

“COME TO ME,
ALL YOU WHO ARE
weary and burdened
AND
I WILL GIVE YOU REST.”

Matthew 11:28, NIV



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 2024

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

Rev. Bill Pollack

Prelude

*Max Jackson, Organist
Kim Whitman, Flutist*

Stay With Us

Walter Pelz

Call to Worship

Ryan Whitman

Leader: Are any among us weary? Do we carry heavy burdens?

People: Here is a place of rest. Here we encounter Christ's healing and grace.

Leader: Are any among us frantic and scattered, breathless in our busy-ness?

People: Here is a place of deep peace. In our worship, we meet the unhurried God.

Leader: Are any among us feeling hollow and empty, hungry for truth?

People: Here we encounter Christ, the bread of life — nourishment for the journey.

All: Let us enter into the presence of the One who cares for our souls. Amen.

† **Hymn of Praise**

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Blessing and Honor

Blessing and honor and glory and power,
wisdom and riches and strength evermore,
be to the Lamb who our battle has won,
whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne.

Let all the heavens sound forth Jesus' name;
let all the earth sing His glory and fame.
Ocean and mountain, stream, forest, and flower
echo these praises and tell of God's power.

Ever ascending the song and the joy,
ever descending the love from on high;
blessing and honor and glory and praise:
this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.

Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb;
take we the robe and the harp and the palm;
sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,
dying in weakness but rising to reign.

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

Most holy God, we aren't worthy of Your love. Yet still You love us. We aren't worthy of Your patience. Yet still You wait for us. We aren't worthy of Your healing. Even still, You mend our wounded souls. We confess our weakness, our lack of trust and our lack of perspective on what You're doing in and through our lives. We fail to see that You are living and active and deeply concerned about each fiber of our being. Restore our faith in You. Let us not forget the ways You have loved and waited, healed and worked. Thank You for Your continual mercy and forgiveness. We are most grateful. Amen.

† **Assurance of Pardon**

† **Response**

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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.

✠ **We Listen to God's Word** ✠

Children's Message

John Ferguson

Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson

1 Kings 19:1–14 (NRSV)

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger
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to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." ³ Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life and came to Beer-Sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. ⁴ But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die, "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵ Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶ He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. He ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷ The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you." ⁸ He got up and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. ⁹ At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken Your covenant, thrown down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹¹ He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken Your covenant, thrown down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God**

Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure

Your faithfulness, O Lord, is sure
in all Your words, Your gracious deeds;
You gently lift all burdened souls
and well provide for all our needs.

The eyes of all are fixed on You;
by You their wants are all supplied.
Your open hand is bountiful,
and every soul is satisfied.

Lord, You are just in all Your ways
and kind in everything You do.
Forever near You stand to hear and help
all those who call on You.

My mouth shall speak Your praise, O Lord;
my soul shall bless Your holy name.

Let all things living join the song of praise
from age to age the same.

† **The Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 11:28–30 (NRSV)

“Come to Me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.”

L: This is the Holy Gospel of Christ! **P: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon*Rev. Bill Pollack****When Life Becomes a Burden***✠ **We Respond to God’s Word** ✠† **Hymn of Response**

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We Praise You, O God

We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before You; we kneel and adore You;
we bless Your holy name; glad praises we sing.

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We worship You, God of our fathers and mothers;
through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
When perils o'ertake us, You will not forsake us,
and with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

† **Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. 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 quick 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.

Pastoral Prayer

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering Acknowledgement

Special Offering: CARES

† **Doxology**

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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.

† **Prayer of Dedication**

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

† **Hymn of Sending**

#846

Fight the Good Fight

Fight the good fight with all thy might.
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace;
lift up thine eyes and seek Christ's face.

Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside; lean on thy guide.
God's boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.
God changeth not, and thou art dear.
Only believe, and thou shalt see
that Christ is all in all to thee.

Postlude

Max Jackson

Allegretto

Matthew Camidge

† **Charge & Benediction**

† *Standing if you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *JT Norris*

Liturgist: *Ryan Whitman*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 58

General Offering: \$1,172.00

Building Rent: \$150.00

Clean Start: \$20.00

Online Offering: \$345.00

Total Offering: \$1,687.00

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

• Sunday, August 25

Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

Youth Group Meeting, following morning worship

• Monday, August 26

Empty Nesters, 5:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, August 27

Session Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, August 28

Men's Bible Study, 7 a.m./Bob Evans

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry

During the month of August, we continue to collect:

coloring books, stickers, playdough, jump ropes, pencil cases

You Are Invited!



We have some MISSES getting ready to become MRS. You are cordially invited to join in on their wedding showers in celebration of their upcoming weddings:

Rachel Dillon—**Saturday, September 7, 1 p.m.** in the Bethesda Community Hall. She is registered at Amazon, Target and Pampered Chef.

