

*Growing Together through Faith, Love, and Fellowship.*

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**October 6, 2024**

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

## **Meditation before Worship**

*Eternal God, your Son Jesus Christ is the true bread from heaven. Help those who receive his body and blood to be the body of Christ for the world, sharing the riches of his grace with all who hunger and thirst for eternal life. Amen.*

## **Gathering Music**

### **The Gathering of God's People**

#### **Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship**

"Beautiful Savior"

arr. Michael Burkhardt

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Introit**

"Seek Ye First"

Karen Lafferty, 1971

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness;  
And all these things shall be added unto you. Alleluia!

## **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**People: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.**

Leader: O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

**People: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.**

**The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not been faithful children. We have not lived by your law; we have remained silent in the face of evil; we have not refrained from deceit; we have not followed in the way of peace; and we have not honored all that is true and good. We have been foolish and immature people who resist the holy wisdom that you graciously offer. Forgive us our sin, O God, and lead us to sincere repentance through Jesus Christ. Amen. (*Silent prayer of confession*)**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Response Hymn**

“Gloria Patri”

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**Ministry of the Word**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Children’s Sermon**

**First Scripture Reading**

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

**Choir Anthem** “In Remembrance”

arr. Lloyd Larson, 2009

In remembrance of me, eat this bread.  
In remembrance of me, drink this wine.  
In remembrance of me, pray for the time  
When God’s own will is done.

Take, eat, and be comforted;  
Drink, and remember too,  
That this is my body and precious blood  
Shed for you.

In remembrance of me, heal the sick.  
In remembrance of me, feed the poor.  
In remembrance of me, open the door  
And let your brother in, let him in.

In remembrance of me, search the truth.  
In remembrance of me, always love.  
In remembrance of me, don’t look above,  
But in your heart, look in your heart for God.

**Second Scripture Reading**

John 6:51-58

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## The Response to the Word

### \*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### \*Invitation to Offering

### \*Response

“Give Thanks”

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### \*Prayer of Dedication

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

(We will be receiving communion by coming forward to one of the two stations on each side of the communion table. Please exit the pews to the center aisle and return to the pews from the outside aisles. An elder or deacon will be available to serve communion to those who wish to remain seated. Gluten-free bread can be found on the communion table.)

### \*Invitation to the Lord’s Table

## **The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Pastor: Let us pray. The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly right ... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: Blessed is he who comes ... Great is the mystery of faith:

**People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Gracious God ... first taught us to pray, saying:

## **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.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

## **Communion of the People**

## **Prayer after Communion**

**Gracious God, we thank you for the witness of the whole communion of saints to this feast and for the ministry of churches around the world who gather with us today. By this broken bread may we each be restored for the work yet to come. By this shared cup may we each be claimed for the proclamation of your kingdom. At this shared table may we be united as children of your promise, children of your word,**

dying and made new again, sent boldly together into the world as servants of your peace. Amen.

## The Sending of God's People

\*Closing Hymn

"Take My Life"

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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. The first staff has the lyrics "I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to - geth-er!" written below it. The second staff has the lyrics "All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church to - gether!" written below it. The music consists of simple, rhythmic patterns suitable for congregational singing.

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\*Postlude

"Give To God Our Immortal Praise"

arr. Wilbur Held

**Pastors:** Dr. Mark A. Johnson

**Music Director:** Thomas Lloyd

**Organist:** Carol Welk

**Liturgist:** Carole Sue Ames

**Bells:** Dot & Ken Morlock  
Kelly Armfelt

*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.*

**Romans 15:13:** "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."