

**August 18, 2024**

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

**PRELUDE**

**Melody Raef**

**WELCOME**

**Barbara Lore**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*based on Psalm 111*

Leader: Praise the LORD!

**People: We will give thanks to the LORD with our whole heart.**

Leader: Great are the works of the LORD!

**People: Full of honor and majesty,  
these wonderful deeds are widely known.**

Leader: The LORD is gracious and merciful.

**People: God's praise endures forever.**

**\*SONG OF PRAISE**

*#138 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*from The Presbyterian Outlook*

**Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life and sent his Spirit to be with us always. We confess that we have not trusted in the truth of that Spirit to enliven our hearts, to set us in the ways of justice, and to free us from fear. We have turned away from the gift of Christ's presence. Forgive us, and turn our hearts back to you, that we may be your faithful and loving people, walking in the footsteps of the One who came to transform the world. Amen.**

**\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE**

*#579 Gloria Patri*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever and shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**TIME FOR CHILDREN**

**Rev. Crystal Varner Parker**

**COLLECTION FOR 5 CENTS**

**FIRST LESSON**

*Proverbs 9:1-6; Pew Bible p. 516*

**SECOND LESSON**

*John 6:51-58; Pew Bible p. 868*

**SERMON**

**Rev. Crystal Varner Parker**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith 11.1-2*

**In life and in 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. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.**

**\*SONG OF RESPONSE**

*#108 Christ Is Alive*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, they will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**WE OFFER OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

*#592 Doxology*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!*

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*SONG OF SENDING**

*#538 Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Melody Raef

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**THE SESSION 2024**

**Clerk of Session**

Ruth Hopke 2024

**Administration**

Pete Adamson	2024-2026	Jamie Gray	2022-2024
Ayars Lore	2022-2024	Nathan Richards	2023-2025

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Paul Davis	2023-2025	Patricia Robinson	2024-2026
Mary-Catherine Sheridan	2024-2026		

**Community & Mission**

Davis Gammon	2024-2026	Jo White	2022-2024
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to our church family



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