

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 6, 2023

11:00 AM

Welcome and AnnouncementsRev. Dr. Lynn Miller

GATHERING

Prelude“Tell Me the Story of Jesus” (McDonald)Rita Harmon

Call to WorshipAbbie Sossamon

God has called us into a whole-hearted relationship.
God has asked us to leave behind what would distract us.
We gather here today to worship with passion and integrity,
to wrestle with things we don’t understand,
and to grapple with what it means to faithfully follow Christ.
We are God’s people.
We are chosen and named by God.
We are marked with God’s love,
And strengthened for the opportunities ahead.
O, praise the Lord with me.
Let us praise God’s name together.

*Hymn of Praise #511“Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven”

*Call to ConfessionAbbie Sossamon

*Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,
We confess that we have tried to hide from you,
for we have done wrong.
We have lived for ourselves,
and apart from you.
We have turned from our neighbors,
and refused to bear the burdens of others.
We have ignored the pain of the world,
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.
In your great mercy forgive our sins
And free us from selfishness,
That we may choose your will and obey your commandments.
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 StepsCarrie Wyatt

AnthemChancel Choir

“At the Table of the Lord” (Althouse)
At the table of the Lord bread is broken. At the table of the Lord we are fed.
We remember now the words that Christ has spoken: “This is my body,” he said.
At the table of the Lord, in thanksgiving,
we have come to drink the wine which is poured.
We remember him, who died for us, now living. We remember Christ, the Lord.
At the table of the Lord we are meeting. In communion we are many in one.
For wherever we are gathered, there our Lord will be, there our Lord will be.
At the table of the Lord, at the table of the Lord, at the table of the Lord we shall be free.

First ReadingRomans 9:1-5 (Pew Bible NT p.159)

Second ReadingGenesis 32:22-31 (Pew Bible OT p.30)

The Word of God, for us, the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon from the Pulpit"Jacob at the Jabbok"Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith(Apostles’ Creed)

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 the saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*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

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
(Prayer continues concluding with the Lord's Prayer [p. 35 in hymnal])

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

Holy God, send us out from our Lord’s table
to answer his summons into new life
and to follow him with joy and gladness.
Set our feet in his holy way,
that our lives may be signs of his life
and all we do may show forth his love. Amen.

Service of Giving

Offertory“Tis So Sweet to Trust” (Phillips)David Thompson

*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 #526“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

*Charge and BenedictionRev. Dr. Lynn Miller

*Postlude“Recessional on St. Denio” (Edwards)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:

Trish Tong; Barbara Grinter; Matt Horne; Becky Wheeler; Tacara Long; Peggy Miller; Harold Wood; Sara Setzer; Hugh Fincher; Fran Ross; Buck Jolley; Justina Eddy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next week's lectionary readings are:

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33.

Milk & Cookies

Immediately following worship in the Family Life Center we will continue our celebration of the upcoming school year with milk and cookies. Everyone is welcome!

VBS donations

Many thanks to everyone who donated baskets, tents, lights, plants, and other items for VBS. Everything is now available for pickup in the chapel. Thanks for helping make VBS a wonderful experience!

**Wednesday Night supper**  
Supper this week will be “Bring your own” supper and your favorite ice cream topping. Stop by your favorite fast food joint or bring a salad or sandwich from home. We will fellowship over our dinners and then delight in an ice cream sundae bar sharing our favorite toppings. Bingo with prizes will follow. Come and share the back to school fun!

**Yoga**  
Yoga class will be held today in the FLC 4:00 – 5:00 PM. Please plan to attend.

**Intentionally Intergenerational Kickoff**  
We will have a catered luncheon followed by “How Does Your Faith Grow? An Interactive Workshop” with Dr. Rebecca Davis next Sunday. Please plan to attend. If you can help by decorating a table or bringing a dessert, please see Robin Morris.

**Please 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 11, 1253:** Death of Clare of Assisi, a Benedictine nun known for her spiritual relationship with St. Francis and for founding the Poor Clares.

**August 11, 1464:** Death of Nicholas of Cusa, a church diplomat and council member. He had been the first to say space is curved, declaring that only if that were true could God be equally the center of every point. However, he had been a man of contradictions, defending the papacy but proving the Donation of Constantine a forgery; suffering imprisonment for the sake of the church but compelling Jews to wear yellow badges.

**August 11, 1872:** Death of composer Lowell Mason in Orange, New Jersey. His publication of church music had been prolific, with over fifteen hundred sacred compositions to his credit. His popular tunes included those to which we sing “Nearer, My God, to Thee,”” When I Survey the Wondrous Cross,” “My Faith Looks Up to Thee,” and “Blest Be the Tie that Binds.”

MEMBERS OF THE SESSION

| Class of 2023         | Class of 2024 | Class of 2025 |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Larry Sossamon        | Teresa Spires | Nancy McElroy |
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CALENDAR of EVENTS

**Sunday, August 6**  
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  
12:00 PM Milk & Cookies – FLC  
4:00 PM Yoga – FLC

**Monday, August 7**  
1:00 PM Picturing God – FLC

**Wednesday, August 9**  
6:00 PM Supper w/ ice cream sundae bar & bingo – FLC

**Sunday, August 13**  
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  
12:00 PM Intentionally Intergenerational Kickoff Lunch & Workshop – FLC

**Upcoming**  
Aug 13 - Start of LPC Birthday Week and kickoff of "Intentionally Intergenerational" grant. Catered lunch after worship followed by interactive workshop on Faith and Human Development with Dr. Rebecca Davis  
Aug 16 - Wednesday Night Supper program: Getting Ready for Worship, week 1  
Aug 18 - Happy Birthday, Limestone Presbyterian Church!

NEXT STEPS

- ☐ Pick up a hard copy of the LimeLight
- ☐ Sign up to decorate a table or bring dessert for luncheon next Sunday


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



Ben-Zion (1897-1987)  
**Jacob Wrestling the Angel**, from the portfolio Biblical Themes, 1950  
Etching on paper  
Collection of the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library

When does a day begin? After each creative act -- light, sky, seas, and more -- God sees the goodness of what has been made, and the narrator pauses briefly to declare that a day has come and gone: "And there was evening and there was morning, the first (second, third...) day" (Genesis 1). Here days begin at dusk.

Eugene Peterson, a minister and author, urges fast-paced moderns to pay attention to the wisdom of Genesis in this matter. Perceiving day's beginning at the darkening point teaches us something important about who we are as human beings, he says. "The Hebrew evening/morning sequence conditions us to the rhythms of grace. We go to sleep, and God's work begins." --Dorothy C. Bass, *Receiving the Day*, p. 17-18.