

Paul writes: "The gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable" (Romans 11:29 NRSV). God has called you, so receive his gifts for you today: his love, his forgiveness, his life.

This worship service can be watched live on YouTube, as it happens, anywhere you have an internet connection. Additionally, past services will be archived so you can stay up-to-date or relive your favorite Sunday morning moments. You can find the link on our website or check it out at <https://bit.ly/FPClive>

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NOTE: Sheet music for the hymns can be found on the next page or pages.



Order of Worship
August 20, 2023

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***THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

10:00 AM

AUGUST 20, 2023



THE FIRST NOTE OF THE PRELUDE begins our worship.

Please use the prelude time to turn your attention to God's presence and help. Nurturing our relationships and friendships in fellowship is essential to our life as a congregation, so please continue to do so following our time of worship.

** Those who are able are invited to stand.*

FOCUSING UPON GOD'S PRESENCE AND VOICE

PRELUDE

"O Perfect Love"

KEVIN NORRIS
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God has forgiven and drawn us close, reconciling us through Jesus
Christ, who has lavished upon us the fullness of the blessed Holy Spirit.

People: With glad and grateful hearts, let us praise the Lord!

***OPENING PRAYER**


***HYMN #410**

"God is Calling Through the Whisper"


W Żłobie Leży
Music: CCLI 1695793
TEXT: ONELICENSE.NET A-713988

GATHERING


410 God Is Calling through the Whisper



1 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs,
2 God is call-ing through the voic-es of our neigh-bors' ur-gent prayers,
3 God is call-ing through the mu-sic of sub-lime and hu-man arts,



through the thrill of sud-den beau-ties that can catch us by sur-prise.
through their long-ing for re-demp-tion and for res-cue from de-spair.
through the hymns of earth and an-gels, and the car-ols of our hearts.



Flash of light-ning, crash of thun-der; hush of still-ness, rush of won-der:
Place of hurt or face of need-ing; stri-dent cry or si-lent plead-ing:
Lift of joy and gift of sing-ing; days and nights our prais-es bring-ing:



God is call-ing—can you hear? God is call-ing—can you hear?
God is call-ing—can you hear? God is call-ing—can you hear?
God is call-ing—and we hear! God is call-ing—and we hear!

This wide-ranging text reminds us of the many surprising and urgent ways God calls to us, both to draw us near and to send us forth. In the third line of music it is especially effective at harnessing the momentum of the phrases that are each a note higher than the one before.

TEXT: Mary Louise Bringle, 2003

MUSIC: Polish carol; harm. Wilbur Lee, 1958

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W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY

8.7.8.7.8.8.7.7

(this tune in a higher key, 128)

LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

Leader: Let us confess our sins without fear to the One who yearns to embrace us, forgive us, protect us, and bless us.

People: Have mercy on us, Lord Jesus. Our lives are full of disruptions. We are dismayed at your presence and anguished by the awful fallout of our own failures. We cannot take back what we said or undo what we have done or atone for the agony we have caused. We are haunted by the past, plagued by the present, and fearful of the future. We shrink away from your gaze as strangers outside your circle of blessing. Yet the faith you have planted in us reaches out for your favor, returns to your presence, and hungers for your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayers.

(A moment is given for silent confession to God.)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE

Leader: Since God has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share our forgiven joy with one another.

*HYMN OF ASSURANCE #581

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

THE WORD OF GOD TO THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

PSALM 133:1-3

¹How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

²It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

³It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

MATTHEW 15:10-20

¹⁰Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: ¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” ¹³He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

MESSAGE

“Be Careful, Little Eyes What You See”

REV. REBECCA MALLOZZI

GATHERING

408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
know him in his full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
going to walk with Je - sus all the way."

This gospel hymn grew out of this African American author and composer's intense experience of prayer with her interracial choir in Los Angeles one Sunday morning before worship. She recalled that sense of "a sweet, sweet Spirit" when she sat down at her piano the next day.

GLORY TO GOD HYMNAL – PG. 35
(Please use “debts & debtors”.)

CALL FOR OFFERTORY

*At this time, we are not passing an offering plate.
Please find the plate by the door for in-person giving.
See the back page of the bulletin for additional info on how to give.
Thank you for your generosity!*

*HYMN #628 *"Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord"* (next page)

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POSTLUDE *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* DARCY STANLEY
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Please feel free to sit and reflect during the postlude or depart and join us in Fellowship Hall.



ADORATION

628 Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord

Je louerai l'Éternel

1 Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart. O
 2 Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart. O
 3 Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart. O

God, I will tell the won-ders of your ways, and glo-ri - fy your name.

Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart. In
 Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart. In
 Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart. In

you I will find the source of all my joy. Al - le - lu - ia!

FRENCH

*Je louerai l'Éternel de tout mon coeur,
 je raconterai toutes tes merveilles,
 je chanterai ton nom.
 Je louerai l'Éternel de tout mon coeur,
 je ferai de toi le sujet de ma joie.
 Alleluia!*

This simple song based on Psalm 9:1-2 was created in the mid-1970s for a morning devotional of a group touring in the picturesque high Alps. Later it was incorporated into their programs and soon spread throughout Europe and the world, being translated into many languages.

