

July 21, 2024
9th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE "Adagio" Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

Come into the presence of the Most High God with songs of praise and shouts of thanksgiving.

**For our Savior frees us from slavery;
our Savior heals our diseases;
our Savior is our peace.**

You are a holy temple in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Eph. 2:22

Come; let us worship God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of green pastures,
we confess that we can get so busy and distracted
that we lose sight of your love and care for us.
We forget to live in gratitude
and fail to live lives of goodness and mercy.
Forgive us, heal us, and lead us down gentle paths
that restore our souls. Amen.

Ps. 23:2, 3

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

... In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Amen.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN: GTG #824 "There Is a Place of Quiet Rest" MC AFEE
(Near to the Heart of God)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... In Christ, we are joined together as a dwelling place for God.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MESSAGE FROM THE SPIRITUAL GROWTH COMMITTEE Sarah Fay-Koutz
Family Camp

Children are dismissed to Kids Church

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Ps. 23:5

OFFERTORY "Allemande in c" Bach

+ Those who are able may stand.

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GTG = *Glory to God* (purple)

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

+**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Ps. 23:2

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

We trust in God the Holy Spirit

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves
and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

The same Spirit

who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world

the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 23:1-6 O.T. page 552

PSALM Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

You restore my soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Ephesians 2:11-22 N.T. page 148

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 N.T. page 32

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE Rev. 21:5

These words are trustworthy and true.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN: GTG #802 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" ST. COLUMBA
(Psalm 23)

SERMON "I Will Raise Up Shepherds Over Them" Rev. Bill Pinches

+**HYMN:** GTG #361 "O Christ, the Great Foundation" AURELIA

+**CHARGE**

Seek out your neighbor in love.

If it is within your power,

be reconciled to your enemies.

Hunger and thirst for the rule of Christ Jesus

and let him dwell in your minds and hearts.

Amen.

+**BLESSING**

God grant you peace in your sleeping and waking;

Christ fill you with joy in your working and playing;

the Holy Spirit drive you with passion in your love for God.

Alleluia!

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

POSTLUDE "Les tendres plainets" Rameau

*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: Monte Shuck

Greeters: Vicki Drown and Donna Hujsak
Next Week's Greeters: Camille Subject and Katharine Wise

Sound: Marty Subject

Livestream: Marty Subject

Security: Doreen Chapman

Today's flowers are given by
the congregation

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#94. Hebrews: The anonymous yet eloquent Epistle to the Hebrews is difficult to date. Some scholars place it before the fall of Jerusalem (in the 60's); others place it after (in the 80's).

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 18. What does our creation in God's image reflect about God's love for us?

We are created to live wholeheartedly for God. When we honor our Creator as the source of all good things, we are like mirrors reflecting back the great beam of love that God shines on us. We are also created to honor God by showing love toward other human beings.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

All Week	Montreat Youth Conference	
Wednesday	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:15 am
	Prayer Fellowship (in the Chapel)	12:00 pm
Wednesday	Vacation Bible School	5:30 pm
Thursday	Personnel Committee	5:30 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor's Sabbath	

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Kevin Mackey	July 21
Jack Davis	July 25
Janet Immekus	July 26
Michelle Mackey	July 26
Carma Philip	July 27
Samantha Trout	July 27

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Shepherd and Sheep
by Anton Mauve, c. 1880

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