

## Order of Worship

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

September 25, 2022

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE          *“Children of the Heavenly Father”*          Berg  
Amy Duran, piano

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

WELCOME

OPENING PSALM          *“The Day of the Lord”*          Psalm 37  
Nate Giordano          Kimbrough

REMINING OURSELVES WHAT WE BELIEVE

Question & Answer 120 of the Heidelberg Catechism

Leader: Why did Christ command us to call God, “our Father?”

People: **To awaken in us at the very beginning of our prayer what should be basic to our prayer—a childlike reverence and trust that, through Christ, God has become our Father, and that, just as our parents do not refuse us the things of this life, even less will God our Father refuse to give us what we ask in faith.**

\*HYMN          *“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”*          #101

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, we think of our faith as a sort of intellectual proposition: You are holy and powerful; You sent Jesus to show us the way to live; He died and rose for us. And we affirm all this... in our heads. And all that is good, but it’s only a piece of our faith. And we forget a really important, powerful piece of Christianity. You love us deeply, in a way we can never really understand. You want to be in a relationship with us – person to person, caring for and about each other, in conversation, relating with each other. And we neglect that when we make Christianity all about what we accept in our heads. Holy Spirit, move us toward deeper relationship with You, in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

HEARING OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

LIVING THANKFULLY AS FORGIVEN PEOPLE

SPECIAL MUSIC          *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*          arr. Schrader  
Les Cox, Amy Duran

## **The Word of God**

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

\*HYMN          *“O Lord, You’re Beautiful”*          #643

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE          Hosea 11:1-9          p. 842 (OT)

SERMON          *“It’s Personal”*          Pastor Sayer

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

WOMEN’S CHOIR          *“The Gift of Love”*          arr. Hopson

### ***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          *“O Jesus, I Have Promised”*          #676

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE          *“The Church’s One Foundation”*          Wesley  
Amy Duran, piano

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

**THE UNITY PRAYER:** We pray, God, that as we enter this fall season we may spring forward and continue on the path of serving You--being a blessing to others by using the gifts that You have given us.

**THE FLOWERS** are given by Chris Doyle in loving memory of Glen Carullo.

**THIS WEEK**

**TODAY** 11:15 Children's Choir  
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Saturday 11:00 Men's Retreat

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**THE NORWOOD PANTRY**, sponsored by the Church of the Holy Communion, needs your help. Summer is over and their shelves are empty. Please consider bringing beans, oil, cereal, beets, boxed mashed potatoes, juice, coffee, tea, cocoa, soup, or cookies to church with you. We collect items on an ongoing basis, which are delivered to them by Les and Jill Cox. Gift cards to grocery stores are also welcome. (Please leave them on the desk in the office.)

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