



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026

10:50 a.m.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

Mike Lilly

Prelude

Max Jackson

Invocation

Alexandre Guilmant

† **Call to Worship**

L: God, maker of all, help us to bear the fruits of the kingdom, for thorns do not produce grapes and figs do not produce thistles.

P: Thy will be done, O Lord.

L: The seed sown in faith and nurtured in love, and the plant pruned and tended with discernment, bears fruit. The seed of the gospel bears the fruit of the furthering of God's kingdom.

P: Thy will be done, O Lord.

L: The seed of faith, nurtured by the Spirit, enables us to bear the fruits of the Spirit in our lives. The fruit is the goal of our mission; it is also the witness that our mission is done in Christ's way.

A: Thy will be done, O Lord. Amen.

† **Hymn of Praise**

#216

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;
and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess:
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

† Call to Confession

Rev. Jimm Smedley

† Prayer of Confession

Loving Father, help us. When we have run away, when we have turned our backs on love, when we have sought immediate satisfaction and not long-term healing, help us. Merciful Father, forgive us. When we have been selfish, when we have been mean, when we have closed our ears to the cries of others, forgive us. Powerful God, heal us. When we are so broken we cannot move, when we don't know how to stop the bleeding of our wounds, when we are too ashamed to seek community, heal us. Give us the courage, the strength, and the hope to accept your grace and hear your call in Christ. Amen.

† Assurance of Pardon

† Response

#446 (1)

How Blest, Those Whose Transgressions

How blest, those whose transgressions have freely been forgiven;
whose guilt is wholly covered before the sight of heaven.

Blest, those to whom our Lord God will not impute their sin:
whose guilt has been forgiven; whose hearts, made true again.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 32:15-19 (NRSV)

Until a spirit from on high is poured out on us, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is deemed a forest.
¹⁶ Then justice will dwell in the wilderness and righteousness abide in the fruitful field. ¹⁷ The effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever. ¹⁸ My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places. ¹⁹ The forest will disappear completely, and the city will be utterly laid low.

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

Psalm 124 (melody: St. Anne)

Congregation

If God had not been on our side, when wars around us rose;
Who would have been the sure defense against our mortal foes?

Their anger at our presence raged; their wrath, a swelling tide,
To draw us underneath the flood, were God not at our side.

The Lord be praised, at whose right hand our enemies are stayed;
Our lasting shield, the name of God, who heaven and earth has made.

† **Epistle Reading:** Galatians 5:22-23 (NRSV)

²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control.
There is no law against such things.

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

Sermon

Rev. Jimm Smedley

***The Fruit of the Spirit-Inward:
Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control***

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

† **Hymn of Response**

#441

Hear the Good News of Salvation

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy!
Come to us from heaven above.

Refrain: *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.*

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.
(Refrain)

† **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 (sins)

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**

#837

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:

*Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;

O how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?

I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the
everlasting arms. [Refrain]

Postlude

Praise To The Lord, The Almighty

Johann G Walther

† Charge & Benediction

† *Standing as you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Teresa Cassity*

Liturgist: *Mike Lilly*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 64

General Offering: \$1,377.00

Memorials: \$750.00

Peacemaking Offering: \$30.00

Online Offering: \$600.00

Total Offering: \$2,757.00

Upcoming Pulpit Supply:

Aug. 30: *Kalin Folden (Pastor Bill's former parishioner)*

Sept. 6: *Rev. Jennifer Johnson*

Sept. 13: *Jimm Smedley*

Sept. 20: *Ryan Whitman*

Sept. 27: *Rev. Deanna Bradley*

Poage Landing Days Worship, Sunday, September 20

We will gather for worship in the sanctuary beginning at

9:30 a.m. Please note that there will be no Sunday School on that Sunday. Ryan Whitman will fill the pulpit. Please keep Ryan in your prayers as he prepares to lead us in worship.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

➡ SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

Sunday Morning Study, 9:28 a.m. (on break, will resume 9/13)

Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.

Harmony of the Gospels, 9:30 a.m. (on break, will resume 9/27)

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

➡ MONDAY, AUGUST 24

Empty Nesters, 5:30 p.m.

➡ TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

Tai Chi, 5 p.m.

Session Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

➡ WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

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

➡ THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m.

Dames + Dinner Bible Study, 5:30 p.m.

➡ SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

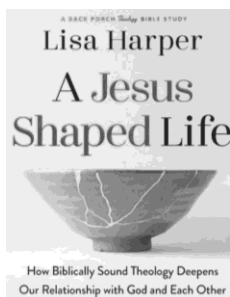
Tai Chi, 11 a.m.



