



*OLD*  
**TESTAMENT**  
LESSONS

LEVITICUS:  
*Because He Said So*



# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

14th Sunday after Pentecost

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September 3, 2023

10:50 a.m.

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## ✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

*Rev. Bill Pollack*

Prelude

*Calvin Riggs*

Air

(Jonathan Battishill)

Call to Worship

*Heather Whitman*

Leader: The word of God comes into our lives in many ways.

**People: God's word comes to us, calling us to action and to new life.**

Leader: God's word calls us now, here in our worship.

**People: God's calling word invites us to service and ministry, to praise and thanksgiving.**

**All: We worship the living God and offer our praises to the eternal One.**

† Hymn of Praise

#459

### O Word of God Incarnate

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:  
we praise You for the radiance that from the hallowed page,  
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The church from You, dear Savior, received this gift divine;  
and still that light is lifted on all the earth to shine.

It is the chart and compass that, all life's voyage through,  
amid the rocks and quicksands still guides, O Christ, to You.

O make Your church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold  
to bear before the nations Your true light, as of old;  
O teach Your wandering pilgrims by this our path to trace,  
till, clouds and storms thus ended, we see You face to face.

† Call of Confession

† **Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we confess that holiness is far easier to say than it is to do. Our words are pious but mask attitudes of intolerance and judgment. Our concern for others is shallow, swallowed up by our own self-interest. This is not holiness, and we confess our failures to You. We confess that we need Your grace to see ourselves and the games we play. We need Your power to change our attitudes and actions. Ignite within us the passion and audacity to be holy disciples of Jesus Christ. In His name we pray. Amen.

† **Assurance of Pardon**

† **Response**

#551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

✠ **We Listen to God's Word** ✠

**Children's Message**

*Lisa Stevens*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**The Old Testament Lesson**

**Leviticus 26:1-6, 46 (NRSV)**

26 "You shall make for yourselves no idols and erect no carved images or pillars, and you shall not place figured stones in your land, to worship at them, for I am the LORD your God. <sup>2</sup>You shall keep my Sabbaths and reverence my sanctuary: I am the LORD.

<sup>3</sup>"If you follow my statutes and keep my commandments and observe them faithfully, <sup>4</sup>I will give you your rains in their season, and the land shall yield its produce, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. <sup>5</sup>Your threshing shall overlap the vintage, and the vintage shall overlap the sowing; you shall eat your bread to the full and live securely in your land. <sup>6</sup>And I will grant peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and no one shall make you afraid; I will remove dangerous animals from the land, and no sword shall go through your land. <sup>46</sup>These are the statutes and ordinances and laws that the LORD established between himself and the Israelites on Mount Sinai through Moses.

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

O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer

O my soul, bless your Redeemer; all within me bless God's name;  
bless the Savior, and forget not all God's mercies to proclaim.

God forgives all your transgressions, all diseases gently heals.  
God redeems you from destruction, and with you so kindly deals.

Far as east from west is distant, God has put away our sin;  
like the pity of a father has the Lord's compassion been.

Unto such as keep God's cov'nant and are steadfast in God's way;  
unto those who still remember the commandments and obey.

† **The Gospel Lesson**

Luke 22:14–20 (NRSV)

<sup>14</sup> When the hour came, He took His place at the table, and the apostles with Him. <sup>15</sup> He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, <sup>16</sup> for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." <sup>17</sup> Then He took a cup, and after giving thanks He said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves, <sup>18</sup> for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." <sup>19</sup> Then He took a loaf of bread, and when He had given thanks He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." <sup>20</sup> And He did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood."

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

**Sermon**

*Rev. Bill Pollack*

**LEVITICUS: Because He Said So**

✠ **We Respond to God's Word** ✠

† **Hymn of Response**

#460

Break Thou the Bread of Life

Break Thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,  
as Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea.

Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord.  
My spirit pants for Thee, O living Word!

Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, now unto me,  
as Thou didst bless the bread by Galilee.  
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall.  
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

† **Affirmation of Faith**

*Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Offering Acknowledgement** *Special Offering—Backpack Ministry*

† **Doxology**

#606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† **Prayer of Dedication**

✠ **The Lord's Supper** ✠

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**P: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right . . . Hear us, gracious God, as we join creation's song and sing Your eternal praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

. . . With thanksgiving, we celebrate the good news bringing great joy in celebration of an empty tomb as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. (2x)**

Gracious God, pour out Your Holy Spirit . . . Through Christ, all glory and honor are Yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever.

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

## **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.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

## **Communion of the People**

## **Prayer After Communion**

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

† **Hymn of Sending**

#462

I Love to Tell the Story

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.

