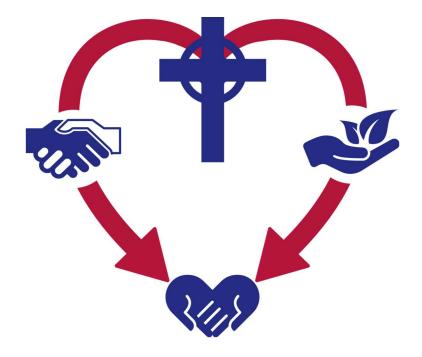
# We are imperfect believers, passionate about sharing the love of Christ: by Connecting, Growing, and Serving.



# A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day Third Sunday after Pentecost June 9, 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

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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Leader: Come, all who are called by God. People: Us? Are we called by God? Leader: You are called to worship God. People: Does God call us to anything else? Leader: You are called to love God and to love your neighbor. People: But who is our neighbor? Leader: Only every person on the face of this earth. People: How else does God call us? Leader: That is up to you to discern. People: Come, let us worship and discern God's call.

Invocation

\*Opening Hymn #612

"We Praise You, O God"

# 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)

Lord, we're here not because we're better than those who've stayed home. We're here because we know our need for you. You are the source and strength of our every thought, breath, and heartbeat, yet we ignore our dependence on you. The more we know you the better we know ourselves as your children, and this is a place where we can get to know you and ourselves better. We acknowledge our sin, our brokenness, our refusal to be the ones we claim we want to be. Breathe your forgiving, healing, loving Spirit into our worship this morning, and help us to more closely obey your will rather than simply our own. Amen

Time of Silent Reflection and Personal Prayer of Confession Leader: And all the people of Christ say, People: Amen.

#### \*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: No matter what your shortcomings, no matter what your sins, no matter how far you fell short this week from being the person you know God wants you to be, the Good News is that God's capacity to love and forgive is far greater than your capacity to sin. In Jesus Christ the past is past, period. The future, your future, from this moment on, is fresh and new. You are loved and forgiven and free to be the Child of God you were born to be.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Hallelujah! Praise be to God! 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.

\*Transition Hymn #628

#### "Praise, I Will Praise You Lord"

### 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**

Special Music

"The Call"

Siri Howard

Mark 1:16-20

Ralph Vaughn-Williams accompanied by Linda Howard-Kloepfer

Time for Young Disciples (Children that have not yet finished 1st Grade are dismissed at this time for Children's Church)

Scripture Reading

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

People: Thanks be to God.

I Samuel 16:1-13

"David Is Anointed King of Israel"

# **Responding to God's Word**

\*Affirmation of Our Faith (Apostle's Creed – Unison)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one Body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

\*Responsive Hymn #761

Time of Meditation, Reflection

Preparing Our Hearts for Prayer (#471)

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

Prayers for the People

Respond: 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.

## Sending Out Into the World

\*Sending Hymn #697 (v.1,3,5)

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Congregational Benediction #295 (v.3)

\*Postlude

Sanctuary Flowers: the flowers were placed in the sanctuary by Michael and Ann Paschall in honor of their mothers, Peggy Paschall and Millie Garrison.

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 Ann Paschall, Lay Leader

"Go to the World!"

Mark 1:17-18

Shirley Caligan

"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

"Take My Life"