

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2024 10:30 AM

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

Minute for Mission Mimi McCully

GATHERING

Prelude “Prelude and Fugue on Crusader’s Hymn” (Young) Rita Harmon

Call to Worship (Ephesians 4:4-6; Galatians 3:27-28) Bill Wheeler
There is one body and one Spirit.
And we are called to the one hope of our calling.
One Lord, one faith,
One baptism, one God.
As many of us as were baptized into Christ,
We have clothed ourselves with Christ.
There is no longer Jew or Greek,
There is no longer slave or free,
There is no longer male and female;
For all are one in Christ Jesus.

***Hymn of Praise #14** "For the Beauty of the Earth"

***Call to Confession** Bill Wheeler

***Prayer of Confession**
Merciful God,
In baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,
making us part of the body of Christ.
We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,
separated from one another.
We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,
and show reluctance to welcome one another.
We allow the past to hold us captive.
In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us,
and free us from sin.
Fulfill the promises of our baptism
so that we may rise to new life,
and live together in grace.
And forgive 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

First Reading Exodus 35:20-29 (Pew Bible OT p.82)

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 (Pew Bible NT p.174)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon from the Pulpit “Whose Gifts?” Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith** (A Declaration of Faith, 8.1)

God has not taken people out of the world,
but has sent them into the world
to worship God there and serve all humankind.
We worship God in the world
by standing before the Lord in behalf of all people.
Our cries for help and our songs of praise
are never for ourselves alone.
Worship is no retreat from the world;
it is part of our mission.
We serve humankind
by discerning what God is doing in the world
and joining in God’s work.
We risk disagreement and error
when we try to say what God is doing here and now.
But we find guidance in God's deeds in the past
and promises for the future,
as they are witnessed to in Scripture.
We affirm that the Lord is at work,
especially in events and movements
that free people by the gospel
and advance justice, compassion and peace.

***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 “This Is My Father’s World” (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 #465** “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

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

***Postlude** “Recession on Lobe den Herren” (Edwards) Rita Harmon

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

The flowers in worship today are given for the glory of God.

**Please remember in prayer:**  
Lilith Harmon; Lynda G; Fred G; Hannah Vincent; John Schuler; Shannon Reed;  
the Family & friends of Claudia Butler; Mickey Harmon; J.T. Spires; Lib Allen;  
Barbara Grinter; Patsy Spires; Kathy Miller Evans; Trish Tong; Hugh Fincher;  
Fran Ross; Buck Jolley; Justina Eddy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Next week’s lectionary readings are:**  
Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125; James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17; Mark 7:24-37.

**Monthly Giving Opportunity**  
The September giving opportunity is the Peace and Global Witness Offering.  
We will also be collecting school supplies. Please mark your check “PGWO” &  
place it in the MGO box in the worship space or the offering plate and drop off  
your school supplies in the space provided.

**Bible Study**  
Our fall Bible Study will begin on Monday, September 9 at 6:30pm in the Family  
Life Center. We will be studying the life and an assortment of writings of  
Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a 20<sup>th</sup> century German (Lutheran) theologian.

**Yoga**  
In September, Yoga will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays (Sept. 1 & 29). Join us  
today at 4pm in the Family Life Center.

**Circles**  
Grace Circle will meet Thursday at 7pm at the home of Renee Wiseman. Joy  
Circle will meet Tuesday, Sept.10 at 10:30am in the Parlor. If you have not  
already picked up your book, they are available for sign out in the Library.

**Big Faith, Big Questions**  
This week’s question: “With accounts of women like Tabitha who was a disciple  
of Jesus, and women so prominent in His death and resurrection, why do so  
many modern churches deny women leadership?”  
Join us Wednesday night as we begin the discussion on “How do free will and  
predestination work together? & Why do we have doubts about our salvation?”

## THIS WEEK IN CHURCH HISTORY

**September 2, 1973:** Death of J. R. R. Tolkien, a linguist, novelist, and devout Christian. 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.

**September 3, 1941:** Death of Rafailo Momcilovic, Serbian abbot of the Šišatovac Monastery and a notable painter of icons. Momčilović was kidnapped by the Ustashe, a Croatian fascist, ultranationalist militia, on 25 August 1941 and was tortured until his death on 3 September 1941 at Požega. His burial site has yet to be found.

**September 6, 1620:** The *Mayflower* sails from Plymouth, England, with just over 100 passengers who are a mix of English Separatists from a congregation in Leiden, Holland, their servants, passengers recruited by the London Merchant Adventurers, their servants, and some contractual workers who were obligated to stay one full year in the new colony.

### 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:

**Jack Jolly**  
**Leighann Moon**

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

### Sunday, September 1

9:45 AM Lectionary Bites – Parlor  
10:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live  
4:00 PM Yoga

### Monday, September 2

Labor Day – Church office closed

### Tuesday, September 3

4:00 PM Outreach Committee Meeting – Conference Room

### Wednesday, September 4

6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper – FLC

### Thursday, September 5

7:00 PM Grace Circle – Renee's home

### Sunday, September 8

9:45 AM Lectionary Bites – Parlor  
10:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live

### Upcoming

September 9 Fall Bible Study begins  
September 10 Joy Circle  
September 11 Finance Committee Meeting  
September 15 Session Meeting  
September 17 Fellowship/Congregational Care Meeting  
September 29 Yoga

## NEXT STEPS

- Pick up a hard copy of the LIMELight
- Make your reservation for Wednesday Night Supper
- Circle members: pick up your book from the Library

## MEMBERS OF THE SESSION

| <u>Class of 2024</u> | <u>Class of 2025</u> | <u>Class of 2026</u> |
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| Teresa Spires        | Nancy McElroy        | Robin Morris         |
| Dean Wyatt           | Mimi McCully         | Barbara Cope         |

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



The Rev. Louisa Woosley (1862-1952) was the first woman ordained in any Presbyterian or Reformed denomination. She was ordained by Nolin Presbytery in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church on November 5, 1889. The Cumberland Presbyterian Church was organized as a denomination in 1810 on the Kentucky-Tennessee frontier. In 1891 Woosley published her only book, *Shall Woman Preach? Or, The Question Answered.*, which outlined her position on the question. You can find a facsimile of the book online at the Internet Archive.



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