

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 2023

11:00 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

GATHERING

Prelude "He Leadeth Me" (Larson) David Thompson

Call to Worship Renee Wiseman

Our help is in the name of the Lord

who made heaven and earth.

We belong to God,

who comes to our aid in times of need.

God is on our side,

and gives us the courage to do what we know is right.

God invites us to turn away from the influences of the world

and confess that God alone is our Lord and Savior.

This is our God!

Let us worship God together.

***Hymn of Praise #263** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

***Call to Confession** Renee Wiseman

***Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God,
how often do we come before you scared.

Scared for our health,

scared for our jobs,

scared for our loved ones,

scared for the future.

Forgive us, Lord, when we dwell in our fears,
when we allow our fears to drown out your voice.

Through the Holy Spirit, you send us courage,
yet our fears continue to hold us.

Through the Holy Spirit, you send us comfort,
yet we are still uneasy.

Through the Holy Spirit, you send us truth,
yet we lean too much on our own wisdom.

Forgive us, we pray, and free us from our sin
that we may love and serve others as you love and serve us.

And hear the sins we now name silently...

***Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***Assurance of Pardon Response #447**

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon on the Steps Carrie Wyatt

Anthem "Brother James' Air/ Psalm 23" (Folk Song) Chancel Choir

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie;

In pastures green, He leadeth me the quiet waters by.

He leadeth me, He leadeth me the quiet waters by.

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie.

Though I should walk through valley dark, I have no need to fear;

His rod and staff will comfort me, my Lord is ever near.

He comforts me, He comforts me, my Lord is ever near.

Though I should walk through valley dark, I have no need to fear.

His mercy surely follows me wherever I may go;

And I shall live eternally within His house I know.

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His mercy surely follows me wherever I may go, wherever I may go.

First Reading Romans 12:1-8 (Pew Bible NT p.161)

Second Reading Exodus 1:8 - 2:10 (Pew Bible OT p.49)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon from the Pulpit "Who Do You Not Know?" Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith** (A Brief Statement of Faith, selected)

The same Spirit

who inspired the prophets and apostles

rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,

engages us through the Word proclaimed,

claims us in the waters of baptism,

feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,

and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world

the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,

praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

***Affirmation of Faith Response #582**

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,

whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

Prayers of the People concluding with the Lord's Prayer (page 35 in hymnal)

Service of Giving

Offertory "Jesus Savior, Pilot Me" (arr. Huisman) Jim Simmons

***Doxology #606**

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn #821** "My Life Flows On"

***Charge and Benediction** Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

***Postlude** "Praise Him! Praise Him! (McDonald) Rita Harmon

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*\*Please stand, in body or in spirit.*

The floral arrangement in worship today is given for the glory of God.

**Please remember in prayer:**

Don Berry; Kathy Miller Evans; Trish Tong; Barbara Grinter; Matt Horne; Becky Wheeler; Tacara Long; Sara Setzer; Hugh Fincher; Fran Ross; Buck Jolley; Justina Eddy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Next week's lectionary readings are:**

Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28.

**Wednesday Night supper**

It's an exciting time -- many of the children who have been leaving worship after the Sermon on the Steps have reached the age where they will be staying in worship with us. Over the next Wednesday nights, we'll continue to prepare them (and all the adults!) to more fully participate in worship. Please join us as we explore worship all together!

**Worship Buddy**

Are you willing to have one of our young people sitting with you in worship each week? If you are willing to be a worship buddy -- have them sit with you, help them navigate the service, line out hymns, etc. -- please let Carrie Wyatt know.

**We're Trying This:** Beginning Sunday, September 10, our worship time will change to 10:30 a.m. Christian Education opportunities for children and adults will be from 11:45 - 12:30pm. We are doing a 6-week experiment in response to changing patterns of attendance in worship and in our Christian Ed programming. Once we get 4 weeks or so under our belt, we'll start having conversations and analyzing, assessing, and making further decisions. We know that patterns of churchgoing have been impacted greatly by COVID and other factors, please be in prayer for the Session and the congregation as we ask questions and make decisions that will strengthen the church.

**Monthly Giving Opportunity**

August's giving opportunity is school supplies for Lincoln & Goucher Charter Schools. You may put your gifts in the offering plate or in the giving box at the front of the sanctuary.

## Office News:

- If you have receipts for reimbursement, please fill out the Reimbursement Form in full and attach all receipts to the form. The form can be found on the desk in the office.
- Remember all announcements/information for the bulletin and/or newsletter must be emailed or turned into the church office **before 8am** on Thursdays to be included.

## THIS WEEK IN CHURCH HISTORY

**August 28, 430:** Death of St. Augustine of Hippo, who, more than any other man since the apostles, stamped the church with his personality and ideas.

**August 29, 1572:** In Lyon, France, following the onset of the St. Bartholomew Day's Massacre, officials place Protestants under protective custody in the city's convents and jails. It does not save their lives. Two days later, crowds will break in and massacre the prisoners by sword, strangulation, and drowning. Witnesses report that the Rhone River flows red from the blood of thousands of mutilated corpses.

**September 2, 1973:** Death of J. R. R. Tolkien, a linguist, novelist, and devout Roman Catholic. He had helped lead C. S. Lewis to Christ and was a member of the literary club The Inklings. Among his writings were the fantasy favorites The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings.

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

### Sunday, August 27

9:45 AM Sunday School – Parlor  
9:45 AM Children's Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live

### Sunday, September 3

9:45 AM Sunday School – Parlor  
9:45 AM Children's Sunday School  
10:15 AM Chancel Choir Practice – Choir Room  
11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live  
4:00 PM Yoga – FLC

### Monday, September 4

Labor Day Holiday – Office will be closed

### Upcoming

Sept 7 – Circle 4  
Sept 11 – Fall Bible Study begins  
Sept 12 – Circle 1

## NEXT STEPS

- Pick up a hard copy of the LimeLight
- Make a reservation for Wednesday Night Supper

## Praying for Our Congregation

We are praying for every member of our church family.  
Each week we invite you to pray for particular members.  
This week we are praying for:

Anne Borthwick  
Jack Jolly

## MEMBERS OF THE SESSION

| Class of 2023         | Class of 2024 | Class of 2025 |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Larry Sossamon        | Teresa Spires | Nancy McElroy |
| Bill Wheeler          | Dean Wyatt    | Mimi McCully  |
| Renee Wiseman (clerk) | Buck Jolley   |               |

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WE ARE THE PEOPLE OF A LOVING GOD,  
GATHERING, GROWING, GIVING, AND GOING TO SERVE,  
TOGETHER



(Top) Painted model group: three men making bricks. Egyptian. 12th Dynasty, excavated Beni Hasan tomb 275. London: British Museum EA63837.  
(Bottom) Wooden brick mold. New Kingdom, c. 1550-1295 BCE. From Upper Egypt, Thebes, Deir el-Bahri, Temple of Hatshepsut. NY: Metropolitan Museum of Art 25.3.108.

[Exodus 1:8] describes that a new king “arose over” Egypt. This is an atypical word choice. The typical biblical phrasing would be that a new king “reigned” over Egypt. The phrase to “arise over” is more appropriate to a threat or attack, such as when Cain “arose over Abel” and killed him (Genesis 4:8)... Although the intentions of the Pharaoh were indeed to harm Israel, the verse actually says that he “arose over Egypt.” It was not the nation of Israel that was ultimately harmed, but the land of Egypt. --Rabbi Avraham Greenstein, Professor of Hebrew, Academy for Jewish Religion, California.

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