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JE LOUERA L'ÉTERNEL
 Irregular

Faith Life

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023

We hope you'll join us following worship for beverages, snacks, and fellowship.

Please note...the nursery is closed during August.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED

You might think that assisting during worship is daunting, but it is easier than you think! Spoon-fed instructions are provided, with all the necessary materials. Everything is prepared for you! Yet, as easy as it is, volunteers are always needed. Here are the immediate dates where worship assistants are needed:



All of September and October

Contact Sally Heimbach. Thank you.

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS NEEDED

Everybody loves fellowship time following worship. It's a wonderful time to catch up with your church family! Hosting is easy, but we still need people to volunteer. Instructions are provided. Here are the immediate dates where hosts are needed:



September 3, 17, 24; October 8, 22

Sign up on the whiteboard in the narthex, or contact Sally Heimbach. Thank you.

FALL CLEAN-UP IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER

The Ministry of Support Committee will be holding a fall clean up day on Sunday, October 29 following worship. A light lunch will be served. Please plan on staying.



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



EMMAUS COMMUNITY YARD SALE

We will be participating in the **Emmaus Community Yard Sale** day on **Saturday, September 9.**

WOF will be having a bake sale and have some items for sale. **Bakers are needed!** Speak with Sandy Gingrich or Sue Lawall for details.



We have some items from the church to sell.

We also have one outside group using the space.

There is space available if you would like to participate.

If you have items you would like to donate, here is the process.

- Bring the items, already priced, to the church on **Friday September 8.** Please contact Sally Heimbach to set up a delivery time.
- On **Sunday September 10**, come to church and pick up any items that have not sold

Contact Sally Heimbach with any questions or concerns.



FUNDING OUR MISSION & VISION

Pledge cards will be mailed out the week of October 9 and Pledge Dedication will be on Sunday, October 29.



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CHURCH OFFICE IS ON SUMMER HOURS

Tuesday - Thursday from 9:00 AM to Noon.
Closed on Mondays and Fridays.

TWO WEEKS OF FAITH

This calendar is prepared a few days prior to distribution.
Please see the church [website](#) for the most up-to-date information.

| Key | |
|-----|-----------------|
| BR | Brick Room |
| FH | Fellowship Hall |
| MR | Music Room |
| P | Parlor |
| S | Sanctuary |
| Z | Zoom |

NEXT WEEK

Sunday, August 20

10:00 a.m.— Worship Service

Monday, August 21

Church Office Closed

7:00 p.m.— Ministry to the Community (P)

Tuesday, August 22

Wednesday, August 23

8:00 a.m.— Rotary Food Program (FH)

9:30 a.m.— Women of Faith (BR)

5:30 p.m.— Faithful Ringers

Thursday, August 24

7:00 p.m.— Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, August 25

Church Office Closed

Saturday, August 26

NEXT WEEK

Sunday, August 27

10:00 a.m.— Worship Service

Monday, August 28

Church Office Closed

7:00 p.m.— Emmaus Chorale (FH)

Tuesday, August 29

Wednesday, August 30

8:00 a.m.— Rotary Food Program (FH)

9:30 a.m.— Women of Faith (BR)

5:30 p.m.— Faithful Ringers rehearsal

7:00 p.m.— Faithful Harmonizers rehearsal

Thursday, August 31

7:00 p.m.— Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, September 1

Church Office Closed

Saturday, September 2

9:00 a.m.— Crazy Quilters (FH)

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

The *Holy Harmonies* Summer Choir continues during the summer. Additional appearance of the choir August 27. Rehearsals will occur those same Sundays in the Choir Room at 9:30 a.m. Selections will mainly consist of hymns from the hymnal, but suggestions of hymns or anthems are welcomed.



The *Holy Harmonies* Summer Choir is open to anyone and commitment is based on your schedule. Join when you can and know we hope you enjoy your Sundays away if you cannot.

Winter Flyer deadline—November 19
Daybreak Meal—September 11
2023 Per Capita—\$48.00

LOOKING AHEAD...

Sept. 9..... Community Yard Sale
Sept. 10..... Sunday Morning Together
 Welcome back luncheon
Sept. 11..... Office returns to regular hours
Sept. 15..... Evening on the Lawn
Oct. 1 Peace & Global Witness Offering
 Pot Luck Luncheon
Oct. 22..... Crop Walk for Hunger
Oct. 20 Evening on the Lawn
Nov. 19..... Winter Newsletter Deadline
Dec. 2 Women of Faith Craft Fair
Dec. 17..... Christmas Joy Offering,
 Work Camp Cookie Sale
Dec. 24..... Christmas Eve
Dec. 25..... Christmas
Jan. 1..... Happy New Year 2024!
Jan. 13..... Wellness Program

**EVENING ON
THE LAWN**

Every 3rd Friday in Spring and Fall

7:00 p.m.— 9/15, 10/20

Bring your blanket or chair
enjoy the fire and fellowship