

June 30, 2024
6th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE "Passacaglia in g" Handel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL HUNGER OFFERING

OPENING SENTENCES

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; Lam. 3:22, 23
God's mercies are everlasting.
They are new every morning.
Great is God's faithfulness.
Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+**HYMN: GTG #645** MIT FREUDEN ZART
"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we have sinned against you
and have strayed from living wholeheartedly.
Envy and fear have dulled our generosity,
and we have grown mean and destructive.
Forgive us our sins and return us to health
through the grace and mercy of Christ. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

... therefore be at peace, and love with boldness and generosity.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN: GTG #829 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" OLIVET

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... O Lover of souls, **restore our lives.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Children are dismissed to Kids Church

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Courante in c" Bach

+**RESPONSE: GTG #606** OLD HUNDREDTH
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

+**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *A Brief Statement of Faith*
(United States, 1991)

In life and death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

DEUTEROCANONICAL/APOCRYPHAL LESSON Apoc. page 32
Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15; 2:23-24

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Lamentations 3:22-33 O.T. page 586

PSALM Psalm 30
I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

**O LORD my God, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health.**

You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

**Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;
give thanks in holy remembrance.**

God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

**While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed.**

You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

**I cried to you, O LORD;
I pleaded with my LORD, saying,
"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?**

**Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;
O LORD, be my helper."**

You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.
**Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 N.T. page 140

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 5:21-43 N.T. page 31

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE Matt. 11:4
Go and tell everyone what you have seen and heard.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN: GTG #39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

SERMON Rev. Bill Pinches
"The Steadfast Love of the Lord Never Ceases"

+**HYMN: GTG #720** "Jesus Calls Us" GALILEE

+**CHARGE**
My sisters and brothers, the Holy One has created you for good.
Delight in God, work for justice, and walk in peace.
Amen.

+**BLESSING**
May the blessing of God, who creates, redeems, and restores,
be with you now and always.
Alleluia!

+**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: GTG #748** TALLIS' CANON
"Go with Us, Lord"

POSTLUDE "Prelude no. 8" Debussy

**You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.**
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.

SERVING US TODAY
Liturgist: Brandon Leffew
Greeters: Bruce and Donna Archer
Next Week's Greeters: Julie Dart and Vern Schrock
Sound: Marty Subject
Livestream: Tami Chapman
Security: Tim Hammond

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#91. Gospel of Matthew: The Gospel according to Matthew was probably written between AD 80-90, give or take a decade, for a community of Jewish Christians, possibly in Antioch.

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 15. What do you believe when you say that God is “Maker of heaven and earth”?

First, that God called heaven and earth, with all that is in them, into being out of nothing simply by the power of God’s Word. Second, that by that same power all things are upheld and governed in perfect wisdom, according to God’s eternal purpose.

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Class of 2025: Doreen Chapman, Mary Garland Jackson, Monte Shuck.

Class of 2026: Bruce Archer (*Clerk of Session*), Ginnie Gibson, Jane Hamelink, Tim Hammond

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Class of 2024: Donna Hujsak, Issie Nielsen, Camille Subject.

Class of 2025: Marge Clarke, Julie Dart, Timothy Pinches, Tom Seely (*Moderator*).

Class of 2026: Ron Dlouhy, Bill Leutscher, Sandy Leutscher, Nancy Sue MacDonald, Laurie McGonigal

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday	Mission Committee	4:00 pm
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:15 am
	Prayer Fellowship (in the Chapel)	12:00 pm
Thursday	Church Office closed (Independence Day)	
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath	
Saturday	Yarners	10:00 am

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Mary Robinson June 30

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*The fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
(Galatians 5:22-23)*