

## Order of Worship

*We are caring believers who grow, share, and live out our faith in Christ.*

August 28, 2022 10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE "Meditation" Massesnet  
Barbara Ciannella, organ

### ***Our Approach to God***

WELCOME

OPENING PSALM "Praise the Lord" Psalm 150  
Nate Giordano, guitar

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) from Psalm 33

Leader: God, God, save me! I'm in over my head. Quicksand under me, swamp water over me; I'm going down for the third time.

**People: God, you know every sin I've committed; My life's a wide-open book before You.**

Leader: Now answer me, God, because You love me; Let me see Your great mercy full-face.

**People: Let me shout God's name with a praising song. Let me tell His greatness in a prayer of thanks.**

\*HYMN "O How I Love Jesus" #92

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, we claw at the world. We're anxious and angry. We're in a hurry to get nowhere. We have a gnawing sense of unease in the pits of our bellies. And yet You want peace for us. You want to give us a sense of calm and tranquility, a sense that all is well, because all is well. May we slowly and steadily come to understand that all is well, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS  
LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

SPECIAL MUSIC "Eternal Weight of Glory" Kimbrough  
Nate Giordano, guitar

## ***The Word of God***

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

\*HYMN "I Will Sing of My Redeemer" #309

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Romans 1:1-6; 5:1-11

SERMON "Peace" Pastor Sayer

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

### ***Our Response to God***

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER #815

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN "What Wondrous Love Is This" #314

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Allegro in C Minor" Bach  
Barbara Ciannella, organ

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**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Anonymous; Lynn Baker; Deanna & Roger Carman; Marilyn Clark; Jill Cox; Harold Friedeman; Ernie Hepperle; Nancy Lanzalotto; Chris Lombardi; Ed Serrano; Richard Smyth; Craig Terjanian.

**THE UNITY PRAYER:** Lord, we pray that our words, our actions and our lives reflect that we know You have already won the victory. Amen

**THE FLOWERS** are given by Jean Greenlaw in loving memory of her mother, Edie Greenlaw, and in memory of Clarissa Wunschel with love and longing by her mother, Ann Froeder.

**GUILD EXECUTIVE MEETING** today 11:30 AM in the Conference Room

Sunday, September 4, 2022

10:00 AM – Worship

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Tuesday, September 6 - 7:30 PM Consistory

Thursday, September 8 - 7:30 PM Choir

- 7:30 PM Christian Ed. Meeting

Saturday, September 10 - 8:30 AM Men's Group

**Sunday, September 11, 2022**

10:00 AM Worship and Guild Installation

Picnic/BBQ After Worship

**SNACK PACK PROGRAM** – This past Thursday, we had about 60 people, both from the church and a large number of people from outside the church, for the Snack Pack Program. We were able to put together 1,000 packs of food for kids who need nutrition when school is out of session. And we did it in record time! This program serves two vital purposes for our church: it feeds people who need it, and it helps to connect us to the broader community.

**THE ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC/HOT DOG HOOPLA** is on Sun. Sept. 11 following worship. Please join us for a time of sharing, hearty food and good fellowship. The Congregational Care Committee will provide hot dogs with a variety of toppings, beverages and dessert. To help our planning, please complete the insert in today's bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

**ATTENTION PARENTS!** Amy Duran, our music director, is planning a song for the choir that would include children singing as well. Beginning in September, she would like to have a 15-minute rehearsal immediately after worship for the children to teach them the song. Please talk to your children and encourage them to participate. The hope is to perform the song before Advent.

**THE NORWOOD PANTRY**, sponsored by the Church of the Holy Communion, continues to grow because of the great need in the community. We collect items on an ongoing basis, which are delivered to them by Les and Jill Cox. Items currently needed are coffee, oil, mayonnaise, sugar, complete pancake mix, pancake syrup, mustard, oatmeal, juice, shampoo, conditioner, and monetary donations. Gift cards to grocery stores are also welcome.

**VISIT THE HP FARMERS' MARKET THIS AFTERNOON** at Highland Field until 2 PM. It will continue on Sundays through October 30.

**THE REV. CHARLES P. JOHNSON**, our Pastor Emeritus, served our church for 19 years and left to retire in 1991. God had other plans for Chuck and Donna. Chuck signed on to be an alternate to the Protestant Church of Oman, but because the selected candidate bowed out, Chuck took his place. You can read all about it in a new book Chuck has written entitled, "Another Watchman." It's part autobiographical, part career, and there is even a section of "Meditations." A few copies are available for sale in the Narthex, or it can be ordered on Amazon or Barnes & Noble.