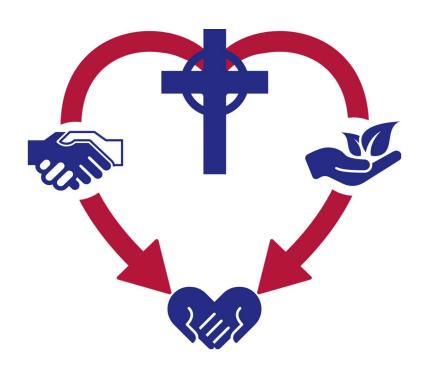
We are imperfect believers, passionate about sharing the love of Christ:

by Connecting, Growing, and Serving.



A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day Fourth Sunday after Pentecost June 16, 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 (Isaiah 61:1-2)

Leader: The spirit of the LORD God is upon me, People: because the LORD has anointed me;

Leader: God has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,

People: to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners,

Leader: to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor.

People: May this scripture be fulfilled in our lives. Amen.

Invocation

*Opening Hymn #4

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

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)

Holy, Holy One; we are people of unclean lips, from a people of unclean lips. We listen but do not comprehend, we look but do not understand. Our minds are dull, our ears are closed, our eyes are shut, and our hearts are hard. Yet you call us to speak on your behalf, to be your hands and feet in the world. You call us to speak even when none will listen, to act when no one else will, to love when hate is the language of the day. You show your strength through our weaknesses, and your grace through our strengths. Help us to serve you with our whole selves. Amen.

Time of Silent Reflection and Personal Prayer of Confession

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

People: Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon (Isaiah 6:7, 12:2)

Leader: Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed, and your sin is blotted out. Surely God is our salvation; we will trust, and not be afraid, for the LORD GOD is our strength and might; God has become our salvation.

People: Thanks be to God!

*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 Isaiah 6:1-13

Special Music "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" Chancel Choir
Mack Wilburg

Time for Young Disciples

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

Scripture Reading Luke 4:16-30

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation of God's Word Rev. AJ Ochart

"A Brief Introduction"

Responding to God's Word

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

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come 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 life everlasting.

*Responsive Hymn #726

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

Time of Meditation, Reflection

Isiah 61:1-4

Preparing Our Hearts for Prayer (#471)

"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

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

Kenneth Jones

Sending Out Into the World

*Sending Hymn #301

"Let Us Build a House"

*Charge and Blessing

*Congregational Benediction #539 (v.1)

"We Will Go Out with Joy"

*Postlude

<u>Sanctuary Flowers</u> – The flowers were placed in the sanctuary by Kenneth Jones with praise to God in thanks for the arrival of Rev. AJ Ochart and his family to join with us in our ministry.

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 Dana Tate, Lay Leader

