

Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.

9th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 2, 2024

The asterisk () indicates to please rise in body or spirit.*

Meditation before Worship

Thank you, God, for being our God. We know that our God is always on time. Our God doesn't waste time. Our God makes time and teaches us what it looks like to make good use of our time on this earth. Our time is limited. Our time must be managed. Our time is out of our hands to the point that we must pause for our spiritual health's sake to remember who our time falls under. Our time under God is time well spent. Under God, we recognize how God is helping us through our weakness. Our time under God puts rest and self-care into perspective.

Without God, our time is underwhelming in impact. Our time is underwater with the world's problems. Our time is under arrest, easily kept from God's promises. Thank you, God, for allowing our time to be under you and not limited to our ways of doing things. Amen.

Gathering Music

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

arr. John H. Behnke

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Cruise In

Rhonda Miller

Call to Worship

Leader: Rejoice, people of God: this is our sabbath day.

People: Rejoice, friends in Christ: this is our time for worship.

Leader: God ordained the sabbath, rest and restoration.

People: God is worthy of worship, our Creator, Healer, and Inspiration.

Leader: So then, let us worship God.

***Hymn**

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

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The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

God of the outstretched arm, though you lead us into freedom, we choose again and again the chains of sin. Forgive us, we pray, for bowing to the false gods of our time: We believe that we have made ourselves, rather than being made in your image—the work of your hands. We practice legalism against others, yet expect exceptions for ourselves. We rest in ease, while others bear heavy burdens on our behalf. Heal us where we are withered in hand or heart or faith. Stretch us beyond what we have managed or imagined, to live as you intend and command. We pray in the name of Christ, who came to set us free. Amen. (Silent prayer of confession.)

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Amen. Friends, hear the good news! The death that Jesus died in us reveals also the life that Jesus lives.

People: We die and live again in Christ.

Leader: We die and live again in Christ.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Response Hymn**

“Gloria Patri”

#581

Ministry of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Children’s Sermon

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Women's Ensemble Anthem "Prayer" Engelbert Humperdinck, 1893

Praise, O praise our God and King;
Hymns of adoration sing;
(refrain) For his mercies still endure,
 Ever faithful, ever sure.

Glory to our bounteous King!
Glory let creation sing,
Glory to the Father, Son;
And blest Spirit, Three in One! (refrain)

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 2:23-3:6

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Seventh Day"

Rev. Désirée M. Youngblood

The Response to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***Invitation to Offering**

Leader: God lifts the burdens ... we lift up to God in thanksgiving?

People: In freedom and joy, we give back to God a portion of all we have received, that others may rest in fullness of life.

Leader: At the end of the service, we are invited to place our offerings of thanksgiving in the plates at the back of the sanctuary.

***Response** “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” (verse 4) #394

***Prayer of Dedication**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

(We will be receiving communion by coming forward to one of the two stations on each side of the communion table. Please exit the pews to the center aisle and return to the pews from the outside aisles. An elder or deacon will be available to serve communion to those who wish to remain seated. Gluten-free bread can be found on the communion table.)

***Invitation to the Lord’s Table**

***Hymn of Invitation** “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts” #494

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Let us pray. May the God of the Feast be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Offer your hearts to our God, dear ones.

People: We do so, that God’s light might shine in them.

Pastor: Sing praises to God who loves us.

People: We rejoice in the One who invites us to this table.

Pastor: God of Rest ... we lift our voices in thanksgiving:

People: Holy, holy, holy are you, God of delight. All your wonder-filled works offer you praise. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who gives us rest. Hosanna in the highest!

Pastor: When you assumed ... we still proclaim our faith:

People: Christ died, carrying our death with him; Christ is risen, bringing new life for all; Christ will come, revealing your glory.

Pastor: Before we even gather ... God in Community, Holy in One.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Generous Lord, in word and feast we have proclaimed the mystery of your love: help us to rest so that we may be signs of your wonders in the world. Through Jesus Christ our Savior we pray. Amen.

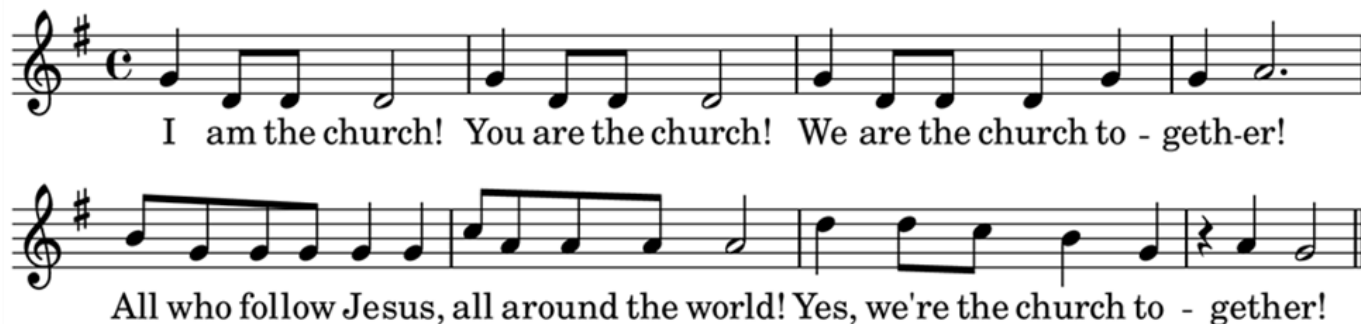
The Sending of God's People

*Closing Hymn "Come to Me, O Weary Traveler" #183

*A Call to Sabbath

*Charge and Blessing

*Congregational Response "We Are the Church"



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first staff contains the melody for the lyrics: "I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to - geth-er!". The second staff contains the melody for the lyrics: "All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church to - geth-er!".

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*Postlude "The Lord Is My Light" arr. Anna Laura Page

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Steven A. Watters

Music Director: Thomas Lloyd

Organist: Carol Welk

Liturgist: Carole Sue Ames

Our liturgist, Carole Sue Ames, grew up in Lafayette and attended the Methodist Church. When she moved into London at the age of 15, she began to attend the First Presbyterian Church when it was located on Walnut Street. She loves her church family dearly and following the path that God has laid out for her.

Carole married Bill Ames in 1956, and they had 5 sons, 18 grandchildren, and 16 great grandchildren. Carol enjoys swimming and golfing. She loves to travel whenever possible, and has been active in our church choir since 1970.