



AND THEY  
WERE ALL  
AMAZED  
AT THE

# GREATNESS OF GOD.

LUKE 9:43, NIV



# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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June 30, 2024

10:50 a.m.

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## ✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

**Welcome**

*Rev. Bill Pollack*

**Prelude**

*Max Jackson*

Prelude No II in G Major

Felix Mendelssohn

**Call to Worship**

*Ryan Whitman*

Leader: Gather round, we have come for worship.

**People: We may have come as dry and thirsty souls longing for refreshment and hope.**

Leader: Lord Jesus may the Holy Spirit come upon us now.

**People: In our worship, may we be blessed and may we find the joy of eternal life.**

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, come! Amen.**

† **Hymn of Praise** (tune: Ellacombe)

#290

O Day of Joy and Wonder

O day of joy and wonder! Christ's promise now fulfilled.

The coming of the Spirit that holy love has willed.

Our Lord in human body to mortal eye is lost.

Yet comes in flame upon us at blessed Pentecost.

The world, in sheer amazement, the truth must now declare.

That those who once were cowards are brave beyond compare.

And tongues which could not utter their faith in Jesus' name.

Defy all persecution God's glory to proclaim!

We too may know Your power; Your courage makes us strong.

Your love, Your joy, Your patience can all to us belong.

Come now and dwell within us, O Comforter divine.

Come to our hearts and keep them;

there let Your brightness shine.

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, You call us to be salt and light and to live as Your righteous, holy people. We want to, Lord, but we fall short! We confess that there is good and bad, light and dark within our own hearts. We want to do what is right, but our fears and anxieties lead us to self-protection rather than vulnerability, to hoarding rather than freely sharing, to self-righteousness rather than compassion. Forgive us, O God. Restore us by Your mercy that having received the gift of Your infinite love, we might turn to our neighbor and give Your love away. For the sake of Christ, we pray. Amen.

† **Assurance of Pardon**

† **Response**

#829 (1)

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

My faith looks up to Thee,  
Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away;  
O let me from this day be wholly Thine!

✠ **We Listen to God's Word** ✠

**Children's Moment**

*Lisa Stevens*

**Anthem**

*Chancel Choir*

Cantate Domino - Giuseppe Pitoni

Cantate Domino, canticum novum  
*Sing to the Lord a new song,*  
Laus ejus in Ecclesia Sanctorum.  
*Praise him in the assembly of his saints.*  
Laetetur Israel in eo, qui fecit eum,  
*Let all of Israel rejoice in its Maker,*  
Et filii Sion, exultant in rege suo.  
*Let the sons of Zion rejoice in their King.*  
Psalm 149:1–2

**Prayer for Illumination**

## The Epistle Lesson

Acts 4:23–31 (NRSV)

<sup>23</sup> After they were released, they went to their own people and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them.

<sup>24</sup> When they heard it, they raised their voices together to God and said, “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth, the sea, and everything in them, <sup>25</sup> it is You who said by the Holy Spirit through our ancestor David, Your servant: ‘Why did the gentiles rage and the peoples imagine vain things? <sup>26</sup> The kings of the earth took their stand, and the rulers have gathered together against the Lord and against his Messiah.’ <sup>27</sup> “For in this city, in fact, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the gentiles and the peoples of Israel, gathered together against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed, <sup>28</sup> to do whatever Your hand and Your plan had predestined to take place. <sup>29</sup> And now, Lord, look at their threats, and grant to Your servants to speak Your word with all boldness, <sup>30</sup> while You stretch out Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of Your holy servant Jesus.” <sup>31</sup> When they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 51** (tune: St. Thomas)

#434

### Restore in Us, O God

Restore in us, O God, the splendor of Your love;  
renew Your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.

O Spirit, wake in us the wonder of Your power;  
from fruitless fear unfurl our lives like springtime bud and flower.

Bring us, O Christ, to share the fullness of Your joy;  
baptize us in the risen life that death cannot destroy.

Three-personed God, fulfill the promise of Your grace,  
that we, when all our searching ends, may see You face to face.

† **The Gospel Lesson**

Luke 9:37–43 (NRSV)

<sup>37</sup> On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met Him. <sup>38</sup> Just then a man from the crowd shouted, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. <sup>39</sup> Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. <sup>40</sup> I begged Your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” <sup>41</sup> Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and put up with you? Bring your son here.” <sup>42</sup> While he was being brought forward, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. <sup>43</sup> And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

L: This is the Holy Gospel of Christ!

