

THE FLOWERS are given by the Guild for Christian Service to the glory of God.

THANK YOU to all who came yesterday to help with last-minute preparations at the manse. Lots of cleaning was done, and we are just about ready for our new minister and his family to move in. Thank you to Dave Hall and his committee for all their hard work and preparation.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY: Jesus often spoke in parables to teach spiritual lessons. Although you may be familiar with a number of these parables, you may never have considered how they fall into meaningful groupings. In our 5-week study, we will be arranging Jesus' parables in groupings that reflect Jesus' teachings during His earthly ministry: Parables of the Kingdom, of Salvation, of Wisdom and Folly, of the Christian Life, and of Judgment. Each week of the study we will be focusing on one of these groupings and talking about 4 or 5 parables in that grouping. There are two opportunities to join in this study: Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm on Zoom, and Thursday mornings at 10:00 am in the Johnson Chapel through the week of July 29. Text or call Sandy Bennington, 201-543-1244, for information and to get the Zoom link for Tuesday evenings. You may switch between the evening and morning sessions.

THIS WEEK

Today: 11:15 Guild Executive Meeting
Tuesday: 7:30 Zoom Bible Study
Thursday: 10:00 Bible Study – Johnson Chapel

Sunday, July 28, 2024

10:00 am Worship – Rev. Tim Dunn

Tuesday 7/30 7:30 pm Zoom Bible Study
Thursday 8/1 10:00 am Bible Study – Johnson Chapel



We live in a world where we keep so busy, yet we wonder if we're getting anything done – if there's meaning in any of it.

Christ pours meaning into our lives by showing us who we are created to be.

We live in a world with such a frenetic pace, where we are anxious and uncertain.

Jesus brings us peace by showing us how deeply we're loved.

We live in a world where we're surrounded by people and yet we often feel alone.

Christ calls us into a loving community.

Here, in this church, we are in the process of discovering the meaning, peace, and life-giving love of Jesus Christ.

We invite you into that journey with us.



Order of Worship

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

July 21, 2024

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE "I'd Rather Have Jesus" arr. Mark Hayes
Amy Duran, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Approach to God

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) Psalm 105

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples!

People: Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Leader: Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His presence continually.

People: Remember the wondrous works He has done, His miracles and the judgments He uttered.

HYMN "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" #97

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Heavenly Father, as You well know, we are living in a world that is filled with confusion, anger, disunity—and even hatred toward those who don't agree with each other. You have called us to be "the light of the world," but we haven't been doing a very good job in shining that light. In fact, we are sometimes the ones extinguishing the light of Jesus because we feel the need to be right is more important than being that light. We're very sorry for that and ask that you remind us to look at the way Jesus lived and loved, and to follow that example. Forgive us for putting our own desires and opinions ahead of others instead of showing patience and love to those who have differing thoughts. Help us to know and believe that even a little light overcomes the darkness, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, we can make a difference with the light we have. Remind us that we are meant to be overcomers in a dark world!

HEARING OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

LIVING THANKFULLY AS GOD'S PEOPLE Ephesians 2:8

For by grace you have been saved by faith; this is not your own doing; it is a gift from God—not a result of works.

SPECIAL MUSIC "One Drop" Arbuckle Lee
Julie & Stephanie Budinich, Amy Duran

The Word of God

GREETING EACH OTHER IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

*HYMN "Be Strong in the Lord" #734

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 6:10-17 p. 195 (NT)

SERMON "Dressing for Success" Jane Marshall

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

Our Response to God

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY #815

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN "I Need Thee Every Hour" #638

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know" arr. Paul Johnston
Amy Duran, piano

***Please stand if you are able.**

PRAYER CONCERNS: Anonymous; Lynn Baker; DeAnna and Roger Carman; Steven Gumberg; Ernie Hepperle; Janet Kosack; Nancy Lanzalotto; Ed Serrano; Craig Terjanian, Barry Wood.

OUR SYMPATHIES are extended to Jeff and Shirley Parma on the passing of Jeff's sister, Lois on July 12th. A funeral service was held here in the sanctuary this past Tuesday. Please remember Jeff, Shirley, Debra, and Lois's friends in your prayers.

UNITY PRAYER: We thank you, Lord, for the blessings of providing your church with a new pastor and his family. We pray for traveling mercies for Zach, Mishona, Miriam, and Mark as they travel to New Jersey. May you watch over them and bless them.