



WHEN THE
SON OF MAN COMES,
WILL HE FIND FAITH
ON EARTH?

LUKE 18:8



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 8, 2024

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

Rev. Bill Pollack

Prelude

Max Jackson

Praise Ye The Lord, The Almighty

J.G. Walther

Call to Worship

JT Norris

Leader: Let us examine ourselves to see if we rest in faith.

People: May Christ's power rest upon us.

Leader: We do not boast of our week's conquests, but we boast rather of the things that reveal our weakness.

People: May Christ's power rest upon us.

Leader: Do you not know the stirrings of divine power laid beneath the hardships of everyday life?

People: May Christ's power rest upon us.

All: May the faith of the saints before and after be our experience to the glory of God. Amen.

† **Hymn of Praise**

#35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!

Come, all who hear; now to His temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning;
sheltering you under His wings, and so gently sustaining!

Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if with His love he befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again;
gladly forever adore Him.

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

God of glory made known in our unity with You and one another, we confess that we have not lived as one. When called on to speak, we have not spoken Your words of truth. In our relationships with others, we have not loved with Your steadfast love. When faced with risks for the sake of faith, we have not followed Your ways of discipleship. Forgive us, merciful God. Fill us with a faith that overflows into love for all, that speaks Your truth so that all may know of You. Make us one with Christ, and with all of our brothers and sisters in Christ, transcending all that separates us from You and each other. Amen.

† **Assurance of Pardon**

† **Response**

#581

Glory Be to the Father

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.

✠ **We Listen to God's Word** ✠

Children's Message

Lisa Stevens

Anthem

Chancel Choir

With a Voice of Singing

With a voice of singing, declare ye this and let it be heard:
The Lord hath delivered His people.
O be joyful in God all ye lands,
O sing praises to the honor of His name,
Make His praise to be glorious.

Prayer for Illumination

The Epistle Lesson (Carli Weston) Philippians 2:12–16 (NRSV)

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.¹⁴ Do all things without murmuring and arguing, ¹⁵ so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which you shine like stars in the world, ¹⁶ holding forth the word of life so that I can boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.

L: The Word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God**

Psalm 121 (tune: Winchester Old)

#45

I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes

I to the hills will lift my eyes; from whence shall come my aid?
My help is from the Lord alone, who heaven and earth has made.

God will not let your foot be moved; your Guardian never sleeps;
God's watchful and unslumbering care protects and safely keeps.

Your faithful keeper is the Lord, your shelter and your shade.
'Neath sun or moon, by day or night, you shall not be afraid.

From evil God will keep you safe, provide for all you need.
Your going out, your coming in, God will forever lead.

† **The Gospel Lesson**

Luke 18:1–8 (NRSV)

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' 4 For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " 6 And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. 7 And will not God grant justice to His chosen ones who cry to Him day and night? Will He delay long in helping them? 8 I tell

you; He will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?"

L: This is the Holy Gospel of Christ! P: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Rev. Bill Pollack

Watch Out!

✦ **We Respond to God's Word** ✦

† **Hymn of Response** (tune: Azmon)

#817

We Walk by Faith and Not By Sight

We walk by faith and not by sight; no gracious words we hear from Him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe Him near.

We may not touch His hands and side, nor follow where He trod; but in His promise we rejoice and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on You when You are near and seek where You are found.

That, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light, may we behold You as You are with full and endless sight.

† **Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. 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 again to judge the quick 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.

Pastoral Prayer

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

Offering Acknowledgement *Special Offering: Organ Repair Fund*

† **Doxology**

#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 Dedication**

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

† **Hymn of Sending**

#357

The Days are Surely Coming

The days are surely coming, says God to all the earth,
when you will see My promise: salvation come to birth.
My righteousness and justice will spread throughout the land
and you will be delivered by My almighty hand.

The days are surely coming, says Christ, the promised One,
when you will read My warning in moon and stars and sun.
Though earth and heaven tremble, stand up and do not fear,
for I am your Redeemer, and I am drawing near.

The days are surely coming, when we will know at last
the fullness of God's presence, God's promise, come to pass.
Then righteousness and justice will spread throughout the land
and we will be delivered by God's almighty hand.

Postlude

Max Jackson

Voluntary No. 8

Paul Page

† **Charge & Benediction**

† *Standing if you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Kelly Hanni*

Liturgist: *JT Norris*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 71

General Offering: \$2,237.00

Backpack Ministry: \$75.00

Online Offering: \$1,671.50

Total Offering: \$3,983.50

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

• **Sunday, September 8**

Sunday Morning Study, 9:28 a.m.

Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.

Harmony of the Gospels, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

Youth Group Meeting, 12:15 p.m.

