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Welcome to Worship on the Lord's Day
11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 13, 2023

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT INTO THE CHURCH

RINGING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Georgia Fulghum

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRELUDE

Down In The River to Pray

arr. L. McCune
Women's Chorus

As I went down in the river to pray studyin' about that good ol' way.

An' who shall wear the starry crown, Good Lord, Show me the way.

Oh, sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. Oh, sisters, let's go down, down in the river to pray.

brothers

brothers

fathers

fathers

mothers

mothers

sinners

sinners

CALL TO WORSHIP (1Peter 2:9)

Leader: Jesus said, "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command."

People: "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last."

Leader: "Whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you."

People: **"This is my command: Love each other."**

Leader: Let us worship God!

*HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

(insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION (1 Peter 2:9)

This is who we really are:

"You are a chosen family, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you Out of darkness into His marvelous light."

Let us confess to God that we forget who we are and whose we are.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (from Hosea 11) unison

The Lord says,

"When you were a child, I loved you;

I took you in my arms.

I taught you how to walk.

I lifted you up as a little child to my cheek.

I bent down to feed you..

When you were in trouble, I rescued you.

I chose you as my own.

But the more I have called you, the more you have gone away from me.

Even though you call me, 'God Most High', you are determined to turn from me.
Yet, how can I give you up?
How can I hand you over?
My heart is roused within me.
My compassion floods to wash you clean.
Because I am God, not like you.
You sins, though many, are forgiven."

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS (sung in unison)

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame.
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down.
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SHARING FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN

Pastor Bob Bardin

ANTHEM

Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone

Newton, Rees, Excell
Ralph Schroeder, soloist

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

Tw'as grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

CHORUS: My chains are gone, I've been set free! My god, my Savior has ransomed me.

And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures.

He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures. CHORUS

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.

But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine.

WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 9: 1-31

(pew Bible p. 777, 778)

SERMON

“Chosen Vessel”

Pastor Bob Bardin

*HYMN

I Sing A Song of the Saints of God

(insert)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please stand as you are able) Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SENT TO SERVE AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Go Now in Peace

D. Besig & N. Price

Go now in peace.

Never be afraid

God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen

*POSTLUDE

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



This Week's Activities

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| Today | 10:00 am | Worship |
| Tuesday | 10:00 am | Bible Study |
| | 11:00 am | <i>Disciplines for the Inner Life</i> |
| Wednesday | 6:45 am | Men's Group |
| | 4:30 pm | Christian Ed. Committee Meeting |
| | 5:30 pm | <i>Disciplines for the Inner Life</i> |
| Thursday | 3:45 pm | Chair Yoga |
| Saturday | 8:00 am | Community Farmers Market |
| Sunday | 10:00 am | Worship |

Special music time - we would like to thank the Women's Chorus and Ralph Schroeder for sharing their talents with us today.

Upcoming special music

Aug. 20 Liturgical Dance

Alice Adams and Ralph Schroeder

Aug. 27 CanaanLand

You are invited to a **Wedding Shower for Carter Jones and Regan Tart** today from 3-5 p.m. in Baker Fellowship Hall. Please join us as we celebrate Carter and Regan!

Church Family,

Thank you so much for the thoughts, prayers, visits, cards, calls and gifts of food extended me following my accident. My recovery has progressed well and I know your prayers have made all the difference.

Jim and I are grateful to be part of such a caring church family.

Blessings,

Lynda Roten

Aug. 6 Attendance—80

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Recent Surgeries or Illnesses

(names listed for 2 weeks)

- Brenda Schroeder, knee replacement surgery

Ongoing Concerns

(names listed for 2 months)

- Rudy Hooks, UTI complications
- Joe Giddings, (Barry Giddings' brother, heart and other issues)
- Tracy Draughon, (Dr. Scott Draughon's wife, lung cancer)
- Susie Cox, (Lynda Roten's sister in law, hip replacement surgery)
- Joyce Coates, (Doug Coates' mother, lung cancer surgery)
- Everett Coates, (Doug Coates' father, kidney dialysis)
- Eddie Best, (Brenda Schroeder's brother, aneurysm)
- Lorraine Kornegay, cancer
- Virginia Matthews, (Megan Kornegay's mom, hip replacement complications)
- Peggy Barwick, blood pressure issues

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

(names listed for 2 months)

- Danny Johnson, (Lynn Coates's uncle)
- Jason Dail

Homebound/Nursing Facilities

- Bobbie Coley
- Vennie Jordan
- Barry Giddings
- Robbie McSwain
- Rudy Hooks

Please call or email the church office with your prayer concern. Church members and their family will be included in the worship bulletin and e-newsletter for the durations listed above. Please let us know as prayers are answered, so we can celebrate with you; or as needs change, so we know how best to pray with and for you. If you have a confidential concern, please contact Pastor Bob.