

Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 13, 2024

The asterisk () indicates to please rise in body or spirit.*

Meditation before Worship

O Almighty God, you pour out your spirit of grace and of supplication on all who desire it. Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from cold hearts and wandering minds, that with steady thoughts and kindled passion we may worship you in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gathering Music

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship

Meditation on "How Great Thou Art"

arr. Janet Linker

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "O Come Let Us Worship"

Richard Shephard, 2017

O come let us worship and bow down,
Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker!
For this is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture,
And the sheep of God's hand. (Psalm 95)

***Call to Worship**

Leader: It was easy to come to worship this morning.

People: We feel welcome and look forward to the worship service.

Leader: How hard it is to enter God's kingdom.

People: We have to be ready to let go of the things that tie us down.

Leader: Get ready. God is waiting for you.

People: Open our hearts and our spirits, Lord, to receive your word for us. Amen.

The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon***Call to Confession*****Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, and your Spirit, so that we can amend our lives and grow more each day into the image of Christ. We confess that we fear what is different. We confess that it’s easier to lock the doors of our community than to receive those who don’t look like we look, love like we love, or vote the way we vote. We confess that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love.

We believe that you have the power to turn us around to a more inclusive way of living, so we ask you to do that. We ask you to give us the courage to change. We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be your people in all we say and do. Amen.

(Silent prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon**Response Hymn**

“Gloria Patri”

#581

Ministry of the Word**Prayer for Illumination****Children’s Sermon****First Scripture Reading**

Hebrews 4:12-16

Choir Anthem “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

David Cherwien, 2010

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The unity of heart and mind is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;

Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,

And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin, we shall be free;

And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

Second Scripture Reading

Mark 10:17-31

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The One Thing!”

Pastor Steven A. Watters

The Response to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. 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 living 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.

***Hymn**

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

#726

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.

Invitation to Offering

***Response**

“Give Thanks”

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***Prayer of Dedication**

The Sending of God's People

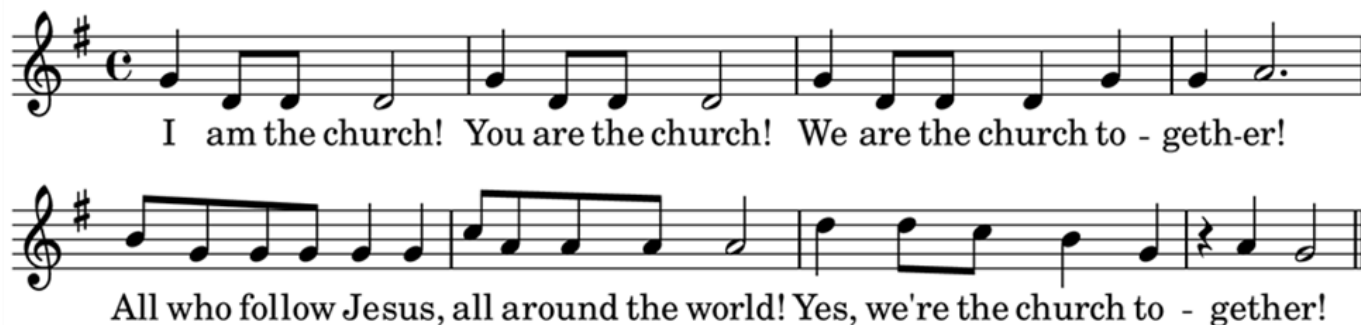
***Closing Hymn**

“We All Are One in Mission”

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***Charge and Blessing**

*Congregational Response “We Are the Church”



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The first staff contains the melody for the lyrics: "I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to - geth-er!". The second staff contains the melody for the lyrics: "All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church to - gether!".

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*Postlude

Pastors: Steven A. Watters
Dr. Mark A. Johnson

Music Director: Thomas Lloyd

Organist: Carol Welk

Liturgist: Carole Sue Ames

Our liturgist, Carole Sue Ames, grew up in Lafayette and attended the Methodist Church. When she moved into London at the age of 15, she began to attend the First Presbyterian Church when it was located on Walnut Street. She loves her church family dearly and following the path that God has laid out for her.

Carole married Bill Ames in 1956, and they had 5 sons, 18 grandchildren, and 16 great grandchildren. Carol enjoys swimming and golfing. She loves to travel whenever possible, and has been active in our church choir since 1970.