

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*Hymn of Commissioning

Live into Hope

No. 772

*Benediction

Postlude

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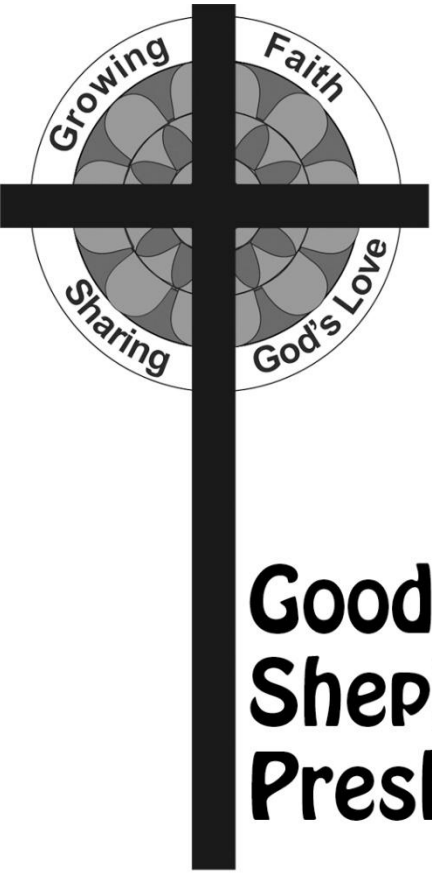
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We are a community of believers, sharing God’s love, in worship
and service, as disciples of Jesus Christ.

The marks of this life are:

Pray daily;

Worship weekly;

Enjoy spiritual friendships;

Read and study the Scriptures;

Engage in service in and beyond the church;

Share the Good News of the Gospel with others, and

Practice generosity with one’s time, talent, and money.

August 17, 2025

Sunday Order of Worship
11:00 am

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Prayer of Preparation
Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being: You have made us for Yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in You. Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing Your will, no weakness keep us from doing it; that in Your light we may see light clearly, and in Your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Welcoming and Announcements
Everyone is asked to sign the Friendship Folder in the pew rack. **Visitors:** Please completely fill out your name, mailing address, and e-mail address to enable us to extend our Christian hospitality. Please pass the folder to your neighbor, and then return it to the center aisle with the cover open so that you may learn the names of the other worshipers. **For sight impaired worshipers:** Large Print Hymnals are available from the ushers. **For hearing impaired worshipers:** We recommend downloading the Listen Everywhere app.

Minute for Mission

Clifton

Owen Harris

*Greeting One Another in Love

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Prelude

Victor Holton

Call to Worship (Responsive)
Leader: When Moses gathered the people of Israel, God said,
People: “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.”
Leader: As we gather here today, let us worship the Lord, who continues to be our God and who still brings us out of the places of our bondage.
—based on Exodus 20:1-2

*Hymn of Praise

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

No. 35

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**
Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the lLight of the World.

***Assurance of God’s Grace (Responsive)**
Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?
People: Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.
Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Genesis 2:8-15

Pew Bible page 797

Second Scripture Lesson

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Revelation 21:9-10, 18-23

Pew Bible pages 878-879

Anthem

Sermon

Last Things First - Garden

Rev. Jeff Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*Hymn of the Day

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

No. 817

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

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

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer

Karen Pirkle

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.

The Offering

Offertory

My Father’s World

arr. Brad Johnson

*Doxology No. 606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.