



*Twelfth Sunday after
Pentecost
August 15, 2021
Let us worship God who gives
us all things!!*

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Ephesians 5:20)

Give thanks to God!

**We thank God for joy, for laughter,
for abundant blessings of every kind.**

Give thanks to God

at all times and for everything!

**We thank God, when we can and as we can,
even when we struggle, feel alone, or are afraid.**

Give thanks to God

at all times and for everything

in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**We thank God that, in Christ,
our joys as well as our pain,
our losses as well as our laughter,
are in God's heart and hands.**

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God of Wisdom, you granted Solomon's request for an understanding mind and the knowledge to discern good from evil. Fill us with such understanding and knowledge that we may act as instruments of your loving desire for creation, working with you to transform our conceit into concern for others, our fear into love, our violence into peace, and our brokenness into wholeness. Amen.

HYMN #450 Be Thou My Vision

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all

CALL TO CONFESSION

When we offer God our confession, we join the beautiful work of reconciliation, which begins with our reconciling with God. Trusting in our Partner in grace, let us make our confession, first in silent prayer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENNESS

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes. We do not turn to You as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. We are reminded of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Remember this Good News and say it with me: **Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.**

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 34: 9-14

⁹O fear the LORD, you his holy ones,
for those who fear him have no want.
¹⁰The young lions suffer want and hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

¹¹Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

¹²Which of you desires life,
and covets many days to enjoy good?

¹³Keep your tongue from evil,
and your lips from speaking deceit.

¹⁴Depart from evil, and do good;
seek peace, and pursue it.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

HYMN #625 O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art)

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

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2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: [Refrain]

3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin: [Refrain]

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" [Refrain]

SECOND SCRIPTURE John 6:51-58

51 "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

52 The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" 53 So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; 55 for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. 56 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. 57 Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. 58 This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

SERMON

"Abiding in Christ: Fulfilling Our Spiritual Needs"

Ryon Herin

RECOGNITION OF THE OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of new life, out of the abundance of our lives we offer our gifts to you. Through your blessing and our willingness to share, may our offerings become a source for hope and love in your Church, and in the community around us, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Almighty God,
who taught us to pray not only for ourselves
but for people everywhere,
hear us as we pray for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ.
Inspire the whole church with your power, unity, and peace.
Grant that all who trust you may obey your Word,
and live together in love.
Lead all nations in the way of justice and goodwill.
Direct those who govern,
that they may rule fairly, maintain order,
uphold those in need, and defend oppressed people;
that this world may claim your rule and know true peace.
Awaken all people to the danger we have inflicted upon the earth.
Implant in each a reverence for all you have made
that we may preserve the delicate balance
of creation for all coming generations.
Give grace to all who proclaim the gospel
through Word and Sacrament and deeds of mercy,
that by their teaching and example
they may reveal your love for all people.
Comfort and relieve, O Lord,
all who are in trouble . . .
sorrow . . . poverty . . . sickness . . . grief . . .
especially those known to us,
whom we name before you in silence. . . .
Heal them in body, mind, or circumstance,
working in them, by your grace,
wonders beyond all they may dream or hope.

Bring to our remembrance
all those who, having served you on earth,
now sing your praises eternally.
May their endurance give us courage
and their faithfulness give us hope;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy 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.

HYMN #740 Lead Me, Guide Me

1 I am weak, and I need Thy strength and power to help me over my weakest hour;
Let me through the darkness Thy face to see, Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Refrain:

Lead me, guide me along the way; For if You lead me, I cannot stray;
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

2 Help me tread in the paths of righteousness; Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in Thee, Lead me, O Lord, lead me. [Refrain]

3 I am lost, if you take your hand from me; I am blind, without Thy Light to see;
Lord, just always let me Thy servant be, Lead me, O Lord, lead me. [Refrain]

BENEDICTION

Filled to the brim with the goodness of God;
the nourishment of Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life,
and the power of the Holy Spirit,
go now in peace to serve God in all that you think, do and say.
God's peace will always be with you. Amen.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS: August 15, 2021

Due to the prevalence of the delta variant, masks are required for those unvaccinated and highly recommended for everyone else.

Pastor Su's Summer Vacation: Pastor Su will be away from August 2 – 29. While she is away, pastoral emergencies will be handled by our deacons and elders. If you have a need, please contact Maggie Rash or Missi Dell'Orefice. Pulpit supply will be provided by some of our favorites. It is always wonderful to hear different voices speaking God's truth from the pulpit. Please pray for Pastor Su that she will enjoy refreshment and renewal while she is away.

Susan Flanagan our Office Administrator, will be on vacation the week of August 15th and will return to the office on Monday August 23. Pat Gessner will be checking messages on the office phone while she is away.

Youth Group parents meeting: I will be hosting a parents meeting on August 31st, 2021 at 7pm. We will meet at Jolie Hyndman's home at 102 Pine Lane, Newtown, PA 18940 (for GPS). There is a red sign for Hope Farm at the end of the driveway. You go over a small bridge, stay to the left at the fork, and pass a house and two garages. Go thru the woods, all the way to the end. It's a 1/2 mile from the road. It is the stone house on the right. Please rsvp to Jolie at 267-471-2761 and feel free to call her if you have any questions. Upcoming events for the calendar year will be the topic in a casual environment. I look forward to meeting everyone. Jason Gordon, Director of Youth Ministry at Forest Grove.

Family and Friends join us for a Picnic celebration on **September 11th at 6:00pm at the Ruth farm.** We will have a picnic with hotdogs and sides as well as toast marshmallows for s'mores as we celebrate us all back together in a Kirkwood Camp style. There will be games and a sing-a-long. Bring a lawn chair and your favorite camping memories! Please call the church office to sign up or stop by the church.

Wednesday noontime lunch continues through the summer: Bring your lunch and your good company as we share fellowship together at noon.

BLOOD DRIVE SEPT 11TH 8AM to 1PM in Fellowship Hall. Due to ongoing, but thankfully lessening Covid concerns, there will be safety precautions and screening of donors. The Red Cross strongly encourages pre-scheduled appointments instead of walk-ins. **Schedule your appointment today,** please call or email Dana Daniels at 215 450 0705, dldpineville@verizon.net. Thank you!

Fall Focus: Our next newsletter will be emailed/mailed the beginning of September. Any articles, updates and pictures that you would like included, please have to Susan in the office no later than August 24th.

Calendar: **August 22**–10AM- Sunday services in church and on Zoom.
<https://zoom.us/j/127591875> Meeting ID: 127 591 875 or by phone:
301-715-8592 or 253-215-8782.
Rev. Amy Ruhf-Brien US Navy Chaplain will be our Pulpit supply for the morning.

In our thoughts and prayers: The Conner/Lang Family, Diane Dauer,
Aleena Lang, Natalie Pizza, Bill Wark, Raymond Tinari, Dick Wright, Gail Shaffer,
The Cullerton family, John Thiessen, Lori Tinari, Rebecca Stemplewicz and Phyllis Scarpill.