**P: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

*Rev. Bill Pollack*

***With the Holy Spirit – I Am Able***

✠ **We Respond to God’s Word** ✠

† **Hymn of Response**

#694

Great God of Every Blessing

Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,  
You are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.  
How can we hope to thank You? Our praise is but a start:  
sincerely and completely I offer You, my heart.

Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace,  
in death and life extending Your covenant embrace.

In Christ we are one body; each member has a part:  
sincerely and completely I offer You, my heart.

Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search,  
transforming broken people into the holy church.

For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom You impart:  
sincerely and completely I offer You, my heart.

† **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: Pastor's Discretionary 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

Go with Us, Lord

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way  
Through this and every coming day,  
That in Your Spirit strong and true  
Our lives may be our gift to You.

Go with us Lord throughout our day  
We look to You along the way.  
O grant Your Spirit be our guide  
And in Your strength let us abide.

Postlude

Fugue in C Major

Diderik Buxtehude

† Charge & Benediction

† *Standing if you are able.*

**SERVING TODAY**

Head Usher: *JT Norris*

Liturgist: *Ryan Whitman*

**LAST WEEK'S RECAP**

Attendance: 65

General Offering: \$1,195.00

CAReS: \$75.00

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: \$150.00

Online Offering: \$268.54

**Total Offering: \$1,688.54**

**IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

→ **Sunday, June 30:** Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

**Whitman 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Noon**

→ **Monday, July 1:** Horizons Summer Bible Study, 4:30 p.m.

→ **Wednesday, July 3:** Men's Bible Study, 7 a.m./Bob Evans

→ **Thursday, July 4:** Independence Day/Office Closed

## Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry

During the month of July, we will collect school supplies: crayons, pencils, erasers, index cards, scissors, glue sticks, markers, chalk.

## Ashland Blazer Youth Service Center

We are collecting back to school supplies, daily school life and pantry items for the Center from July 7 – August 4. There is a complete list located on the table in the narthex.

## Youth Group

All youth grades 7–12 are invited to join the youth group. Our next scheduled meetings are Sunday, July 7 and Sunday, July 21 following morning worship until 1:30 p.m. in the Bethesda Community Hall. Lunch will be served.



*First Presbyterian Women*

Invite you to join us for the

**Second Annual  
Flower Arranging Party & Luncheon**

Sunday, July 28, 12:15 p.m.  
1600 Winchester Ave, Ashland

Led by florist  
Jennifer Runyon Nelson of Jewlies

Lunch menu:  
Sub-sandwiches, chips, salad, and dessert

RSVP by July 21  
Cathy Wilson, 606.922.6425 or  
Bettie George Frye, 606.831.8579

We'll expand on new flower techniques and ideas.  
Every guest will take home their arrangements.  
A love offering will be accepted  
at the door to help with costs.



\*Childcare will be available.



## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Week ending June 27, 2024

Margaret Ruth (Kelly Hanni)

Michelle Stemmer Gifford (Nanette)

Family and Friends of Patricia Smith (Charlie & Jan Holbrook's neighbor)

### Week ending June 20, 2024

Don and Rebecca Ballard DiLoreto (Bettie George Frye)

Family of Jean Fraley

Allyson & Andrew Garnes (Nanette's great niece and husband)

Ian McGill (Fetima McGill's grandson)

Jan Michel (Pastor Bill & Nanette)

Jay Sanderson (Scott Sanderson's brother)

### Week ending June 13, 2024

Kanon Crookes (Amy Crookes grandson)

Dr. Roger Potter

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

**Ongoing:** Pastor Bill; Gretchen Dillon; Charlie Holbrook; Jane Justice; 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)



# A **powerful** CALLING

Before his ascension, Jesus tells the disciples they will receive a gift and carry out a job.

*Directions: Use the code to fill in the blanks and complete Acts 1:8, NIV.*

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“But you will receive \_\_\_\_\_ when the  
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 Holy \_\_\_\_\_ comes on you; and you  
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 will be my \_\_\_\_\_ in Jerusalem,  
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 and in all Judea and Samaria,  
 and to the ends of the \_\_\_\_\_.”  
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ACTS 1:8, 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*

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>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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