

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Sunday, August 9, 2026
Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

PRELUDE

Tommy Clay, Jr.

ACCOLYTES (Bringing in the Light)

At the beginning of worship, the acolytes carry the light of Christ into the sanctuary. This symbolizes Christ's presence among the gathered people — a reminder that we don't create the light ourselves; God brings it to us.

As the candles are lit, we remember Jesus' words, "*I am the light of the world.*" Worship begins in that light.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Liturgist: Joann Browning

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!
And also with you!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Together we call our family to worship in this way:
(From Psalm 105 vs 1-6)

**ALL: O give thanks to the Lord; call on his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.**
² **Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.**
³ **Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**
⁴ **Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually.**
⁵ **Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles and the judgments he has uttered,**
⁶ **O offspring of his servant Abraham,^[a]
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**

All: Together let us worship God!

GATHERING PRAYER

All: Lord God, we worship you because in power and majesty you brought the universe into being. We worship you because in love and mercy you brought us the gift of new life. We worship you because in all of life's changes, you are present. When the world and its pressures would overwhelm us, you carry us through. When we struggle to face difficulties with faith, you do not reject us, but continue to hold out your hand to us. Your love for us is beyond limit; your care and concern, your compassion reach out to us in our times of deepest need. We come this day to worship you, God, our creator, Jesus, our Savior, Holy Spirit, our inspirer. AMEN

HYMN "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" Hymn #93

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here.

2 Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

3 Redeemer, come! I open wide
my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide.
Let me thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in me reveal.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

ALL: Forgive us Lord, for the times we have resisted change and limited your kingdom, for the times we have tried to make Jesus more like us, for the times when we have missed the chance to share the gospel with others, for the times when we have let the storms of life distract us, for the times when we have doubted and not trusted your ways.

Leader: And now in this moment of silence, those sins which are ours alone

Continuing together we pray:

ALL: Merciful God, Jesus demonstrated that you don't leave us to sink in our weakness, our doubts or our sin. His hands, outstretched on the Cross, tell us our sins are forgiven. Help us to hear these words, and accept what is freely offered that we may be once again reconciled to you. In Jesus name we pray Amen.

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

"When All of God's Singers Get Home" Chancel Choir

CHILDRENS CHURCH

Suzie Cornelio/Nancy Van Horn

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE (NRSV UPDATED EDITION)

<i>First Reading</i>	Joel 2:28, 29, 32	p.652, OT
<i>Second Reading</i>	Romans 10:4-15	p.122, NT
<i>Gospel Reading</i>	John 3:16-18	p.72, NT

Joel 2:28, 29, 32

God's Spirit Poured Out

²⁸ Then afterward

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.

²⁹ Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days I will pour out my spirit.

³² Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved, for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

Romans 10:4-15

⁴ For Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

Salvation Is for All

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say?

“The word is near you,

in your mouth and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

John 3:16-18

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Those who believe in him are not condemned, but those who do not believe are condemned already because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Beautiful Feet”

Ricky Kirby, CRE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostle’s Creed)

Hymnal p.35

ALL: 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

ALL: 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/OFFERING MUSIC

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DOXOLOGY

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.”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**HYMN**

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

Hymn #310

1 I love thy kingdom, Lord,
the house of thine abode,

the church our blest Redeemer saved
with his own precious blood.

2 I love thy church, O God.
Her walls before thee stand,
dear as the apple of thine eye,
and graven on thy hand.

3 For her my tears shall fall;
for her my prayers ascend;
to her my cares and toils be given,
till toils and cares shall end.

4 Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heavenly ways:
her sweet communion, solemn vows,
her hymns of love and praise.

5 Sure as thy truth shall last,
to Zion shall be given
the brightest glories earth can yield,
and brighter bliss of heaven.

ACCOLYTES (Taking the Light Out)

At the end of the service, the acolytes take the flame back out of the sanctuary. This is not extinguishing Christ's presence — it is sending it.

The light that gathered us now goes ahead of us into the world, where we are called to carry Christ's love, justice, and compassion into our daily lives.

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 & 386-385-3040.)

Volunteers Needed for Children & Youth Ministries

Beginning **August 2**, we need **two volunteers each Sunday** to help lead Children's Church. We are also seeking adults willing to support and grow our children's and youth ministries throughout the year. These ministries simply cannot thrive without dedicated volunteers. If you feel called to serve, please contact Terry Albright.

This week's prayer: Faithful God, we thank you for the rain that refreshes your creation and renews the hope of all who depend upon the land. Continue to bless those who tend our fields, protect all who serve and respond during storms, and teach us to care wisely for the good earth you have entrusted to our hands. In Jesus name we pray, AMEN.

Church Activities

Small Groups-Sunday 9:15 am; Wed. 4:30 pm.

Presbyterian Women-recess until September.

Social Connections-Thurs.1pm in Zoom Rm.

Quilting Group-Friday's at 10:00 in the Zoom Room.

Outreach Ministries

Shower Ministry-Thurs. from 2-6pm

Meridian/Grace Market Place-Thurs. 2-4pm in the Bartram Rm.

CDC (Chemical Dependency Counseling)-Mon. 8-12; T, W, Sat. 8-6.

All Together Youth Group-every 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 6pm. Starting August 11th. Contact Suzie Cornelio for more information.

Church Calendar

8/4, 8/6 RCMA	8:00am-3:30pm	WH & Zoom Rm
8/22 ARK	9:00am-3:30pm	Zoom Rm
8/31 SMA	4:00pm-8:30pm	WH

The Building and Grounds committee invites everyone to a church workday on Saturday, August 22nd with the intent of painting 2 walls of Westminster Hall. Contact Elliott Kane for more details.