• **Monday, September 9**

Ministry Teams Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

• **Wednesday, September 11**

Men's Bible Study, 7 a.m./Bob Evans

Bells Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

• **Thursday, September 12**

Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m.

Dress A Girl Around the World



Several women have been diligent in creating blessings for girls with the making of dresses that will be sent through “Dress a Girl” International. These dresses are specially labeled to prevent the abduction of young girls in the

places where they live. **Thank you to each one who made dresses for this ministry.** We will present the dresses next **Sunday, September 15** during worship and invite the children of our congregation to assist in the blessing of these dresses before sending them to their central destination. To learn more about the DAG organization, visit: dressagirlaroundtheworld.com.

You Are Invited!

Please join us for the wedding shower of *Summer Whitman*. It is next **Sunday, September 15, immediately following morning worship** in the Narthex. She is registered at Amazon.

Happy Birthday Max!

Please join us on **Sunday, September 29** as we celebrate the birthday of our own Max Jackson. There will be a reception immediately following Morning Worship in the Narthex. A basket will be available for cards and/or other expressions of appreciation.



Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry

During the month of September, we are collecting *wash cloths, combs, brushes, toothbrushes, fun band-aids, and nail files*.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending September 5, 2024

Don and Rebecca Ballard DiLoreto (Bettie George Frye)
Michelle Brown (online request)
Nancy (Rick) Grace (Pastor Bill & Nanette)
Lorelai Shay (Heather Shay's daughter)

Week ending August 29, 2024

Brandon's family and friends (Lee McCloud)
Margaret Ruth (Kelly Hanni)

Week ending August 22, 2024

Amy Crookes
John and Judy Eby (David Eby's brother and sister-in-law)
Jay Sanderson (Scott Sanderson's brother)
Evelyn Spears (Kim Whitman's friend)

Prayer requests will rotate off after three weeks. If you have an ongoing concern, please contact the church office.

Ongoing: Pastor Bill; Gretchen Dillon; Bill Gesling; Charlie Holbrook; Kenny McGill; Derek Payne; Nancy Payne; Bonnie Pettijohn; Tim Shephard; Kim Whitman; Jan Winans; Ann Wiseman

The Lantern: Barry Barbour, Carolyn Graber

Woodland Oaks: Bob Miller

Military: Erik Adkins (USAF Reserves, son of Kris Adkins); Cadet Katie Brown (West Point, granddaughter of Kim & Mike Whitman); Greg Weston (Kentucky National Guard); Major Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don & Judy Lilly)



Teach us to pray

In Luke 11:1-13 (NIV), Jesus teaches about prayer.

Directions: Add or subtract the letters indicated and unscramble the letters to form a new word, using hints from the passage. Then unscramble the circled letters to answer the question below.

- party - t = p r A y (v. 1)
- lady + i = _ _ _ _ (v. 3)
- drab + e = _ _ _ _ (v. 5)
- rod + o = _ _ _ _ (v. 7)
- bask - b = _ _ _ _ (v. 9)
- keeps - p = _ _ _ _ (v. 9)
- define - ee = _ _ _ _ (v. 9)
- shift - t = _ _ _ _ (v. 11)
- sneaky - y = _ _ _ _ (v. 11)
- sift + g = _ _ _ _ (v. 13)



What will the Father give to those who ask of him?

_ _ _ _ _ (v. 13)

SERMON NOTES

DATE

MAIN
VERSE

Notes

KEY SCRIPTURES



Today's Prayer

PRAY MORE
worry less

STAFF

Minister: *Rev. William Pollack*
Choirmaster/Organist: *Max Jackson*
Administrative Assistant: *Nanette Pollack*
Facilities Manager: *Glen Thomas*
Nursery Attendant: *Kara Adkins*

SESSION MEMBERS

President of Congregation: *Mitch Hall*
Secretary of Congregation/Clerk of Session: *Kelly Hanni*
Treasurer: *Cathy Wilson*

2025	2026	2027
<i>Kelly Hanni</i>	<i>Mitch Hall*</i>	<i>Jimmy Hall</i>
<i>Kim Whitman</i>	<i>Jan Holbrook</i>	<i>Lee McCloud *</i>
<i>Geri Willis</i>	<i>Ryan Whitman*</i>	<i>J.T. Norris *</i>
	*2nd term of service	

MINISTRY TEAMS

Building & Grounds: <i>Glen Thomas</i>	Membership: <i>Kim Whitman</i>
Christian Education: <i>Lee McCloud</i>	Mission: <i>Geri Willis</i>
Congregational Life: <i>Cathy Wilson</i>	Personnel: <i>Janet Holbrook</i>
Finance: <i>Trish Hall</i>	Worship: <i>Ryan Whitman</i>

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