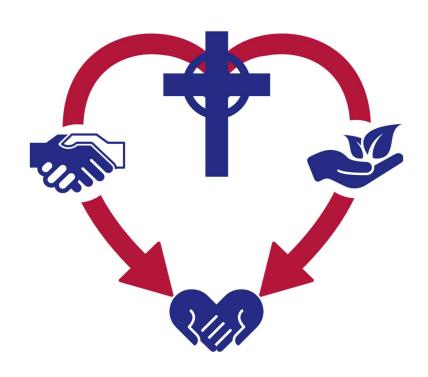
# We are imperfect believers, passionate about sharing the love of Christ:

by Connecting, Growing, and Serving.



## A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day Second Sunday after Pentecost Sacrament of Holy Communion June 2, 2024

Welcome! If you are visiting, please use the QR code on the visitor card found in the pew rack to share your information online or fill out the back of the card and drop it in the offering plate. Prayer cards, with the same options, are also available and we invite you to share your concerns and allow us to pray with you.



## We Gather to Worship God

\*Congregation stands as noted

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship (2 Corinthians 4:5-6)

Leader: We do not proclaim ourselves: we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as servants for Jesus' sake.

People: For God has shone in our hearts to give knowledge of the glory of God.

Leader: Sisters and brothers, praise the Lord!

People: The roar of the ocean, the call of the birds, the wind across the hills, people in every corner of the globe;

Leader: On this sabbath day of rest and gladness,

All: The Lord's name be praised!

Invocation

\*Opening Hymn #410

"God Is Calling Through the Whisper"

## We Acknowledge Our Brokenness and Seek Reconciliation with God

Preparing Our Hearts for Confession - "Confession" Words/Music by Kenneth Jones (front cover of hymnal)

Lord, I come before you, asking your forgiveness. I am broken, I have faltered. I have turned from you. Create in me a new heart. Fill me with your love. Grant that I receive your grace, I pray. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)** 

God who formed our inward parts and knows our hearts, forgive us. Instead of acknowledging you as our God, we make our own idols. Instead of proclaiming Jesus Christ as our Lord, we proclaim ourselves. Instead of turning to the Holy Spirit, we attempt to attain your way in our own understanding. Redirect our wrong ways and lead us to the ways that make Jesus visible in our lives.

Time of Silent Reflection and Personal Prayer of Confession

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

People: Amen.

#### \*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: In Christ we died to our old selves and became new creations.

People: Therefore, we proclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord! The life of Jesus is in us.

Leader: Hear the Good News! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

#### \*Thanks for God's Forgiveness (#647; no repeats)

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" Give Thanks! Give Thanks!

#### \*Passing of the Peace

Leader: Grace to you, and peace from God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(\*remain standing)

\*Transition Hymn #75 (v.1)

"We Give Thanks to You"

## We Respond to God's Faithfulness in Our Life

Offering Our Lives to Jesus through Our Time, Gifts, and Resources (see the 'Giving' card in the pew rack for information about options for digital giving)

#### \*Doxology (#606)

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.

## God's Word Is Read and Proclaimed

Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 3:1-20

Special Music "Preghiera" Millie Shiflett

Franco Paolo Tosti

To my confused mind of doubt and pain, come to my aid, O Lord, shine thy light of faith. ¶ Lift from it the weight that makes it sink into the mud: I send my sighs and tears to Thee, I entreat Thee. ¶ You know that my life is slowly being consumed, like the candle was by the flame, like the snow in the sunshine. ¶ To my soul, which yearns to take refuge in Thy arms, Ah! Break, Lord, the lace that prevents it from flying to thee. Lord have mercy!

Time for Young Disciples

(Children that have not yet finished 1st Grade are dismissed following this time)

Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 4:1-12

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation of God's Word

**Rev. Mary Morrison** 

"Light Shining From Darkness"

## Responding to God's Word

\*Hymn of Preparation for Communion #537

"When at This Table"

Sacrament of Communion (see liturgy on laminated card in pew rack)

Invitation to the Table

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer** 

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion (Unison)

Generous and faithful God, you have fed us at your table. May the nourishment we have received enable us to enrich the lives of others wherever we may go. Whether the future be dark or bright, the road be smooth or rough, whether our cares be light or heavy, our song be strong or weak, keep our hearts warm and our hands open, our lives ever embracing and ever embraced by your love. Amen.

### Sending Out Into the World

\*Sending Hymn #393

"O Day of Rest and Gladness"

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Congregational Benediction #295 (v.3)

"Go to the World!"

\*Postlude

<u>Sanctuary Flowers</u>: the flowers were placed in the sanctuary in loving memory of Dick Borry (6/25/1942-5/25/2019), from Margaret, Bethany, Rick, Tonya, Tereasa, Joy, Melissa, and families. "Missing you forever!"

Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We hope you were blessed so you can go and be a witness to Christ's love in the world. May your spirits be renewed for the days ahead.



Rev. AJ Ochart, Pastor Kenneth Jones, Director of Music Millie Shiflett, Accompanist Jennifer Massey, Lay Leader

