

For Prayer & Contemplation

'Faith is the word that describes the direction our feet start moving when we find that we are loved.' --Frederick Buechner

Welcome & Sharing Information

Prelude "Wherever I May Wander" – arr. Diemer

Call to Worship

One: The faith of others has brought us here:

All: Parents, siblings, friends, and neighbors who have shown us the love of God.

One: Now we arrive in faith and hope, hoping to witness it for ourselves.

All: Give us a glimpse of your kingdom, sharing together in bread and wine, to strengthen and sustain us.

One: Clear away the obstacles that get in our way, so that we can run the race with perseverance that you have set before us.

All: And send us nourished to proclaim your goodness and share your love.

*Hymn No. 729 "Lord I Want to be a Christian"

Prayer of Confession (*The Worship Sourcebook*)

Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us
a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace
to grow more and more in your likeness and image.

Moment of Silence

Words of Assurance

One: Hear the Good News! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners...

...He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*Hymn No. 581 "Glory Be to the Father"

"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen."

*Passing of Peace

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Special Music "I'm Goin' Up a Yonder" – arr. Sirvatka
Pick Up Choir

**(After the Special Music, young children are invited to make their way to the back of the Sanctuary, where they will be led to our Sunday School rooms for a lesson and craft.)*

Scripture Hebrews 11:1-12:2
New Testament PG 225-6
Large Print PG 273-4

Prayer of Illumination

A Time of Sharing "The Hall of Faith"

(Today's scripture can be referred to as the Hall of Fame of Faith. It tells the story of the faith of those who had gone before in Scripture. During this time, you're invited to find a partner near you (or a piece of paper to journal) and share who is in your "Hall of Faith." Who are the people who have come before you and been examples who have paved the way for your faith? How do they inspire you to "run the race with perseverance"?)

Affirmation of Faith (*The Apostle's Creed*)
I believe in God, the Father, almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead...

**...On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

*Doxology No. 606 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"
"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."

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

Amazing God, you have blessed us with great gifts, and called us to great service. Accept our offerings, we pray, shape us into a community of faith in action. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Paul, Dan, Cindy, the family of Phyllis Bullock-Beaufait, April Staman, Jason, Tina, Sarah Chowning, Lauren, Vinny and Sovana, Joan Wagner, Luke Griffith, Pat Schmus, Dan, Nic Albadine, Erin Fitzpatrick, Meg Yanefski, Heather, Dorothy Weir, Sara Crispin, Jim Taylor, David, William Loeb, Rachael Lodholz, Aaron Hill, Douglas Hoffman

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.

*Hymn No. 656 "We've Come This Far By Faith"

*Benediction

***Benediction Hymn No. 691** (v.3)
 “Lord, When I Came into This Life”
 “In all the tensions of my life,
 between my faith and doubt,
 let your great Spirit give me hope,
 sustain me, lead me out.”

Postlude “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” – arr. Callahan

***** **Please stand as you are able.** *****

<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>	
Ushers	Dave Nicastro Darlene Powell
Liturgist	Stephen Hwang



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Music Notes

Today’s prelude is Emma Lou Diemer’s 1993 setting of a New England folk melody, adapted for a children’s hymn tune ed “New England.” The refrain and first verse of the text by Ann B. Snow, first published in 1959, reads:

Wherever I may wander, wherever I may be, I’m certain of my Maker’s love; God’s care is over me. God made the great high mountains and made the wide blue sea; God made the sky where airplanes fly; God made the world, and me.

The special music is a gospel song by Walter Hawkins, arranged for choir by Martin Sirvatka. The postlude is composer Charles Callahan’s 1993 arrangement of the African American spiritual “I Want to Be a Christian.” We thank Helen Stanley and all the singers who joined our Pick Up Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.

<i>This Week’s Calendar</i> August 7-14	
<i>Sunday</i> August 7	10 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary/Livestreaming 2 PM Deacons Meeting – Agape Room
<i>Monday</i> August 8	7 PM Property Committee Meeting – Agape Room
<i>Tuesday</i> August 9	9:30 AM PW Core Board Meeting – Agape Room 7 PM Invitation & Outreach – Memorial Lounge
<i>Wednesday</i> August 10	10 AM Choir Director Search Committee Mtg. – Library 4:30 PM Summer Lunch Program – Memorial Lounge
<i>Thursday</i> August 11	10 AM Choir Director Search Committee Mtg. – Library
<i>Friday</i> August 12	7 PM Theology on Tap
<i>Saturday</i> August 13	
<i>Sunday</i> August 14	10 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary/Livestreaming

<i>This Week’s Birthdays</i>	
August 7	Linda Foster
August 8	Aidan Fitzpatrick
August 9	Marylou Penney
August 9	Jennifer Grenier
August 10	Ryan Golden
August 13	Lori Staman
August 14	Larry Enright



10 AM Worship Service
August 7, 2022
9th Sunday after Pentecost