

****PRAYER of DEDICATION (Unison)**

O Lord our God, we bless you for the gift of life, for your protection round about us, for your guiding hand upon us, and for the tokens of your love within us. We dedicate these offerings to you, O heavenly God. Give us wisdom to use all that we have for your glory. May we render an acceptable thanksgiving unto you all the days of our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

****HYMN of SENDING #435**

“We All Are One in Mission”

****CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Praise!”

Martin

PASTOR: Rev. Bob Thomson

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Wendy Dryden ORGANIST: Eleanor Lane

CHILDREN’S AND YOUTH MINISTRY DIRECTOR: Ashley Braisted

SPECIAL MUSIC: VBS Children



Church Mission Statement

As followers of Jesus Christ, under the authority of the Bible, our mission is:

- ~ Glorifying and worshiping God
- ~ Baptizing and strengthening disciples
- ~ Loving and serving all people



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**First
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*Vibrant Worship,
Vibrant Discipleship,
Vibrant Service*

June 9, 2024 ~ 10:00 a.m.

“God Our Friend”

*Green: Symbolizes
New Life, Rebirth, and Hope*

****Those who are able are invited to stand.**

PRELUDE

“Christ, the Cornerstone”

Price

TOLLING of the BELLS

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND the WORD of GOD

CALL to WORSHIP

Julie Anthony

Leader: It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High,

People: **We proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night.**

Leader: For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work

People: **At the works of your hands, I sing for joy.**

Leader: How great are your works, O Lord. Let us pray...

PRAYER OF PRAISE (Unison)

God of light and truth, you are beyond our grasp or conceiving. Before the brightness of your presence the angels veil their faces. With lowly reverence and adoring love, we acclaim your glory and sing your praise, for you have shown us your truth and love in Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

****HYMN of PRAISE #267**

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

****CALL TO CONFESSION**

John wrote, “I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.” In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

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****PRAYER of CONFESSION (Unison)**

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear. We turn our back on faith and follow the ways that lead to death. We ignore your Word and trust in our own understanding. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. (Time of Silent Personal Confession) Amen.

****ASSURANCE of PARDON**

God is light and in God there is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. Believe the good news of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

PASSING of the PEACE

“The Peace of Christ be with you.” “And also with you.”

****GLORIA PATRI #579**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

LISTENING for the WORD of GOD

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Julie Anthony

Gracious God, you have given us the rich and precious jewel of your Holy Word. By your Holy Spirit write it on our hearts, reform us, and renew us according to your image. Through your word build us up into the perfect building of Christ and increase in us all heavenly virtues. Grant this, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 41:8-10 (pg. 583)

The Word of the Lord

Julie Anthony

Thanks be to God

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 15:12-17 (pg. 878)

ANTHEM

VBS Children

“Thanks, God”

Mizell

“One Big Family”

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TIME for CHILDREN

Ashley Braisted

(Children may go upstairs for Children’s Church.)

INTERPRETATION of the WORD

“God Our Friend”

Rev. Bob Thomson

RESPONDING to the WORD of GOD

****HYMN of RESPONSE #403**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

****CONFESSION of FAITH - Apostles’ Creed — Traditional Version**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

GIVING OF OURSELVES to GOD:

The willingness to give is a sign of life. The fruit tree gives of its fruit, and we know it is alive. The heart that gives is alive with the spiritual power of God. Let us give to the Lord in response to the life God has given us. *You May Text Your Donation To: 844-913-2327.*

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****DOXOLOGY #592**

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.