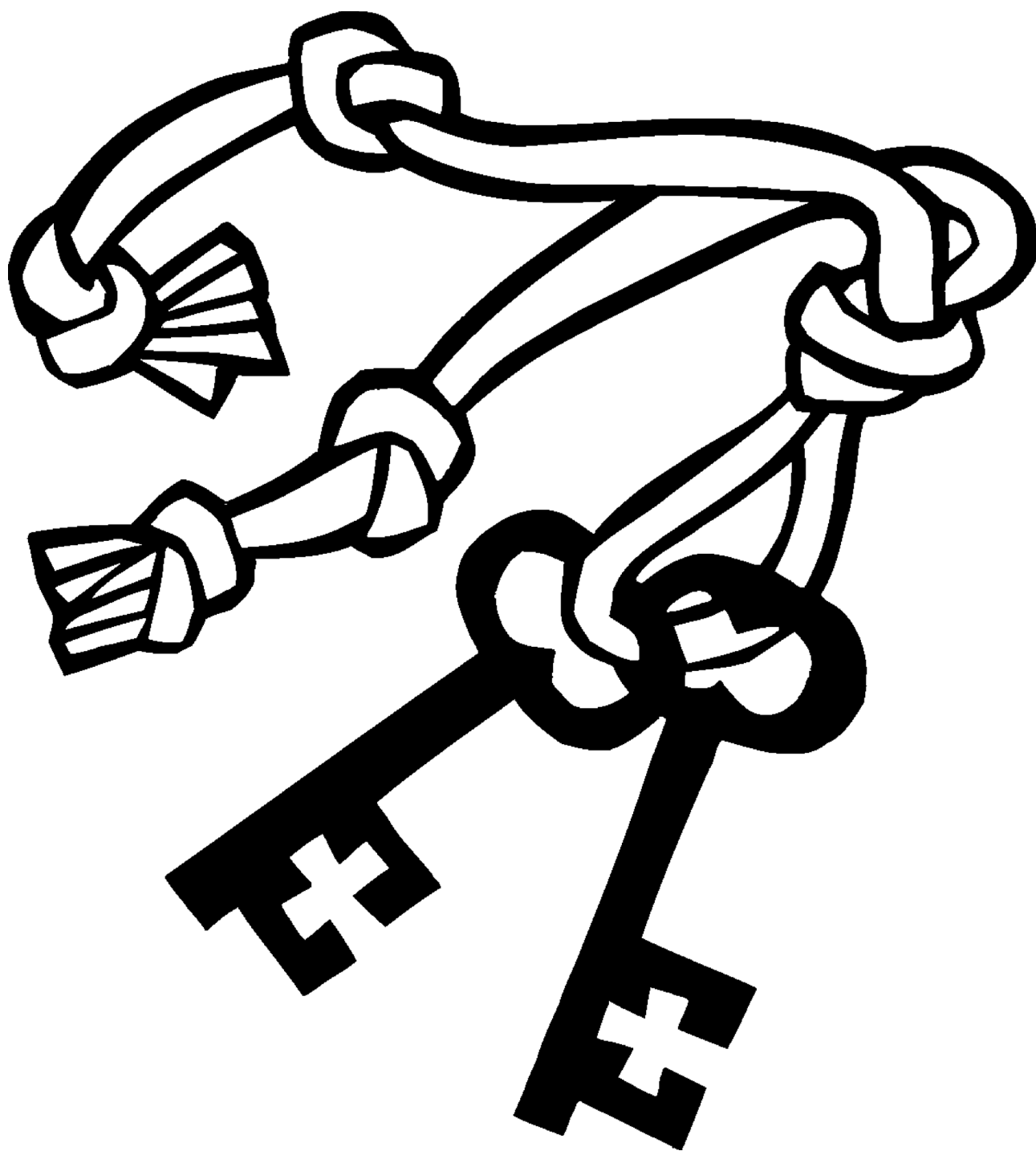




WELCOME TO THIS
WORSHIP CELEBRA-
TION of the living
Christ's presence in
our midst. Christ
comes to us with new
life and strength for
Christian living in
daily life through the
hearing of the Word,
preaching, prayer,
song, and community.

*As the Confession and
Forgiveness begins, all
may make the sign of
the cross, the sign that
is marked at baptism.*

*Congregational re-
sponses are in bold*

** Asterisks through-
out the order of
worship indicate
the people stand-
ing, in body and/or
in spirit.*

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ken Mitchell, reader

PRELUDE "The Church's One Foundation"

arr. Jordan

Shirley Newhart, organ

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

People: **Amen.**

Leader: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection

Leader: Compassionate God.