*Refrain: I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.*

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!

I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. [Refrain]

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.

And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. [Refrain]

**Postlude**

*Calvin Riggs*

Cornet Voluntary

(John Travers)

† **Charge & Benediction**

† *Standing if you are able.*

**SERVING TODAY**

Head Usher: *J.T. Norris*

Liturgist: *Heather Whitman*

**LAST WEEK'S RECAP**

Attendance: 64

General Offering: \$1,532.00

CAREs: \$75.00

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: \$100.00

2024 Celebration: \$134.22 (shirt sales)

Online Giving: \$1,125.00

**Total Offering: \$2,966.22**

## IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### **Sunday, September 3**

Sunday Morning Study, 9:18 a.m. | Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.  
**Jim & Ann Wiseman Anniversary Celebration, Noon**

### **Monday, September 4**

**Labor Day | Church Office Closed**  
**Horizons Bible Study, 6 p.m.**

### **Wednesday, September 6**

Men's Bible Study, 7 a.m./Bob Evans  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

### **Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering**

The **PW Fall Gathering** is **Saturday, September 16** at Camp Burnamwood. The cost is \$15 for registration and lunch. Please see Bettie George Frye if you are interested in attending.

### **Poage Landing Days Worship,**

#### **Sunday, September 17**

We will gather for **worship HERE in the sanctuary beginning at 9 a.m.** There will be NO Sunday School on the 17th. Parking should not be an issue for this service.



### **Dress A Girl Around the World**

**Sunday, September 24** will be a special day in the life of our congregation. Rev. Phillip Lotspeich, our General Presbyter of the Transylvania Presbytery, will be present in our morning worship. Rev. Lotspeich is representing our Presbytery which has graciously given \$2,000 for a Peace Grant which has helped our Sew Blessed ministry provide 62 dresses (to date) to *Dress-a-Girl International*.

### **Happy Birthday Max!**



Please join us on **Sunday, September 24** as we celebrate the birthday of our own Max Jackson. There will be a reception immediately following Morning Worship in the Narthex. There will be a basket for cards.





# ADVENT DEVOTIONS

## We Need Devotions!

Theme: The Best News Ever!

(Scripture, brief devotional about a special remembrance of a Christmas past, and a closing prayer)

Deadline: October 29

SUBMIT TO:

[ashlandpresbyterian@yahoo.com](mailto:ashlandpresbyterian@yahoo.com)

### PRAYER REQUESTS

#### Week ending September 1, 2023

Family of Becky Ferguson (Pastor Bill & Nanette)  
Ellen Sharp

#### Week ending August 25, 2023

Ada Botts (Bob Poore's mother-in-law)  
Dave Eby

Martha Gesling (Madison Park Rehabilitation, #300)

Jerry Hall (Geri Willis' brother)

Mike Hall (Geri Willis' brother)

Skip Saunders (Pastor Bill)

Glen Thomas Family

#### Week ending August 18, 2023

Kyle Call (Pastor Bill & Nanette)

Annie & Bob Miller

Tim Shepard (Bonnie Pettijohn's son)

Kim Whitman

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

**Ongoing:** Kenny McGill, Jacob Mollette (Christy & Glen Thomas' son), Derek Payne, Nancy Payne, Janet Winans,  
Ann & Jim Wiseman

**Morning Pointe:** Carolyn Graber

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

# Puzzle!

Use the clues to discover the names of some Old Testament prophets. Then unscramble the circled letters to describe what prophets are.

I was called to preach to the people of Nineveh but ran from God instead. (My book is #32 in the Bible.)

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I spoke God's message when the temple was being built. (My book is #37.)

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Israel's unfaithfulness to God is compared to my unfaithful wife. (My book is #28.)

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My book predicts punishment for wickedness and promises comfort. (It is #23.)

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I had dreams and visions. (My book is #27.)

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Because of my predictions, I was often in danger and angered officials. (My book is #24.)

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I was a shepherd from Judah who called people to turn to God and leave their selfish lives. (My book is #30.)

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My book contains descriptions of strange visions. (It is #26.)

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PROPHETS ARE — — — — — — — — .

# Sermon Notes

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sermon title: \_\_\_\_\_

key verses: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Prayers

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## 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*

2024	2025	2026
<i>Lee McCloud</i>	<i>Kelly Hanni</i>	<i>Mitch Hall*</i>
<i>J.T. Norris</i>	<i>Kim Whitman</i>	<i>Jan Holbrook</i>
<i>Cathy Wilson*</i>	<i>Geri Willis</i>	<i>Ryan Whitman*</i>
		*2nd term of service

## MINISTRY TEAMS

Building & Grounds: <i>TBD</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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