

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 2023

10:30 AM

Welcome and AnnouncementsRev. Dr. Lynn Miller

GATHERING

Prelude“Come Christians, Be Committed” (Larson)David Thompson

Call to WorshipScott Berry

We gather here around a table.

We worship the God who feeds us.

God feeds us with bread and wine.

God feeds us with bitter herbs.

God feeds us at leisurely banquets.

God feeds us when we are in a hurry.

God prepares a table for us in the presence of our enemies.

God invites us to the heavenly banquet.

We gather here around a table.

Let us worship the God who feeds us.

*Hymn of Praise #63“The Lord Is God”

*Call to ConfessionScott Berry

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

You call us to turn away

to live honest and transparent lives

as children of the light.

We confess the times when we have failed,

giving in to thoughts and desires

and acting in ways that did not bring honor to Your name.

You call us love one another,

to love others as deeply as we have been loved by You.

We confess the times when we have failed,

allowing our own desires and interests to take precedence

over the needs of others.

You call us to deal honorably with one another,

even those who have hurt or offended us;

to work through our disagreements with love and integrity,

and so to build up the Body of Christ.

We confess the times when we have failed,

finding it easier to simply walk away from hurtful relationships,

or to talk behind people’s backs rather than to their faces.

Give us hunger to know You more,

so that we may do Your will

and walk in Your ways.

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 StepsRev. Dr. Lynn Miller

Anthem“Sing a New Song” (Praetorius)Chancel Choir

Sing a new song, Sing to God with a voice of triumph,

Make his praises known to all the nations; Sing the honor of his name.

Sing a new song, Sing to God with a voice of triumph,

Make his praises known to all the nations, sing the honor of his name.

Sing a new song, Sing to God with a voice of triumph,

Make his praises know to all the nations; Sing the honor of his name.

First ReadingRomans 13:8-14 (Pew Bible NT p.162)

Second ReadingExodus 12:1-14 (Pew Bible OT p.58)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon from the Pulpit"Post and Lintel"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 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

Prayers of the Peopleconcluding with the Lord’s Prayer (page 35 in hymnal)

Service of Giving

Offertory“Here I Am, Lord” (Schutte)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 #377“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

*Charge and BenedictionRev. Dr. Lynn Miller

*Postlude“Baroque Trumpet” (Young)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:

Larry Irvin; Ben Elliott; Don Berry; Kathy Miller Evans; Trish Tong; Sara Setzer;

Hugh Fincher; Fran Ross; Buck Jolley; Justina Eddy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next week’s lectionary readings are:

Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35.

Nominating Committee

The Congregational Nominating Committee is now receiving names for consideration to serve on the Session in the Class of 2026. The Nominating Committee will receive all suggestions and prayerfully seek to discern who God is calling to serve the congregation in this capacity. Please put all suggestions in writing and give them to a member of the CNC (Teresa Spires, Mimi McCully, Melinda Hart, David Thompson, and Gia Lemmonds).

Hallway Ceiling

Work will be done this week to extend the drop ceiling from the office hallway through to the breezeway doors. Please be aware of this work if you need to be in the church this week.

Fall Bible Study

We begin our study of Paul and the New Testament considering what we know about Paul’s biography (and what we think we know about Paul!). We’ll meet at 6:30 in the Family Life Center.

Monthly Giving Opportunity

September’s giving opportunity is The Peace and Global Witness Offering. 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 with a paperclip. 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

**September 10, 1067:** Death of Lady Godgifu (Godiva) Buckingham, an Anglo-Saxon noblewoman and Christian, known for founding several monasteries. She had allegedly ridden through town naked (after requesting her people to close their doors and cover their windows) because it was the only way her husband would agree to relieve oppressive taxes on his people.

**September 13, 1541:** John Calvin receives an uproarious welcome on his return to Geneva, Switzerland, whose authorities had banished him three years earlier.

**September 15, 1963:** A racially motivated bombing kills four African-American girls at the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. Ironically, the sermon that day was to be “The Love That Forgives,” based on Matthew 5:43-44.

### 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:

Abram Miller

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

### Sunday, September 10

9:45 AM Chancel Choir Practice – Choir Room  
10:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live  
11:45 AM Sunday School – Parlor  
11:45 AM Children’s Sunday School

### Monday, September 11

5:45 PM Handbell Rehearsal – Handbell Room  
6:30 PM Bible Study - FLC

### Tuesday, September 12

10:30 AM Circle 1 – Parlor  
6:00 PM Foster Parent Association Dinner - FLC

### Sunday, September 17

9:45 AM Chancel Choir Practice – Choir Room  
10:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live  
11:45 AM Sunday School – Parlor  
11:45 AM Children’s Sunday School  
4:00 PM Yoga – FLC

### Upcoming

Sept 24 – Bridal Shower for Emily Morris

## NEXT STEPS

- ☐ Pick up a hard copy of the LimeLight
- ☐ Make a reservation for Wednesday Night Supper
- ☐ Pick up t-shirt orders in the FLC



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GATHERING, GROWING, GIVING, AND GOING TO SERVE,  
TOGETHER



North Door, St. Edward's Church, Stow-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire, England.

### 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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"When I see the blood, I will pass over you," God says (12:13). This statement leads us to think of another story where the word "see" plays a decisive role. When Abraham is commanded to offer up his son Isaac, he leaves for "the land of Moriah" (Genesis 22:2). The name "Moriah" can be explained as a combination of the Hebrew words for "the Lord" and "see." When Isaac asks, "Where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" he receives the answer, "God himself will provide the lamb" (Genesis 22:7-8, 14): literally, "God will see for himself the lamb."  
-Goran Larsson, *Bound for Freedom: The Book of Exodus in Jewish and Christian Traditions*, p. 82