People: **we confess to you all our sins.**

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

Leader: Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

People: **Amen.**

*GATHERING SONG "Give Me Jesus"

Hymn 770

Verses 1-4



- 1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,
- 2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,
- 3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,
- 4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,
- 5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,



in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
dark . . . mid - night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.
and . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

Refrain



Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: GIVE ME JESUS, African American spiritual

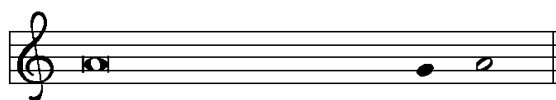
*GREETING

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

"Kyrie" is a Greek word meaning "Lord." In Christian liturgy, particularly in Kyrie Eleison, it's used as a plea for God's mercy. The full phrase, "Kyrie eleison," translates to "Lord, have mercy," and has a common element in various Christian worship services since the 4th century.

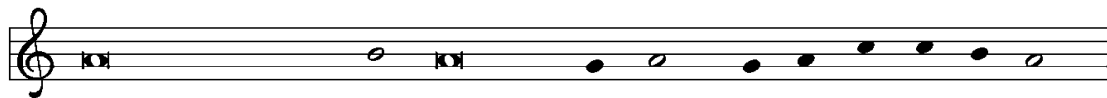
*KYRIE



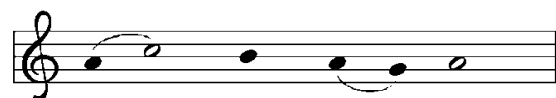
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



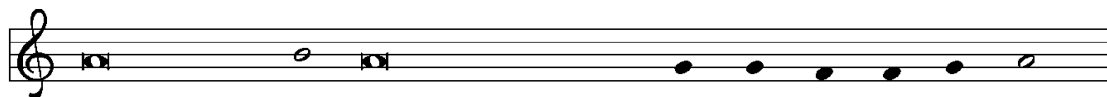
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

The reading of Scripture is the time that God makes known his will: God desires mercy and salvation.

Ultimately, this word points us to the Word, the incarnate Son of God.

Through Christ — God's only Son — are we able to know the Father's favor and grace.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Leader: O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC “Gimme That Old Time Religion”

arr. Frank

SING THE FAITH choir

*Refrain: Gimme that old time religion, gimme that old time religion,
gimme that old time religion, it's good enough for me.*

*It will do when the world's on fire... it's good enough for me.
It was good for the Hebrew children... it's good enough for me.
It will bring you out of bondage... it's good enough for me.*

WORD

Ken Mitchell, reader

FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1-6

Old Testament 640

Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end.

¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the Lord.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³ For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY: Psalm 138

O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever. (Ps. 138:8)

Leader: ¹ I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will ¹ sing your praise.

People: ² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise
your name, because of your steadfast love and
faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your
word above all things.**

Leader: ³ When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

People: ⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

Leader: ⁵ They will sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.

People: ⁶ **The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

Leader: ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.

People: ⁸ **You will make good your purpose for me;
O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not
abandon the works of your hands.**

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8

New Testament page 141

In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.

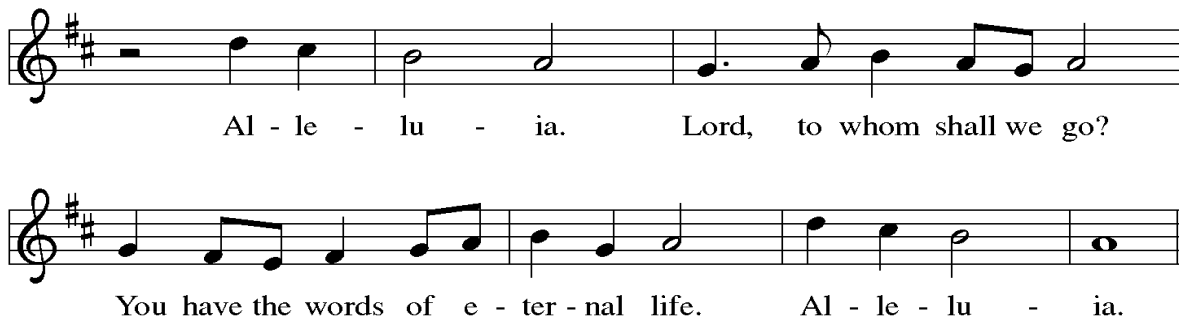
¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

New Testament 15

At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

Leader: The Gospel according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "Living Out Mercy"

Rev. Karen Scheib

Today's Altar Flowers are given by Milda & Terry Blaney "to the glory of God."

The August Eternal Candle was donated by Cheryl Liebgot "to thank God for all his blessings."

That Christ visited the dead after his crucifixion is based on 1 Peter 4:6 "For this is the reason the gospel was proclaimed even to the dead, so that, though they had been judged in the flesh as everyone is judged, they might live in the spirit as God does."

In the Apostles' Creed, the phrase "holy catholic Church" refers to the universal Christian church, not exclusively the Roman Catholic Church. It signifies the belief in a single, unified body of believers across time and space, united by their shared faith in Christ.