Summer Whitman—**Sunday, September 15, immediately following morning worship** in the Narthex. She is registered at Amazon.



► **Empty Nesters** resumes **Monday, August 26, 5:30 p.m.** This is a parent group for our FPC young adults, college and above, who are no longer living at home. The group meets on the fourth Monday of each month for a project to mail

their young adults. Contact Pam Potter.

► **Chancel Choir Rehearsal** resumes **Wednesday, August 28, 6:45 p.m.** Make a joyful noise and join the choir!

► **Sunday Morning Study** resumes **Sunday, September 1, 9:28 a.m.** in room 3. "Considering Colossians" is our new study. Join us as we delve into the rich teachings of Colossians, discovering how this ancient text holds profound wisdom for living a Christ-centered life in today's ever-changing world. Contact John Ferguson.

► **Open Chapel** resumes **Wednesday, September 4, 5:30–8 p.m.** The Sanctuary will be open the first Wednesday of each month. This is an opportunity for you to come and spend time in quiet prayer and meditation as you find need. Contact Heather Shay.

► **Horizons Bible Study** "Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight." It begins **Thursday, September 5 from 6–7:30 p.m.** It will meet the first Thursday of each month. The cost is \$10. To sign up, please contact Ann Wiseman or Bettie George Frye (606.831.8579).

► **Harmony of the Gospels:** Christian Education is offering a new class this fall. This study coordinates the incidents in the Life of Christ as recorded by the Gospels. Some incidents are recorded in all four Gospels, some by two, some only by one. All are included in this study. A workbook is provided and, of course, the answers are only found in the Gospels. Come join us this Fall as we look closer into the Life of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The class begins **Sunday, September 8, 9:30 a.m.** in room 11. All ages, High School–Adult. If you have younger children and want to attend, Kelly Hanni will provide childcare and a Sunday School lesson. Contact Jane Justice.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending August 22, 2024

Amy Crookes

John and Judy Eby (David Eby's brother and sister-in-law)

July Lilly

Jay Sanderson (Scott Sanderson's brother)

Evelyn Spears (Kim Whitman's friend)

Week ending August 15, 2024

Don and Rebecca Ballard DiLoreto (Bettie George Frye)

Nancy (Rick) Grace (Pastor Bill & Nanette)

Week ending August 8, 2024

Larry & Linda Barker

Jennifer Fahrson (Lisa Stevens' sister)

Margaret Ruth (Kelly Hanni)

Our Nation

Prayer requests will rotate off after three weeks. If you have an ongoing concern, please contact the church office.

Ongoing: Pastor Bill; Gretchen Dillon; Charlie Holbrook; Jane Justice; Kenny McGill; Derek Payne; Nancy Payne; Bonnie Pettijohn; Tim Shephard; Kim Whitman; Jan Winans;
Ann Wiseman

The Lantern: Barry Barbour, Carolyn Graber

Woodland Oaks: Bob Miller

Military: Erik Adkins (USAF Reserves, son of Kris Adkins)
Cadet Katie Brown

(West Point, granddaughter of Kim & Mike Whitman)

Greg Weston (Kentucky National Guard)

Major Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don & Judy Lilly)

PUZZLE



As sweet as honey



Honey is both a sweetener and a medicine.
How can our words be used in the same ways?



Directions: Use the hexagon key to fill in the missing vowels and complete Proverbs 16:24, NIV.



Gr c s w r d s

r h n c m b,

sw t t th s l

n d h l n g



t th b n s.



PROVERBS 16:24, NIV

Answer: Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. Proverbs 16:24, NIV

STAFF

Minister: *Rev. William Pollack*
Choirmaster/Organist: *Max Jackson*
Administrative Assistant: *Nanette Pollack*
Facilities Manager: *Glen Thomas*
Nursery Attendant: *Kara Adkins*

SESSION MEMBERS

President of Congregation: *Mitch Hall*
Secretary of Congregation/Clerk of Session: *Kelly Hanni*
Treasurer: *Cathy Wilson*

2025	2026	2027
<i>Kelly Hanni</i>	<i>Mitch Hall*</i>	<i>Jimmy Hall</i>
<i>Kim Whitman</i>	<i>Jan Holbrook</i>	<i>Lee McCloud *</i>
<i>Geri Willis</i>	<i>Ryan Whitman*</i>	<i>J.T. Norris *</i>
	*2nd term of service	

MINISTRY TEAMS

Building & Grounds: <i>Glen Thomas</i>	Membership: <i>Kim Whitman</i>
Christian Education: <i>Lee McCloud</i>	Mission: <i>Geri Willis</i>
Congregational Life: <i>Cathy Wilson</i>	Personnel: <i>Janet Holbrook</i>
Finance: <i>Trish Hall</i>	Worship: <i>Ryan Whitman</i>

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