

"TAKE
HEART;
IT IS I.

DO NOT
BE AFRAID."



MATTHEW 14:27



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

Rev. Bill Pollack

Prelude

Max Jackson

God of Grace and God of Glory

Alan Viner

† Call to Worship

Teresa Cassity

L: We come here drawn by the power of God's love.

P: We have come to hear the Good News.

L: And to find and celebrate new life.

P: We have come remembering the words of Jesus, "Peace I give to you."

L: We are thankful for the words of Jesus and remember how He said,

P: "Do not let your hearts be troubled, and neither let them be afraid."

All: This is the peace we live in and the promise we celebrate here in this time of worship. Thanks be to God!

† Hymn of Praise

#307

God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power;
crown Thine ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure Thy children's warring madness;
bend our pride to Thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.
Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of Thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving Thee whom we adore, serving Thee whom we adore.

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

Healer God, come to us now as You did long ago. Come to us with strength and courage as You did for Elijah and for Micah. Come to us with guidance and purpose as You did for Mary, the mother of Jesus and Peter. Come to us with help and healing balm for our brokenness and the despair that hangs heavy upon us. We are troubled by demons of worry, stress, anxiety, anger and greed. Center our living upon You, Lord, and remind us that we are able to continue always to live in Your grace and mercy; in the name of Jesus, our constant Friend. Amen.

† **Assurance of Pardon**

† **Response**

#441 (2)

Hear the Good News of Salvation

All the sins I have committed to my Savior now I bring.
I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing:
Jesus Christ, how much I love You! Jesus Christ You save from sin!
How I love You! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

✠ **We Listen to God's Word** ✠

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

The Epistle Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:7–12 (NRSV)

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸ We are afflicted in every way but not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair, ⁹ persecuted but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed, ¹⁰ always carrying around in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. ¹¹ For we who are living are always being handed over to death for Jesus's sake, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our mortal flesh. ¹² So death is at work in us but life in you.

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

Psalm 84

#402

How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely

How lovely, Lord, how lovely is Your abiding place;
my soul is longing, fainting, to feast upon Your grace.
The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest;
and so Your temple calls us within its walls to rest.

In Your blest courts to worship, O God, a single day
is better than a thousand if I from You should stray.
I'd rather keep the entrance and claim You as my Lord
than revel in the riches the ways of sin afford.

A sun and shield forever are You, O Lord Most High;
You shower us with blessings; no good will You deny.

The saints, Your grace receiving,
from strength to strength shall go,
and from their life shall rivers of blessing overflow.

† **The Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 14:22–33 (NRSV)

Immediately He made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning He came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the

disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸ Peter answered Him, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."

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

Sermon

Praying When Life Overwhelms

✠ We Respond to God's Word ✠

† Hymn of Response

#440

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.

Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past.

Safe into the haven guide. O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on Thee.
Leave, ah! leave me not alone; still support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed; all my help from Thee I bring.
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in Thee I find.
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.

Just and holy is Thy name; I am all unrighteousness.

False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin.
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.

Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of Thee.

Spring thou up within my heart. Rise to all eternity.

† **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 | Lord's Prayer

Offering Acknowledgement

Special Offering: CARES

† **Doxology**

#606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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** (tune: St. Anne)

#817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,

O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:

"My peace be with you here."

We may not touch Your hands and side,

nor follow where You trod;

but in Your 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.

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

Postlude

Voluntary In F Major

John Bennett

† Charge & Benediction

† *Standing as you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Donna Jones*

Liturgist: *Teresa Cassity*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 70

General Offering: \$1,612.00

Clean Start: \$72.00

Memorial Fund (organ repair): \$250.00

Memorial Fund (backpack ministry): \$100.00

Online Offering: \$531.22

Total Offering: \$2,565.22

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

➡ SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

Sunday Morning Study, 9:28 a.m. (on break, resumes 9/7/25)

Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.

Pastor Bill Sunday School Class, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

White Elephant Sale, 5 p.m.

➡ MONDAY, AUGUST 25

Empty Nesters, 5:30 p.m.

➡ TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

Tai Chi, 5 p.m.

➡ WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

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

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

Zumba Class, 5 p.m.

➡ THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m.

➡ SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

Zumba Class, 9:30 a.m.

Tai Chi, 11 a.m.



Have you ever considered joining our Chancel Choir? If so, now is a wonderful opportunity! Max will be resuming our Chancel Choir rehearsals again, and they will be held on **Wednesdays** at **6:45 p.m.** We would be absolutely delighted to have you join us. We are looking forward to another season of beautiful music, and new voices are always a welcome addition.



Are you an empty nester? We invite you to consider joining our Empty Nester Group! This group is for parents of FPC Young Adults (college-aged and above) who are no longer living at home. We meet monthly for a project

to mail our young adults. Our meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month, from August to April, at 5:30 p.m. at FPC. Our next meeting will be on **Monday, August 25, at 5:30 p.m.** If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please contact Pam Potter.

