

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
August 24, 2025
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

Tommy Clay, Jr.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Rob Mattson

OPENING SENTENCES

The Lord is merciful and gracious.

Slow to anger and abounding in love. (Psalm 103)

GATHERING PRAYER

Almighty God, you have taught us that all our deeds without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the very bond of peace and of all goodness; through the grace and merit of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Hymn #267

Come, Christians, join to sing:
Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King:
Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice,
before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice:
Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high:
Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky:
Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend;
to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end:
Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again:
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain:
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore
his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore:
Alleluia! Amen!

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Wondrous God, how often we have tried to hide from your presence, how seldom we have looked for your creative face and your fashioning hand. How often we have forgotten you, how seldom we have truly loved and followed you. How often we have ignored your promptings, how seldom we have asked for you help or accepted your gifts.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

GLORIA PATRI “Glory Be to the Father” Hymn #581

“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.

ANTHEM “Mansions in the Sky” Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

<i>First Reading</i>	Genesis 12:1-3	p.7, OT
<i>Second Reading</i>	Numbers 22:1-6	p.111, OT

Genesis 12:1-3 p.7, OT

12 Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a

blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Numbers 22: 1-6 p.111, OT

22 The Israelites set out and camped in the plains of Moab across the Jordan from Jericho. ² Now Balak son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites. ³ Moab was in great dread of the people, because they were so numerous; Moab was overcome with fear of the Israelites. ⁴ And Moab said to the elders of Midian, “This horde will now lick up all that is around us, as an ox licks up the grass of the field.” Now Balak son of Zippor was king of Moab at that time. ⁵ He sent messengers to Balaam son of Beor at Pethor, which is on the Euphrates, in the land of Amaw, to summon him, saying, “A people has come out of Egypt; they have spread over the face of the earth, and they have settled next to me. ⁶ Come now, curse this people for me, since they are stronger than I; perhaps I shall be able to defeat them and drive them from the land, for I know that whomever you bless is blessed, and whomever you curse is cursed.”

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Something Completely Different” Tom Stone-Erdman

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostle’s Creed)

Hymnal p.35

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (with the Lord's Prayer)

Hymnal p.35

**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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERING MUSIC

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DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Hymn #606

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

HYMN “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Sing” Hymn #182

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found

in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till traveling days are done.

BLESSING AND CHARGE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“Because He Lives”

Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future.
And life is worth the living just because He lives

POSTLUDE

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS: (Details on our website, Facebook,
& Realm calendar.)**

Church Activities

Small Groups-Sunday 9:15 am; Tues. 4:00 pm; Wed. 5:00 pm.

Outreach Ministries

Church Life Group-movie night-Thursday's 5:30-7:00 pm in
the Bartram Room.

Bread of Life- August needs are Cream of Mushroom, Carrots,
Bottled water, Gatorade or powder packets.

Social Connections-Thurs.1pm in Zoom Rm. Contact
Shaaron Kohl 864-378-7032.

Quilting Group-Friday's at 10:00 in the Zoom Room,
Welcoming new members.

Shower Ministry-Thurs. from 2-5pm

Meridian/Grace Market Place-Thurs. 2-4pm in the Bartram
Rm a representative for assistance.

T.O.S.S-nightly shelter from 7pm-7am in the basement.
(monetary donations needed)

New Opportunities

Praise Worship Services-"Ascend, Music Ministry", contact
Suzie for an audition or if you would like to help with
organizing.

ChEWY Activites-check the church calendar for more
information or contact Sherry Tindall.

- Saturday, September 20th, Alligator Farm

