



## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 7, 2025

10:00 am

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\* all who are able are invited to rise in body or spirit.

### GATHERING MUSIC

### WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*This is the day that the Lord has made.*

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

### INTROIT

### CALL TO WORSHIP\*

*With endless creativity,  
God forms and shapes our lives.*

**Each of us bears the image of our maker.**

**Each of us is made in love.**

HYMN\* "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" 223

### PRAYER OF PRAISE\*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

**Holy God, like children long indulged, we are quick to presume your pardon, your sanction of the way we live. We turn away from neighbors in need, sharing fragments that remain only after our cravings have been met. Merciful Maker, you created us for better use; remake us now. Where we are distorted re-center and reshape us, bring us low and raise us up. Then fire our hearts until we shine with your glory and find our place in your purpose.**

**(silent confession)**

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.  
Lord have mercy. Kyrie Eleison.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE\*

*The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*[You are invited to exchange signs of peace with one another.]*

## RESPONSE TO PARDON\*

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**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.  
Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

# A TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

## OLD TESTAMENT – Jeremiah 18:1-11

*“Like clay in the potter’s hand, you are mine..”*

## OFFERING OF MUSIC

Adult Choir

*“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”*

## GOSPEL – Luke 14:25-33

*“None of you who are unwilling to give up  
all of your possessions can be my disciple..”*

## SERMON

*“Being Disciples”* Dr. Linda Dickerson

## SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE\* *(from “A Declaration of Faith”)*

**We believe God sends us to risk our own peace and comfort in compassion for our neighbors. We are to give to them and receive from them, accepting everyone we meet as a person; to be sensitive to those who suffer in body or mind; to help and accept help in ways that affirm dignity and responsibility. We must not limit our compassion to those we judge deserving, for we ourselves do not deserve the compassion of God.**

## SACRAMENT OF 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.**

*...with all creation we sing your praise, saying,*  
**Holy, holy, holy, 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.**

*... we declare the mystery of faith:*

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

**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.**

### **Sharing of Bread and Cup (*by intinction*)**

***Prayer:* Gracious God, we give you thanks for feeding us with your very self. Send us forth from this place by the power of your Spirit follow Jesus, and to carry our cross on behalf of our neighbors. Amen.**

**HYMN\***

***"Together We Serve"***

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**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION\***

**CHORAL RESPONSE\***

**Congregation**

**God, be the love to search and keep me;**

**God, be the prayer to move my voice;**

**God, be the strength to now uphold me:**

**O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.**

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**FELLOWSHIP TIME - All are welcome!**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES**