



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 14, 2025

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

Rev. Bill Pollack

Prelude

Max Jackson

Andante con Moto

Alexandre Guilmant

† Call to Worship

Jimmy Hall

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

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

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

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

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

† Hymn of Praise

#299

You Servants of God, Your Master to Proclaim

You servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad His wonderful name;
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God rules in the height, almighty to save;
though hid from our sight, His presence we have;
the great congregation His triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"
let all cry aloud and honor the Son;
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give Him His right:
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
all honor and blessing with angels above
and thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

Our God, forgive us for failing to understand and accept the great demands placed upon us by Your love. We enlist in Your causes but find ourselves losing interest. We promise to be courageous but find ourselves afraid. We want to be sensitive but find ourselves hard and callous. Forgive us; take our limitations and turn them into possibilities for service. Have mercy on us and grant us Your peace. In the name of Jesus, the Christ, Amen.

† **Assurance of Pardon**

† **Response** (tune: Amazing Grace)

#444 (1,4)

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

“Forgive our sins as we forgive,”

You taught us, Lord, to pray,
but You alone can grant us grace
to live the words we say.

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls,
and bid resentment cease;
Then, by Your mercy reconciled,
our lives will spread Your Peace.

✠ **We Listen to God’s Word** ✠

Children’s Message

Dress A Girl Around the World Blessing

Anthem

Chancel Choir

For Where Love Is, There Is God

arr. Douglas Wagner

Come as strangers to the altar, for where love is, there is God.
Come, you poor, you weak, who falter, for where love is, there is God.
Song and scripture wed together, bound by faith in sacred Word,
Sharing peace and consolation, for where love is, there is God.
Let us each love one another, for where love is there is God
And embrace as sister, brother. For where love is, there is God.
Heal our hurting, lift our spirit, cease our cold contentious ways.
Spread the grace of love unending, for where love is, there is God.

Prayer for Illumination

The Epistle Lesson: Revelation 1:1-6 (NRSV)

Carli Weston

The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants what must soon take place, and He made it known by sending His angel to His servant John, ² who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. ³ Blessed is the one who reads the words of the prophecy and blessed are those who hear and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near. ⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before His throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and freed us from our sins by His blood ⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests serving His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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

Psalms 111 & 112 (tune: Ode to Joy)

#755

Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

Alleluia! Laud and blessing to our God, whose Word is sure;
By whose grace we find redemption, in whose love we live secure.
Righteousness and rich compassion shall attend us all our days;
May God's promise to be faithful echo through our songs of praise!

Alleluia! God sustains us; matchless are the gifts we share:
Light in darkness, hope in conflict, answers to our deepest prayer.
Ours to give as we are given: arms to lift when others fall;
Images of God's great goodness, faithful servants to God's call.

Alleluia! Holy Parent, all your children now reclaim;
May our lives reflect Your justice, heirs to Your most sacred name.
Fill our hearts with understanding, brace our weakness by Your might;
Awesome honor, born in wisdom; Your great glory, our delight!

† **The Gospel Lesson:** Mark 10:35–37, 41–45 (NRSV)

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Him and said to Him, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask of You." ³⁶ And He said to them, "What is it you want Me to do for

you?" ³⁷ And they said to Him, "Appoint us to sit, one at Your right hand and one at Your left, in Your glory." ⁴¹ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴² So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³ But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give His life a ransom for many."

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

Sermon

The Foundation for Serving

✠ We Respond to God's Word ✠

† **Hymn of Response** (tune: Regent Square)

Seeking to be Faithful Servants

Seeking to be faithful servants, doing mission in Christ's way.

We turn to God's living presence one in Spirit as we pray.

One in Christ and one with neighbor,

In God's world for this our day.

With all people who are struggling in obedience in Christ's way,

We will stand and work and suffer, taking care to listen still.

One in Christ and one with neighbor,

Live Christ's mission live God's will.

When in mission we are faithful, in Christ's strength we are made new,

And united in commitment learn what God reveals as true.

One in Christ and one with neighbor,

We learn from each other too.

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We turn to God's living presence one in Spirit as we pray.

One in Christ and one with neighbor,

In God's world for this our day.

† **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

9/11 Remembrance

Offering Acknowledgement

Special Offering: Organ Repair Fund

† **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**

#546

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace.

Let us each, Your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace.

O refresh us, O refresh us,
trav'ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration
for the gospel's joyful sound:
may the fruits of Your salvation
in our hearts and lives abound!

Ever faithful, ever faithful
to Your truth may we be found.

Savior, when Your love shall call us
from our struggling pilgrim way,
let no fear of death appall us,
glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
reign with You in endless day.

Postlude

The Church's One Foundation

Robert Hobby

† Charge & Benediction

† *Standing as you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Jan Holbrook*

Liturgist: *Jimmy Hall*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 82

General Offering: \$2,520.22

Backpack Ministry: \$4.00

Memorial Fund (backpack ministry): \$150.00

Memorial Fund (organ repair): \$50.00

Online Offering: \$1,274.53

Total Offering: \$3,998.75

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

➡SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Sunday Morning Study, 9:28 a.m.
Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.
Children's Sunday School (K–4th grade), 9:30 a.m.
Harmony of the Gospels, 9:30 a.m.
Youth Group (5th – 12th grade), 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

➡MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Sew Blessed, 6 p.m.

➡TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Tai Chi, 5 p.m.
Zumba, 5 p.m.
Finance Ministry Team, 5:30 p.m.

➡WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Men's Bible Study, 7 a.m./Bob Evans
Handbell Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

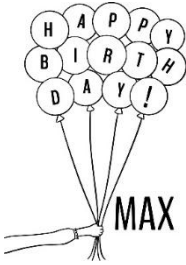
➡THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Paper Angels, 1 p.m.
Dames + Dinner, 5:30 p.m.

➡SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Zumba Class, 9:30 a.m.
Tai Chi, 11 a.m.

Birthday Celebration for Max



Please join us on **Sunday, September 21** 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.



Poage Landing Days Worship, Sunday, September 28

We will gather for worship **HERE** in the sanctuary beginning at **9 a.m.** The community worship service is hosted by House of Grace and begins at 11 a.m. on the Main Stage. There will be **NO Sunday School** on the 28th. Parking should not be an issue for this service. Hope to see you then.

Operation Christmas Child



You may choose to fill your own box or donate to the monthly cause each month. Questions, contact Donna Jones. **September: wash cloths, combs, brushes, toothbrushes, fun band-aids, nail files;** *October: small stuffed animals, craft kits, yo-yos, kaleidoscopes, Slinkys, balls;* *November: Money for postage.*

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending September 11, 2025

Loretta Burton (Nanette)
Christina Columber (Greg & Geri Willis)
Darryl Eatmon (online request)
Family of Charlie Kirk
Shirley O'Neal (Nanette)
Family of David Riggs (Mark Riggs' father)
Mary Vanderhoof (John Ferguson's mother)

Week ending September 4, 2025

Grace Atwell (Trish Hall's sister)
Family of Alden (Snook) Bryan (Chris & Barb Payne's friend)
Susan Martell (Pastor Bill's sister)
Jan Michel (Pastor Bill & Nanette)
Skip Saunders (Greg & Geri Willis)

Week ending August 28, 2025

Dr. Cole (Sharon McKnight's friend)
Family of Dean Kazee (Nanette)

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

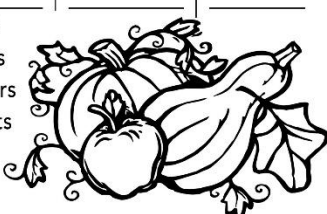
Military: Erik Adkins (USAF Reserves, son of Kris Adkins); Cadet Katie Brown (West Point, granddaughter of Mike Whitman); Greg Weston (Army National Guard); Major Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don & Judy Lilly)



GIVE PRAISE

Solve this puzzle to read a Bible verse about praising God for all his blessings.

Directions: In each group, circle the word that doesn't belong. Then write the circled words on the lines below.

1 Give Take Grab	2 peanut praise pear	3 temple house LORD	4 proclaim past present	5 name boy lad	6 ruin destroy make
7 pine acorn known	8 train nations bus	9 done donut muffin	10 Sing Sleep Yawn	11 she him girl	12 sun praise moon
13 tell fast slow	14 red all blue	15 horrible dreadful wonderful	16 acts sisters aunts		

_____ to the _____, _____ his _____;
 _____ among the _____ what he has _____.
 _____ to _____, sing _____ to him; _____ of
 _____ his _____.

PSALM 105:1-2, NIV

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>
Finance: <i>Trish Hall</i>	Worship: <i>Ryan Whitman</i>

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