Operation Christmas Child August Donations:

Coloring books, stickers, playdough, jump ropes, pencil cases

Dames & Dinner Bible Study



The new study is "A Jesus Shaped Life" by Lisa Harper. The study will begin on **Thursday, August 27**, and will continue the third Thursday of each month from **5:30 to 7 p.m.** Dinner will be provided, though a \$10 donation is welcome. Books are free of charge. Please feel free to invite a friend or two to join us.

Dress a Girl Around the World

On Sunday, **September 13**, we will have a special blessing for all the dresses that have been lovingly made and collected. This blessing will be a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the effort and generosity of everyone involved before these dresses are sent to girls in need around the world. We are so grateful to all who participated, whether by sewing, donating fabric, or contributing in any other way. Your dedication has made a significant impact. We invite you to join as we celebrate this collective achievement and prepare these dresses for their journey.



Birthday Celebration for Max



Please join us on **Sunday, September 27** 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.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE CHOSEN?

*Sunday Night Interactive
Bible Study on Season 1
Starting September 13th @
5:30pm*

Sundays | 5:30PM | Bethesda Hall

Dates:

**September 13th: Meet the Mains & Introduction
and Lesson 1 - You Are Called**

September 20th: Lesson 2 - You Rest

September 27th: Lesson 3 - You Are Cherished

October 4th: Lesson 4 - You Change Course

October 11th: Lesson 5 - You Are a Witness

October 18th: Lesson 6 - You Are Made New

October 25th: Lesson 7 - You Are Established

**November 8th: Lesson 8 - You Are Carried & the
conclusion**

For any questions, contact Heather Shay, 606.923.3504



Fruit or false



Spotting true fruits can be tricky. Thankfully, it's much easier to spot the fruit of the Spirit.



Directions: Determine whether each item is a fruit or vegetable and circle the correct letter. Then insert the letters in order below to complete the verses.



	Fruit	Vegetable
Apple	V	P
Carrot	E	O
Tomato	Y	R
Grape	C	F
Eggplant	T	D
Celery	I	N
Banana	K	M
Cucumber	N	W

	Fruit	Vegetable
Pepper	O	U
Spinach	R	S
Watermelon	H	P
Broccoli	G	N
Pumpkin	T	Y
Pear	F	C
Asparagus	L	R

But the fruit of the Spirit is lo__e, j__ __, pea__e,
 pa__ie__ce, __ind__ess, go__dne__s,
 fait__ful__ess, gen__leness, sel__-cont__ol.

GALATIANS 5:22-23, ESV

Answer: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending August 20, 2026

Tyler Reliford and family (Kelly Hanni)

Heather Shay

Week ending August 13

Kena Broomall (Kelly & Mark Hanni's daughter)

Mike Hall (Geri Willis' brother)

Don Lilly

Week ending August 6, 2026

Crystal Hughes (Nanette)

Jacob Mollette (Glen & Christy Thomas' son)

Chris Payne

Ongoing:

<i>Christina Akers</i> <i>(Heather Whitman's sister-in-law)</i>	<i>Nancy Payne</i>
<i>Bill Gesling</i>	<i>Bonnie Pettijohn</i>
<i>Charlie Holbrook</i>	<i>Tim Shepard</i>
<i>Angie Lewis</i>	<i>Jan Winans</i>
<i>Chris Payne</i>	<i>Ann Wiseman</i>
<i>Derek Payne</i>	

Boyd Nursing and Rehabilitation: Kenny McGill, Sr.

Kingsbrook Care Center: Barry Barbour

The Lantern: Betty Jean Phipps

Military: Erik Adkins (USAF Reserves, son of Kris Adkins); Lieutenant Katie Brown (US Army, granddaughter of Mike Whitman); Christian Brown (US Air Force, grandson of Mike Whitman); Greg Weston (Army National Guard); Lieutenant Colonel Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don & Judy Lilly)

STAFF

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

SESSION MEMBERS

President of Congregation: *Jan Holbrook*
Secretary of Congregation/Clerk of Session: *Kelly Hanni*
Treasurer: *Cathy Wilson*

2027	2028	2029
<i>Jimmy Hall</i>	<i>Teresa Cassity</i>	<i>Jan Holbrook *</i>
<i>Lee McCloud *</i>	<i>Kelly Hanni *</i>	<i>Mike Lilly</i>
<i>J.T. Norris *</i>	<i>Donna Jones</i>	<i>Ellen Sharp</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>Jan Holbrook</i>
Finance: <i>Mitch Hall</i>	Worship: <i>Mike Lilly</i>

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