

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

INSTRUCTIONS: An elder will place bread in your hand, take it as you receive it. When the elder gives you the cup, take it as you receive it. (Gluten-free communion bread is in the paper cups.)

PRAYER after COMMUNION (UNISON)

Loving God, you graciously feed us with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation. May we who have received this sacrament serve you faithfully; we who have sung your praises tell of your glory and truth; we who have seen the greatness of your love see you face to face in your kingdom. For you have made us your own people by the death and resurrection of your Son, our Lord, and by the life-giving power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

**HYMN of SENDING #361 "How Firm a Foundation"

**CHARGE and BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" Goss

PASTOR: Rev. Bob Thomson

ORGANIST: Eleanor Lane

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRY DIRECTOR: Ashley Braisted

SPECIAL MUSIC: The Voss Family FLUTE: Mary Throne



Church Mission Statement

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

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



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*Vibrant Worship,
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August 7, 2022 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service Theme: "Bless the Lord, O My Soul!"

Green: Symbolizes Growth

**Those who are able are invited to stand.

PRELUDE "Simple Gifts" Shaker melody

TOLLING of the BELLS

GREETINGS, ANNOUNCEMENTS and PASSING of the PEACE

GATHERING AROUND the WORD of GOD

CALL to WORSHIP

Kevin Bohnenblust

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

People: Sing to the LORD, praise his name; Proclaim his salvation day after day.

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations

People: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name. Let us pray...

PRAYER OF PRAISE (UNISON)

Ever present God, we thank you for calling us together for worship. We praise you for coming to us long before we first came to you, for knowing who would be here today, and for knowing even our motives for coming. May your Holy Spirit enable us to hear your voice and to guide our responses with hearts that rejoice in your presence. Amen.

**HYMN of PRAISE #455

"All Creatures of Our God and King
(vs. 1, 2, 5 & 6)

**CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

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****PRAYER of CONFESSION (UNISON)**

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. (Time of Silent Personal Confession) Amen.

****ASSURANCE of PARDON**

The true light that gives light to everyone has come into the world. To all who receive him, to all who believe in his name, he gives the right to become children of God. Believe the good news of the gospel, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

****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) *Kevin Bohnenblust*
Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *Ephesians 2:1-10 (Pg. 949)*
Kevin Bohnenblust

ANTHEM "Hymn of Promise" *Sleeth*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Psalms 103 (pg. 482)*
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

TIME for CHILDREN *Ashley Braisted*
(No Children's Church)

INTERPRETATION of the WORD
"Bless the Lord, O My Soul!" *Rev. Bob Thomson*

RESPONDING to the WORD of GOD

****HYMN OF RESPONSE #339** "Be Thou My Vision"

****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.

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 Psalmists writes, "What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? I will give what I have promised in the presence of all God's people." You may place your offering in the offering plate as you leave, donate through our website, or send it through the mail.

OFFERTORY "O Jesus, I Have Promised" *Mann*

****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.

****PRAYER of DEDICATION (UNISON)**

Good shepherd, you graciously spread a table before us. We offer you these gifts, tokens of our grateful hearts. Nourish us at the feast of the Lamb, that we may proclaim to all the world your triumphant love in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

****COMMUNION HYMN #505** "Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.