

***Unison Prayer of Dedication:**

Gracious God, you provide for our every need. Confident in your steadfast faithfulness, we offer our treasures and ourselves to you. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Maureen St. John, Roxanne Somers, Meg Yanefski, Damian, Marjorie, David, Doug Hoffman, Erin Fitzpatrick, Jason Russell, Jenn, Jeff & Patricia Dahl, Rick, Terri, Dan Dalesandro, Jennifer Martin, Maisy, Debbie Kelly, Susan Somers, The Family of Marietta, James Hoobler, Barbara, Geoff Hicks, Misty Acrey, The Freitag Family, Rachel Ledden-Albadine, El Maeve, Butch Hahn, Catherine

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. 65** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Benediction

***Benediction Hymn No. 702** "Christ Be Beside Me" (verse 1)

"Christ be beside me; Christ be before me; Christ be behind me, King of my heart. Christ be within me; Christ be below me; Christ be above me, never to part."

Postlude "Fugue in C" - Buxtehude

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

Thank you to our Worship Servers	
Ushers	John Fitzpatrick & Renee Sheridan
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Acolyte	Kendall Wichart



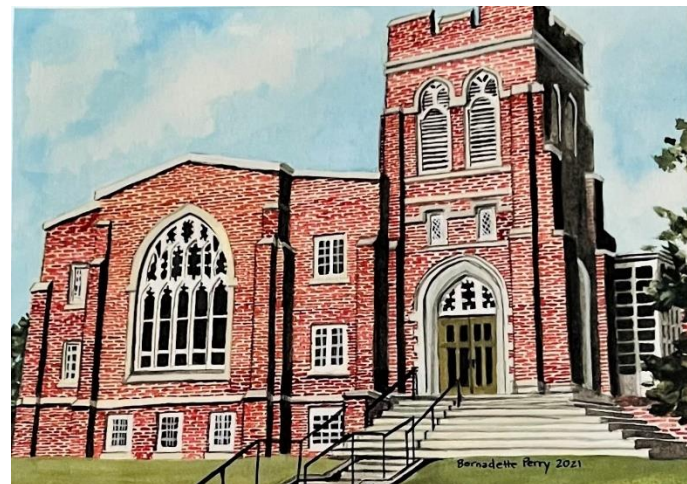
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Homecoming Sunday



10 AM *Worship Service* ❖ *September 10, 2023*
15th *Sunday after Pentecost*
Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer & Contemplation

"The gift of prayer is that over time it can transform worry into something else." - Sarah Lund

Welcome & Sharing Information

Prelude "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" - arr. Phillips

Call to Worship (Jeremiah 31: 33-4)

One: But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

All: No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

One: Hear we are forgiven, loved, and known. Let us worship God.

***Hymn No. 529** "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

Prayer of Confession Merciful God, we come to you in prayer. At our best, we can be your hands and feet and voice in the world. But at our worst, it is like we have forgotten who we are. We hoard resources, forgetful of your generosity. We stockpile anger, forgetful of your grace. We come to hate ourselves, forgetful that we are fearfully and wonderfully made.

Lord, we forgive us. Remind us that we are your beloved children, and we need not worry or fear. Write your love upon our hearts and strengthen our hearts to guide our actions.

Moment of Silence

Words of Assurance (adapted from Isaiah 1:18)

One: Friends, the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Receive the gift of forgiveness and share that gift with others.

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

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

"Glory be 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.**

Anthem: "Go Down, Moses" - arr. Keesecker *Sanctuary Choir*

Time with Children (Dismissal to Sunday School)

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.

Adults: God be with you there.

Children: God be with you here.

Scripture

1st Reading: *Romans 13: 8-14* **New Testament** pg. 162 **LP** pg. 197-198

2nd Reading: *Exodus 12: 1-14* **Old Testament** pg. 58 **LP** pg. 72

Sermon "Core Memories" - Rev. Drew Harrison

***Affirmation of Faith** (*Heidelberg Catechism*)

One: How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

All: We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing in creation will separate us from his love. For all creatures are so completely in God's hand that without his will they can neither move nor be moved.

Moment for Mission: Rosemarie Parker, *Family Promise*

Offertory

***Doxology No. 606** "Praise God...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."