

PRELUDE “Canon” -Pachelbel

✦ HYMN No.81 “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

✦CALL TO WORSHIP -Liturgist

Why do you come to this place?

We seek the path of righteousness and truth.

Do you come ready to hear and learn giving attention to God’s Word?

We come with open hearts and minds seeking to learn from the one whose authority is founded on God’s love.

Friends, lend your ears and open your hearts because this is God’s house, built by love and sustained by hope, where God seeks to align our work and witness.

✦CALL TO CONFESSION -Liturgist

What burdens your spirit? What regret or hurt do you carry today? Together, let us confess that which does not give us life and take up, instead, the love and grace of God.

✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Eternal God, we come before you aware that you know the truth of our hearts before we can utter a word. You know when our good intentions exceed our capacity for gospel living. You know when we embrace the good news of liberation with our lips but don’t change our actions. We imprison ourselves with the assumption that you will judge us as mercilessly as we often judge ourselves and one another. Forgive our shortcomings and the times we have failed to live the words we say. Restore us in the confidence of people who have heard good news and remind us that even when we arrive late, there is still work to be done. Amen.

✦ASSURANCE OF PARDON -Pastor

Friends, believe this good news, in Christ we are new creations. We are forgiven; we are set free; and we are made ready to live the living Word.

✦GLORIA PATRI No. 581

Ushers Will Collect Prayer Cards

✦PASS THE FAITH -Corey McCarthy

✦INSTALLATION & ORDINATION OF OFFICERS - See Inserts

✦HYMN No.69 “Here I Am, Lord”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION -Pastor

God of life and light, illumine our hearts and spirits and attune us to the reading and hearing of your word. May our hearing be discerning and may this proclamation be faithful and, in all things, may we approach your word with joy and humility. Amen.

READINGS

Exodus 17: 1 – 7; Pg. 64, OT -Jackie Davis
Psalm 25: 1- 8; Pg. 502, OT -Matthew McCarthy
Matthew 21: 23 – 32; Pgs. 23 – 24, NT -Pastor

SERMON -Pastor

✦HYMN No.697 “Take My Life”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON) (The Apostles’ Creed)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL AND LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERTORY CHARGE -Liturgist

Friends, we are all in this together and it is only together that the work of Christ in this church is done. I welcome you to prayerfully and joyfully bring your tithes and offerings for the work of the church in the world.

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Offertory: “Air” -Handel
✦Doxology No. 606

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 27th, 2026

10:00am

18th Sunday After Pentecost

✠PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

-Liturgist

Holy God, bless these gifts for your good use. May these tokens of our gratitude be of service in blessing the poor, feeding the hungry, clothing and sheltering those struggling to survive. Use these gifts to further Christ's mission and ministry in a hurting world. Amen.

✠HYMN No.36 "For the Fruit of All Creation"

✠CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

-Pastor

POSTLUDE "Voluntary"

-Stanley

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ Handbell rehearsals will begin on September 30th. Celestial Bells will now be at 2pm. New Beginnings will remain at 7pm.
- ❖ Blessing of the Animals Drive-thru will be Oct 3rd 11am - 12pm.
- ❖ Bible Study in Grigg Parlor will begin on Oct 4th at 9:15am.
- ❖ World Communion Sunday – October 4th.
- ❖ Ladies Soup Luncheon - October 7th at 12:15pm in Arnold Hall.
- ❖ After School Art Program begins October 7th and will run for 10 weeks on Wed, Thurs and Fridays...Please reach out to Robin Andrews for more information.
- ❖ Children's Sabbath/Art Sunday – October 18th.
- ❖ Trunk or Treat – October 22nd – 5:30pm – 6:30pm – If you'd be willing to donate a trunk, please let the church office know.
- ❖ Reformation Sunday and Crop Walk – October 25th.



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Liturgist: Jackie Davis

Youth Reader: Matthew McCarthy

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