Operation Christmas Child

You may choose to fill your own box or donate to the monthly cause each month. Questions, contact Donna Jones.

August - coloring books, stickers, playdough, jump ropes, pencil cases.

Dress a Girl Around the World – Volunteers Needed!

Dress a Girl Around the World has distributed over two million dresses to girls in 90 countries, including the U.S.A. Our Sew Blessed group has contributed more than 100 dresses so far, and this is our fourth year participating in this meaningful mission. We're currently looking for seamstresses to help us sew dresses for girls in need. All completed dresses will be blessed during Morning Worship on **Sunday, September 14.** If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please see Geri or Nanette.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending August 21, 2025

Darryl Eatmon (online request)

Rylee Fowler (Jessica Goodwin)

Family of Anna Jones (Pastor Bill's cousin)

Aaron VanPelt (David Murphy)

Week ending August 14, 2025

Grace Atwell (Trish Hall's sister)

Jan Michel (Pastor Bill & Nanette)

Family of Mary Patterson

Skip Saunders (Greg & Geri Willis)

Week ending August 7, 2025

Morgan and baby Cora Crane (JT & Kelly Norris)

Paxton Koenig (Chris & Barb Payne's grandson)

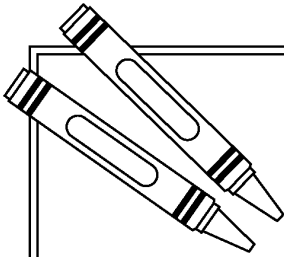
Family of Joe Lane (Lee McCloud's father)

Ongoing: Pastor Bill; Gretchen Dillon; Bill Gesling; Charlie Holbrook; Keith McClelland; Kenny McGill; Bob Miller; Derek Payne; Nancy Payne; Bonnie Pettijohn; Tim Shephard; Jan Winans; Ann Wiseman

Kingsbrook Care Center: Barry Barbour

The Lantern: Carolyn Graber

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



Just for KIDS

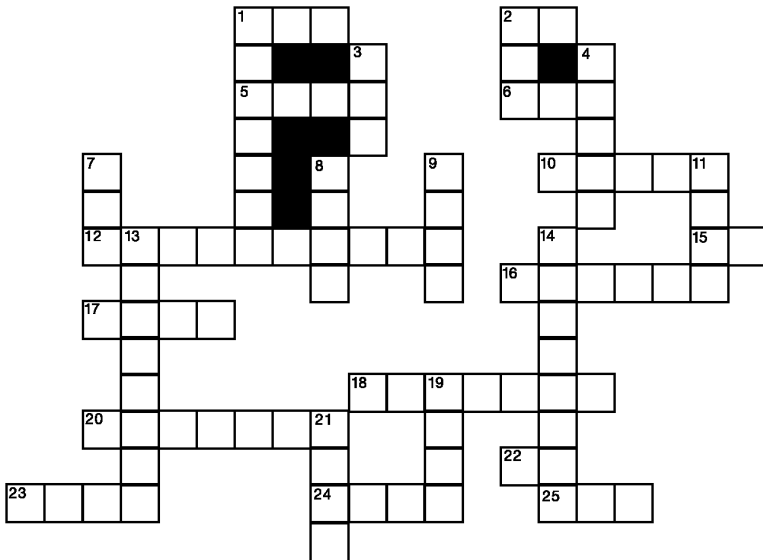
"Lord, Teach Us to Pray"

Jesus' disciples said, "Lord, teach us to pray."

Find the special prayer that Jesus taught them. Fit the words from the list into the squares on the puzzle.

Then, transfer them to the blank lines below.

be	for	come	name	Father	hallowed
us	not	each	sins	against	temptation
we	our	Give	your	Forgive	
And	who	into	bread	Kingdom	
day	also	lead	daily	everyone	



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 _____ 23 _____ 15 _____ 21 _____ 25 _____ 6 _____ 10 _____ 4 _____ . _____ 20 _____ 15 _____ 6 _____ 9 _____ ,
 _____ 3 _____ 2A _____ 5 _____ 20 _____ 13 _____ 2D _____ 9 _____ 1D _____ 15 _____ .
 _____ 1A _____ 17 _____ 15 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____ 12 _____ .”

Luke 11:2-4

Answer: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.

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*

2026	2027	2028
<i>Mitch Hall*</i>	<i>Jimmy Hall</i>	<i>Teresa Cassity</i>
<i>Jan Holbrook</i>	<i>Lee McCloud *</i>	<i>Kelly Hanni *</i>
<i>Ryan Whitman*</i>	<i>J.T. Norris *</i>	<i>Donna Jones</i>
<i>*2nd term of service</i>		

MINISTRY TEAMS

Building & Grounds: <i>Glen Thomas</i>	Membership: <i>Teresa Cassity</i>
Christian Education: <i>Lee McCloud</i>	Mission: <i>Donna Jones</i>
Congregational Life: <i>Cathy Wilson</i>	Personnel: <i>Janet Holbrook</i>
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