

Piano Prelude ~ *Dr. David Chafe*

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle and Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship: **(responsive)**

One: Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you." Lord, as we search now, let us find you.

All: As we knock, open the door to us.

One: Let us know you, that we may praise you;

All: and love you, that we may serve you.

Introit: Holy Spirit, Hear Us

*Holy Spirit, hear us; help us while we sing;
Breathe into the music of the praise we bring.
Holy Spirit, shine now on the book we read;
Light its holy pages with the truth we need.*

Prayer of Approach: **(in unison)**

Faithful God, we come into your presence with thanksgiving, deeply grateful for the unfailing love and faithfulness you have shown toward us, your people. When we call out to you, you answer. When we are exhausted, you give us the strength to go on. When we find ourselves in trouble, you are there, standing beside us. And so we come before you with gratitude and praise, offering you the worship of our hearts and lives. Open our eyes to see and know you here among us; open our ears to recognize your voice. And then send us out from here, to live and work in the world as your faithful disciples. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn: Let All Things Now Living

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God our Creator triumphantly raise;
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
By guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night;
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished
As forward we travel from light into Light.

By law God enforces, the stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a song let us raise:
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

Old Testament Lesson: Hosea 1:2-10

Call to Confession:

One: Are we sometimes enraged because God does not do things our way? Do we reject God's children whose appearances or beliefs or practices differ from our own? Do we use power unfairly? Surely we have much to confess before the Ruler of the universe, as we seek forgiveness and newness of life.

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

Ruler of all worlds, we have tried to take charge of the earth as if we were ours to destroy. We have devoured its resources, tricked others out of their rightful claims, and deceived ourselves into believing that our ways are just. We have fallen prey to human traditions and philosophies that deny the fullness of life in Christ. Our lives do not acknowledge the authority of Jesus Christ in our midst, for we choose to claim only those teachings we like and to practice only a few that are convenient and harmless. Forgive us, mighty God, and turn us from our destructive ways. For our sake, and in Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Litany of Assurance: (responsive)

One: Buried with Christ in baptism, you have been raised with Christ through faith in the working of God, who raised Christ from the dead. God forgives our sins and makes us alive with Christ. God cancels the claims of the law against us, freeing us to accept newness of life.

All: As we forgive those who are indebted to us, we can realize the pardon God offers us. The gift of the Holy Spirit comes to God's children who ask. We rejoice in our new life in the Spirit.

Ministry of Music: Here Is Love ~ Linda Chafe

(Words: William Rees, 1869 Music: Robert Lowry, 1869)

Story of Our Mission: Healing With Compassion ~ Sue's Story At Wesley

Offering Invitation:

One: All our wealth cannot buy the mercy and favour of God. Yet God is pleased to use our gifts to spread good news that love is at the heart of the universe. In grateful response to God's love we bring our offerings of time and treasure, recognizing also the untapped talents we are called to invest in ministry.

Offertory Hymn: What A Friend We Have In Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Christ the Saviour is our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do our friends despise, forsake us?
Are we tempted to despair?
Jesus' strength will shield our weakness,
and we'll find new courage there.

Offertory: The Doxology

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!

Memorial Given to the Memorial Fund in Loving Memory of:

Peter Symonds from John & Nancy Bursey

Peter Symonds from Linda Hynes

Wade & Eugene Worthman from Juanita, Michael & Amanda
friends Roy & Jan Legge from Mildred Cousens

Memorial Gift to the Building For Generations Fund in Loving Memory of:

Alma & Harold Horwood from Bonnie & family

Prayer of Dedication: (in unison)

For your healing love, for the goodly blessings we enjoy, for life itself, we give thanks with these tokens of love, O God. Dwell in us that we may be moved to make all of life an offering to your steadfast love. May we learn to give good gifts to all your children who need what we have to offer. Bless these gifts, and those given through PAR and other means, and multiply our efforts to be faithful as you add others to our family of faith. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

New Testament Lesson: Colossians 2:6-15 ~ Cheryl Briggs

Responsive Psalm: 85 (VU 802) ~ Cheryl Briggs

One: Once you were gracious to your land, O God, you restored the fortunes of Jacob;

All: you forgave the offence of your people and pardoned all their sin.

One: You drew back all your displeasure and turned from your fiery wrath.

All: Restore us again, God our Saviour, and put away your just anger toward us.

One: Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your wrath to all generations?

All: Will you revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?

One: Let me hear what you will say, O God, for you will speak peace to your people, to the faithful who turn their hearts to you.

All: Surely salvation is near those who fear you, and your glory will dwell in our land.

One: Mercy and faithfulness will meet, justice and peace will embrace.

All: Faithfulness will spring up from the earth, and righteousness look down from heaven.

One: You, O God, will give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.

All: Righteousness will go before you, and the paths of your feet will be peace.

Gloria Patri: (in unison)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 11:1-13

Ministry of Music: O Joy Of God ~ Michael Morrison
(Words: Cecil Boutflower, 1889 Music: Joseph Barnby, 1889)

Sermon

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Seek Ye First The Kindom

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and God's righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find;
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Commissioning and Benediction

Piano Postlude: I Will Praise Him ~ Dr. David Chafe
(Words and Music: Margaret Harris, 1898)

We welcome you to this service today in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you are a visitor with us, we extend to you a special welcome and invite you to sign our guest book in the front porch of the church so we might have a record of your visit with us.

We offer a special thank you to Elizabeth Horwood and Linda Chafe who will be leading our congregational singing and to Linda Chafe and Michael Morrison who will be sharing their ministries of music with us. We also thank Cheryl Briggs for sharing in the reading of scripture.

Our Flea Market is being held on Saturday, September 6th 2025. The Market will take place in the Fellowship Hall running from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Pickup of donations will be available 9:00 am – 12:00 pm September 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. Drop offs will be accepted at the church from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm September 2nd, 3rd, 4th and Friday September 5th from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm. Should you have questions or wish to arrange a pickup, please call Helen at 709-682-4982. Thank you for your continued support.