47,181.97	TOTAL IN THE "RAISE THE ROOF" CAMPAIGN FUND	
10/9/2022	4		ATTENDANCE FOR THE LIVE STREAMING SERVICE 10/09/2022	

This Week at Church

Sunday	10.16
9:00-10:00am	Worship Pastor Ken is leading us in worship. Young disciples receive Bibles. Sanctuary & Zoom
10:15am	Fellowship Time
10:15-11:15am	Growing Connections for All Ages “Welcome to the Table” Fellowship Hall & Zoom We will explore the mystery and meaning of the Lord’s Supper.
12:00-1:30	PYA – Bowling at Ledgeview Lanes
4:00-5:00pm	Learning Team
6:00-7:30pm	Scout Meeting
Monday	10.17
10:00-11:30am	Staff Meeting
6:30-8:00pm	Session (Hybrid)
Tuesday	10.18
7:00-8:00pm	Book Study (Zoom)
Wednesday	10.19
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)
7:00-8:00pm	Confirmation
Friday	10.21
7:00-9:00pm	Cribbage
Sunday	10.23
9:00-10:00am	Worship Chaplain Darren Beachy is leading us in worship. Sanctuary & Zoom
10:15am	Fellowship Time
10:15-11:15am	Growing Connections for All Ages “Breast Cancer Awareness” Fellowship Hall & Zoom
10:15-11:15am	Alternative Gift Fair Planning Meeting
11:30-12:30pm	PYA (Fellowship Hall)
6:00-7:30pm	Scout Meeting
Looking Ahead	

Evaluate needs and streamline roles. Make certain that every role you define has a meaningful part to play in making ministry happen. People have no patience for tasks that serve no useful purpose. If you are unable to fill a particular role, leave the position open for a time to see what you learn about the void. Is it really needed?

Embrace technology. We have learned many things about working remotely. Let go of the notion that all ministry needs to take place in the church building. Let people do their work for the church the way they have learned to work for their employers.

Promote flexibility. Don't limit volunteer opportunities based on physical availability during narrow time slots. Certainly, some positions have a very specific time commitment—you can only teach vacation Bible school when the school is in session. However, much ministry can be accomplished whenever the volunteer has time to get the job done. Be creative about how you structure volunteer roles to allow people to use their available time.

Move toward episodic micro-volunteering. People are less interested in joining committee and boards with ambiguous workloads. They are more inclined to say yes to a specific task that falls within their wheelhouse—a task that they can complete on their own timeframe, working with other individuals who are equally invested in the task. This requires more work on the part of volunteer managers and committee chairs, dividing the tasks and delegating them between available workers.

Clarify the expected outcomes of volunteer assignments. Create volunteer position charters. What is the purpose of this role? How does it contribute to the mission of the congregation? What are the boundaries of the role and the expectations of its occupant? How will the volunteer grow by serving in this capacity? How will the volunteer be supervised and evaluated? How will the volunteer know that their work made a difference?

Help people pursue passion. Too many volunteer jobs are just plain boring. Too many meetings. Too many restrictions based on “how we've always done it.” Too many instances of being unsupported and overwhelmed by the need, because all the work fell on too few shoulders. Other instances of being recruited to serve when there wasn't a meaningful contribution to make.

CONSIDER THIS: Instead of starting with a position that the church wants filled, begin with the volunteer. Ask what they are passionate about, where they feel compelled to make a difference, and then craft opportunities that honor the passion while also supporting the mission and priorities of the congregation.