



July 14, 2024

**Fourth Sunday in a Six Week Series on 1 John
10:00 a.m.**

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Our mission: Embracing the Community with God's Love, Providing a Home for Spiritual Nurture & Worship, Reaching Out to Those in Need, Growing through Service to Others

Loving God, you make all things new in water and Word, feeding your people with love, joy and peace. Lead us today and every day to the font of new beginnings. Teach us to love what you have commanded and to prune what does not nourish your creation, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The *Prelude* offers time for us to focus on preparing our hearts and minds for worship – God is here; we need to bring ourselves to worship as God already has.

The *light of the candles* symbolizes the presence of God and Jesus as light of the world.

We Gather

The Life of the Church

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

One: Jesus said, “I am the light of the world.”

All: We welcome the light of Christ into our worship.

Sung Prayer of Preparation

“We Give You Thanks”

Red # 619

Dear Father, our hearts are filled with thanksgiving; We praise You and worship You; We give You thanks today. Amen

The *Call to Worship* invites us to begin worshipping God.

* Indicates please rise in body or spirit

***Call to Worship** (responsive) Is. 41:18, Jn. 4:14, Jn. 6:35

One: In the wilderness, water brings life.

All: Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.

One: In the Word of God, the good news gives light.

All: Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.

One: In the bread and the wine, the body of our Savior nourishes everyone.

All: Seek us out, O God, and give us yourself.

One: Here is the water of life, the word that feeds, the food of eternity. Come and praise the vine that gives all goodness!

***Hymn of Praise**

“Our Great Savior”

Red # 89 v. 1, 2, 4

***Call to Confession**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess to God and to one another our failure to love our neighbor.

***Prayer of Confession** (unison) Gal. 5:22-23, Jn. 15:12
God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

No one is perfect. God knows that. God asks us to admit our faults. We do this using the *Prayer of Confession*. *Silent Confession* is a time to tell God anything else you are sorry for.

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon** (responsive)

John 15:3

One: You have already been cleansed by the word that God has spoken to you. In baptism God claimed you and joined you to Christ, as branches to a vine. Believe the promise given to you: In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

***Sung Response**

“Gloria Patri”

Red # 622

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.

***Declaration of Trust and the Peace**

One: Congregation of Jesus Christ, in whom are you trusting?

All: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

One: Grace, mercy, and peace to you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: And also with you.

(As we have received peace from Christ, let us also pass that peace to each other.)

We Hear the Word

Special Music

Kathy Beleny

Pew Conversation

How do you experience God’s love for you?

What do the fruits of the Spirit tell us about God’s love and loving others?

Sung Response

“Let The Words of My Mouth”

Red # 618

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. Amen

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Lord God, good shepherd, by the leading of your Spirit, help us to listen for your voice and follow in your paths all the days of our lives; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture Reading

John 15:1-8

Scripture Reading

1 John 4:7-21

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Message "Overflowing Love"

Rev. Diane Ziegler

In the *Prayer for Illumination*, we ask the Holy Spirit to help us understand God's Word. "Illumination" means "turning the lights on".

Scripture is God's Word to us. We listen carefully and study God's word.

We Respond

Hymn of Affirmation

"Share His Love"

Red # 302

***Affirmation of Faith (responsive)**

The 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.**

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.**

The Lord's Prayer is the prayer Jesus taught us.

Sung Response to Prayer “Spirit Divine, Hear Our Prayer” Red # 615
*Spirit Divine, hear our prayer, And make our hearts Your home; Descend with all Your
gracious pow’r, Come Holy Spirit, come. Amen.*

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offering what we have for the sake of others is a discipline of pruning-letting go of our possessions, our time, and even ourselves – to extend the gospel witness into the world. Be generous in your ministry of giving. You need not fear; you abide in the vine.

Doxology means “to give God glory.”

We pray God will use our gifts for God’s work through us and others in the *Prayer of Dedication*.

Offertory

***Doxology**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication/Offering (unison)**

Through our offerings, O God, give your loving Spirit to a world in need of comfort. Make our many gifts one offering for the world; in the name of Jesus. Amen.

We Are Sent

***Parting Hymn**

“The Solid Rock”

Red # 402

***Charge**

Go out with joy that you have been fed and healed, securely abiding as branches of the true vine. Go and tell the story of faith that is given to you by the One who never lets you go.

***Carrying the Light**

One: As we go forth to serve,
All: We carry the light of Christ into the world.

***Benediction**

As Jesus entered into human life, his life is still alive in you. The blessing of Almighty God be upon you today and always. Amen.

*** Sung Benediction**

“May the Grace of Christ, Our Savior”

Red # 608

May the grace of Christ, our Savior, And the Father’s boundless love, With the Holy Spirit’s favor, Rest upon us from above.

Thus we may abide in union With each other and the Lord, And possess, in sweet communion, Joys which earth cannot afford. Amen.

Postlude

(Sanctuary worshippers, please be seated for the postlude.)

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Welcome to those Visiting Today!

We invite you to join us for a brief time of fellowship in Fellowship Hall following worship! If you have children, we offer a class for those up to the age of 7. Enter through the door at the front of the sanctuary and follow the classroom signs.

Prayer Concerns Dan Burns, Emily Metz, Betty White, Matt Stallings, Bill Wiseman, Kathy Beleny, Ed McNulty, Sue Pledger, Leslie Clements, Bently, Loy and Ed Boncek, those who are sick and their caregivers, those who hunger, those recovering from storms, those grieving, those having relationship struggles, PEACE.

Suggestion for at home this week

- Read Galatians 5:22-23 and name the fruits of the Spirit. What are some ways you can live in and live out the fruits of the Spirit this week to show God's love for others?

Opportunities to Serve

- A HUGE thank you to all who helped with Vacation Bible School! We had a great week! We will be sharing some of our week with you on Sunday the 21st during worship.
- Online/Credit card Giving: Access by using the QR code to the right or make a credit card donation using the Clover machine located in the sanctuary.