*HYMN OF THE DAY "Built on a Rock"

Hymn 652



1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -
4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is
5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our
ring - ing, man - y may come to hear your Word, who here this



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with
prom - ise is bring - ing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.
world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men."

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867–1937, adapt.
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*APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
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**

(In between the petitions of the prayers, the following response is offered.)

Leader: Merciful God,

People: receive our prayer.

(Final petition and response.)

Leader: Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have
promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus
Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

**People: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against
us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from
evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

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SENDING

*PASTORAL BENEDICTION

Leader: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.

People: Amen

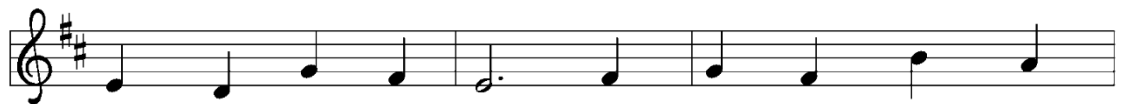
*SENDING SONG “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

Hymn 620

Verses 1-4



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in
2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole and
3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, my
4 By thee my prayers ac - cep - tance gain al -



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
calms the heart's un - rest; 'tis man - na to the
shield and hid - ing place; my nev - er - fail - ing
though with sin de - filed. The dev - il charg - es



heals our wounds, and drives a - way all fear.
hun - gry soul and to the wea - ry, rest.
trea - sury, filled with bound - less stores of grace.
me in vain, and I am owned a child.

5 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,
my prophet, priest, and king,
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
accept the praise I bring.

6 How weak the effort of my heart,
how cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

7 Till then I would thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death!

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.

Music: ST. PETER, Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799–1877

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***DISMISSAL**

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

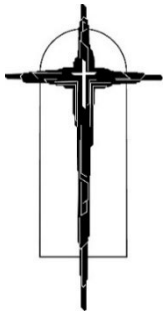
***POSTLUDE** "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

Shirley Newhart, organ

Walther

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, August 23	8:45 am SING THE FAITH Rehearsal 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship 10:20 am Adult Discipleship Class
Monday, August 24	4:30 pm Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 25	<i>12:00 pm SNC Book Signing</i> 3:00 pm Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Messiah Reads
Wednesday, August 26	8:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
Thursday, August 27	
Friday, August 28	
Saturday, August 29	

Italics indicate outside group

PASTOR SCHEIB OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

MESSIAH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday-9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Closed for lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 pm

Wednesday-8:30 am to 11:30 am

Friday-Closed

ONLINE GIVING

Please consider making a one-time or recurring gift to Messiah using the secure online portal at the website (messiahsi.org) and clicking on the Give tab. Another option to reach the portal is to scan this QR code using your smartphone's QR reader. This link may be used for paying for altar flowers and other church-related activities. Questions? Contact the Church Office.



If you would like to give the old-fashioned way, the offering plate is on the table as you exit the Sanctuary.



THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Ministers	The People of Messiah
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Reader	Ken Mitchell
Evangelism Greeters	Trish & Rick Tallon
Ushers	Jim Dawson & Parker Pearson
Audio Visual	Steve Allen and Ken McLauchlan
Coffee Hour	Christine Lind (host) Gayle Denny (treats)

MILESTONES THIS WEEK

Birthdays: Mary Maner 8/25; Chuck Hildebrand 8/25; Joe LeBlanc 8/26

Anniversaries: Ken & Virginia Hylander 8/29

ANNOUNCEMENTS

END OF SUMMER FIESTA

Friday, September 4, 6:00 pm in Peper Hall

Welcome Pastor Talsness back and thank our amazing staff! The Parish Life Ministry is hosting a low-country boil for the celebration. Sign up on the Narthex Kiosk. Invite a friend! Questions? Contact Gayle Denny (513.604.0764).

OUTREACH MINISTRY

2026 Build-a-Bed Event

Save the Date

This year's **Build-a-Bed** event to benefit **Sleep in Heavenly Peace** will take place on **Saturday, October 3, from 8:00 a.m. to noon.**

Join us for a morning of fellowship and service as we work together to build beds—and hope—for children in our community. Breakfast will be served, and water will be provided.

If you plan to participate, please register in advance using the QR Code.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Council is seeking to involve more people in the life of the church. Approximately 50% of the congregation has joined Messiah in the last 10 years, and Messiah's leaders want to give everyone an opportunity to participate.

To make that happen, there is a new "Time & Talent" form, which is inserted in today's bulletin. Please complete the form and place it in the Offering Plate or drop it off at the Church Office. Additional copies available on the Narthex Table.

SERMON PREVIEW

Living Out Mercy.

In Romans 12, Paul begins with one important word: therefore. After eleven chapters reflecting on what God has done in Christ, Paul turns to the question of how we are to live in response to God's mercy. He calls us to offer our whole selves to God, to be transformed by the renewing of our minds, and to recognize that we belong to one another as members of the body of Christ. This Sunday, we will consider what it means to live lives shaped by mercy.

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