

August 25, 2024

**Please stand if you are able.*

Thank you to our amazing youth who are helping lead worship today.

PRELUDE

Melody Raef

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

from a Call to Worship

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O God, most gracious host.

People: My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the household of God.

Leader: Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest
at your table of grace, O homemaking God.

People: Our hearts and our flesh sing for joy to you, the living God.

***SONG OF PRAISE**

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

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

from The Presbyterian Outlook

Loving God, through Christ you abide in us, and you invite us to abide in you. But so often we are restless and unsatisfied. Instead of resting in the fullness of life Christ offers to us, we chase after money and fame, recognition and power, status and control. Instead of honoring the image of God in all our neighbors, we push others down in the pursuit of our own desires. Forgive us for forgetting that you call us to a different way of being in the world, to lives grounded in the self-giving love of Christ. Lead us out of self-interest and into communal care for one another and the world you have made.
In Christ's name we pray; 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

COLLECTION FOR 5 CENTS

LESSON

John 6:56-69; Pew Bible p. 868

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON

"What Happens Next"

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**

#403 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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**

#389 O Jesus, I Have Promised

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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THE SESSION 2024

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Ruth Hopke 2024

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Mary-Catherine Sheridan	2024-2026		

Community & Mission

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



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To further God's Kingdom on Earth, one soul at a time.