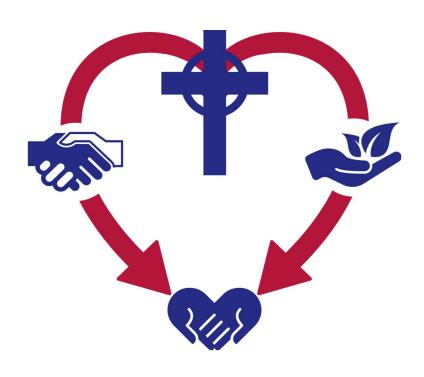
We are imperfect believers, passionate about sharing the love of Christ:

by Connecting, Growing, and Serving.



A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day Tenth Sunday After Pentecost July 28, 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 (Psalm 103)

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

People: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits -

Leader: Who forgives all your sins, and heals all your diseases;

People: who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

Leader: who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

People: O LORD, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. Amen.

Invocation

*Opening Hymn #619

"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

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 of Mercy, we have fallen short of your perfection. We have received your forgiveness and mercy; but we are not willing to give mercy to others. We bask in your steadfast love, but do not extend it to those around us. Help us to show your mercy. Amen.

Time of Silent Reflection and Personal Prayer of Confession

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

People: Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon (Psalm 103)

Leader: The LORD does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love towards us; as far as the east is from the west, so far God removed our transgressions from us. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel, our sins are forgiven.

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 #839

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

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 God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

God's Word Is Read and Proclaimed

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:7

Special Music "Plowshare Prayer" AJ Ochart
By Spencer LaJoye

Time for Young Disciples

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

Scripture Reading Jonah 4:1-11

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

"Compassion"

Responding to God's Word

*Affirmation of Our Faith (Westminster Shorter Catechism – Responsive)

Leader: What is the main purpose for humanity?

People: The main purpose for humanity is to glorify and enjoy God forever.

Leader: What rule has God given to tell us how we may glorify and enjoy God?

People: The Word of God which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments is the only rule to tell us how we may glorify and enjoy God.

Leader: What do the Scriptures mainly teach?

People: The Scriptures mainly teach what we are to believe about God, and what duty God requires of us.

Leader: How many Persons are there in the Trinity?

People: There are three Persons in the Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

Leader: What is Sin?

People: Sin is any lack of obedience to, or violation of, the law of God.

Leader: Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

People: The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and human, in two distinct natures, and one Person forever.

Leader: How does the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?

People: The Spirit applies to us the redemption purchased by Christ by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.

*Responsive Hymn #754

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

Time of Meditation, Reflection

Psalm 103:8-12

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

Ann Paschall

Sending Out Into the World

*Sending Hymn #435

""There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

*Charge and Blessing

*Congregational Benediction #549

"May the Love of the Lord"

*Postlude

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

