

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

* Entry of the Bible

Introit

Call to Worship

* Hymn "Teach me, God, to wonder"

#704

Opening Prayer:

Creating God, your power amazes us. Even when we work hard to shut you out, or forget you altogether, you find ways to break into our lives once more. When our lives seem bleak or frightening, your Good News finds ways to shine through. We are so grateful that you never give up seeking us out. Merciful God, you lead us on the path to true life, but we confess that we do not always follow. Forgive us when we are sidetracked by temptations of all kinds: seeking after money and success, keeping too busy or not busy enough, giving into indifference rather than caring. Strengthen our determination to keep choosing your way, and by the power of your Spirit at work in us, renew our determination to follow Jesus joyfully and faithfully. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Choir Anthem: Come to the water - Hasseler

WE CELEBRATE GOD'S CHILDREN

* Praise Song: "I have decided to follow Jesus"

#570

Exploring God Together

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation:

#400 v.2

"Spirit of the living God, move among us all; make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love: humble, caring, selfless, sharing. Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!"

Please stand at items marked * if you are able. Passages in **Bold Print** are to be spoken in Unison Organ Prelude – Hymn and Quiet Reflection

Upcoming Events at First

Sep 9 th	Cards Afternoon	1:00 pm
Sep 11 th	Session Meeting	7:00 pm
Sep 13 th	Crafts & Conversation	1:00 pm
Sept 15 th	Sunday Worship	11:00 am



"Starting today, our church will be taking over the hosting of the Sunday night jam sessions previously hosted by Epiphany church. Jam sessions will occur every Sunday night from 7pm-10pm for a \$4 cover charge that will include coffee, tea, and light refreshments. This is a wonderful new way for us to extend hospitality to people in our community! If you would like to help provide and/or serve refreshments, please speak to Rev. Susan. Otherwise, you are welcomed to come out and bring an instrument to play or just come out to enjoy the music!"

Session meets Wednesday Sept. 11 at 7pm.

Thank you, this week, to: Sep 8th

Greeters: Leila Pettigrew and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Beth Workman

Fellowship Time: Alice and Laird Morrison

Elevator Operator: Colin Rackham

Offering Counting Sandra Allan, Mickey Kennedy & Leila Pettigrew

Offering Collection: Sandra Allan & Leila Pettigrew

Lawn Maintenance: Terry Casella



Next week's volunteers: Sep 15th

Greeters: Leila Pettigrew and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Richard Noy

Fellowship Time: Sandra Allen & Yeung Eun

Elevator Operator: Laird Morrison

Offering Counting: Debbie Linkletter & Maureen Verdone

Offering Collection: Debbie Linkletter & Maureen Verdone

Lawn Maintenance: Terry Casella

"Cards Afternoon" is starting on Sep 9th from 1-3 pm. We play a variety of card games and are an informal group of 6-9 participants. Please feel free to join us.

FALL NEWSLETTER: please have your announcements for the newsletter at the office by Sept 23rd

Bible Readings:

Philemon 1-9

Psalm 1

Philemon 10-25

Pg. 215-216 NT

Pg. 489 OT

Pg. 216 NT

Gloria Patri:

#594

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.

Sermon: "On the Basis of Love"

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

*** Offertory Response:**

#661 v.1

"We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee."

***Prayer of Dedication:**

O God, we offer these gifts to you. Use them to shape and transform the world you love with the Good News we celebrate in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SACREMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

***Hymn: "My Jesus I Love Thee"**

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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 again 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.

Remembering the Meal with Jesus

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

The Eucharist is thanksgiving to God.

We pray for the world
and with gratitude offer our lives to God.

We celebrate his victory over death
and anticipate the joyous feast we shall have in his coming kingdom.

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth, with joy we give you thanks and praise. Through the words of your prophets you gave your people hope by promising them the Redeemer. And now we rejoice that in your Son, Jesus Christ, the Saviour has come and will come again in power and glory making all things new.

Those who belong to Christ come gladly to his table to make a memorial of his life and death, to celebrate his presence, and together as his church offer him thanks.

We thank you for sending your only Son Jesus to live among us, full of grace and truth. Sharing our joy and sorrow, he healed the sick and was a friend of sinners. Obeying you he took up his cross and died that we might live.

**Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again**

We come to this, His Table, in simple trust, seeking the transforming power of your Spirit: on this assembly of your people, on these words and actions, on this bread and wine, in order that, by the miracle of your grace, we may be united to Christ and to one another – one in body, one in spirit, one in faith.

Be with us now through your Holy Spirit as we celebrate with great joy the resurrection of our Lord, his presence with us in this feast, and his promise of a new creation. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, who lives in unity with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, to all eternity. Amen.

Sharing the Meal

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (see back of bulletin)

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

* **Hymn:** "May the mind of Christ my Saviour #644

Blessing

"Go now in peace, never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every 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."

Postlude:

(Please maintain a reverent silence and stillness during the postlude, which is our organist's gift both to you and to God. If you must leave before the postlude concludes, please do so as quietly as possible.)