

Whoever  
welcomes  
one of these  
children  
welcomes  
me

Mark 9.30-37



*Sunday Worship*  
*September 22, 2024*  
*Draw near to God*  
*for God is waiting for you.*

\* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able  
*italic type is spoken by the liturgist – bold is spoken by the congregation*

**PRELUDE**

Holy Spirit, Light Divine

Jordan

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*We come here today not because we are clever but because God welcomes the slow learners.*

**We come here not because we are wise, but because God loves us in spite of our folly.**

*We come knowing that the greatest persons will be found among those who humbly serve like Jesus did, and that the brightest ideas and the deepest truth will come from those who see themselves as little children in Christ's school.*

**O Lord, open up our mind and our hearts and enable our lives to declare your praise.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Lord, be with us this day, helping us to put our priorities in order; so that we may faithfully serve you by serving your people. Heal our spirits. Enable us to follow your ways all the days of our lives. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #2** Come, Thou Almighty King

1. Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing; help us to praise:  
Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

2. Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord, our prayer attend.

Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

3. Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.

Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

4. To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence evermore!

Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

**CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS**

**All-wise and understanding God, hear our prayer as we confess our sin. Have mercy upon us, for we are deceitful and foolish. At times our ambition controls our relations with others; cheating and lying help us gain more control. We are surrounded by values that bring disorder. We are victims of selfishness that distorts your truth. Save us from boasting and serving unworthy ends. Save us for Christ, in whom alone abides peace.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING**

**... Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.**

***\*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 shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

***FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON*** James 3:13-4:8

***TIME WITH THE CHILDREN***

***\*HYMN #188*** Jesus Loves Me

1. Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are weak but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.
2. Jesus loves me he who died, heaven's gate to open wide. He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.
3. Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago, taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me." Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.
4. Jesus loves me—he will stay, close beside me all the way. Then his little child will take, up to heaven for his dear sake. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

***SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON*** Mark 9:30-37

***SERMON*** Kingdom Greatness

***CALL FOR THE OFFERING AND MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP***

***OFFERTORY***

***\*DOXOLOGY***

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

***\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION***

**Rather than boast of all that we have and are, may we humble ourselves, as we offer our lives, our hearts, and our gifts, in putting others first, that they might discover the wonders of the kingdom of grace and hope. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

***SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS***

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER***

**Our Father who art 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 #702*** Christ Be Beside Me

1. Christ be beside me; Christ be before me; Christ be behind me, King of my heart.  
Christ be within me; Christ be below me; Christ be above me, never to part.
2. Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me, shield in the strife.  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising, Light of my life.
3. Christ be in all hearts thinking about me; Christ be on all tongues telling of me.  
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me; in ears that hear me Christ ever be.

***\*BENEDICTION***

***POSTLUDE***

Postlude on "CWM RHONDDA"

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, September 22, 2024

**This week's carillon is in memory of Walter Mill. Walter is the husband and member of Helen Mill.**

**WELCOME SUE LEWIS:** Once again we welcome Sue Lewis who is our substitute organist. While we are searching for a permanent Director of Music, we are blessed to have Sue's talent shared with us this week and during several other worship services in the next month.

**BIBLE STUDY BEGINS TOMORROW MORNING:** Join us at 9:30am in Fellowship Hall or Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/127591875>. It will be good to come together for discussion and exploration of what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Coffee and Tea will be provided.

**CHICKEN BARBEQUE TICKETS ARE FOR SALE:** Our Chicken Barbeque is our biggest Fund Raiser of the year. Proceeds support our local Food Bank and other mission projects. Call Sharon Ruth 215-262-4656 or the office to pre-order your meal and or volunteer. **Tickets sell out fast.**

**ADULT: \$18, CHILD: \$10.** Included: ½ Chicken for Adults and ¼ Chicken for children along with homemade sides and Dessert. **The pick-up for your dinners will be on Saturday, October 5, 2024 – 4pm-6pm.**

**Volunteers / helpers needed:** We are looking for eager volunteers to help in many different ways. **1** – Help make Homemade applesauce Oct. 1 9:30am, **2** – Help make Homemade Cole Slaw Oct. 3, 9:30am, **3** – Bake a 9 x 13 inch iced cake, **4** – Oct. 5 Help in the kitchen, run deliveries, pack-up meals, set-up and clean-up.

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:** This week we are asking for the following items: Shelf-stable and low fat, vitamin D-fortified regular, soy, almond or rice milk. Donations are to be placed in the wagon found in the vestibule.

### **This week's calendar of events:**

<b>September 22</b>	10:00 am 4:00 pm	Worship and Sunday School followed by Fellowship. Iglesia Pentecostal Asamblea De Dios Worship Service
<b>September 23</b>	9:30 am 7:00 pm	Bible Study in person and on Zoom <a href="https://zoom.us/j/127591875">https://zoom.us/j/127591875</a> Boy Scout Troop 71 Meeting
<b>September 24</b>	7:00 pm	Session Meeting
<b>September 25</b>	12:00 pm	Bring your Brown bag lunch for Fellowship

**Elder of the month:** Donna Jencks    **Deacon of the month:** Gerry Stemplewicz  
**Ushers:** Bill Wark and Mike Guarracino    **Fellowship hour:** Emilie Cullerton  
**Sunday school Teacher:** Kim King

### ***In our thoughts and prayers:***

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari, Jim Turner, Violet Sanders,  
Mary Lou Humlhanz, Pat Pizza, Kara Holton, Eloise Hyndman,  
David Posnett, Shannon Foster, Jim Conner



**Church Staff**  
**Susan Fall, Pastor**  
**Susan Flanagan, Office Administrator**  
**Frank Orzechoski, Financial Manager**

