

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

June 23, 2024
Proper 7

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Please silence cell phones.

Please sign the blue friendship pad at the end of the pew.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Chiming Of The Hour (Prepare your hearts for worship)

Welcome

One: "The Lord be with you."

All: "And also with you."

*Call to Worship (Psalm 133)

One: How very good and pleasant it is when sisters and brothers live together in unity!

All: **It is like the precious oil on the head, like the dew that falls on the mountains of Zion.**

One: Together, let us worship God.

*Hymn 610 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
AZMON

Prayer of Confession (Mark 4)

All: **Most merciful God, forgive us. We imagine that we can live without you, when you give us our very breath. We seek control over others rather than strive to live in unity. We allow fear to overtake us, even though our lives are in your hands. Draw us back into your steadfast love and shape us into the likeness of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.**

(silent confession)

One: Sisters and brothers, the good news is this: grace is poured out like water; mercy flows like a never-ending stream, bathing us in goodness and love. Live, then, as those who have received new life, rejoicing in your baptism.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

*Gloria Patri Hymn #581

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Anthem

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Psalm 104:1-9, 24-30 p. 524
Colossians 1:15-20 p. 188
Genesis 1:1-10 p. 1

Sermon Rev. Andrew Permenter

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to Discipleship

Prayer

Affirmation of Faith: (The 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 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.

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.

Offertory

*Doxology Hymn #606

Prayer of Dedication

All: **We return to you, O God, the gifts you have given, that this money, and our lives, might bear witness to the good news of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

*Hymn 475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
NETTLETON

SENT FORTH TO SERVE

Announcements

*Charge and Blessing

*Chorus

"Bind us together, Lord; bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord; bind us together, Lord; bind us together with love. There is only one God, there is only one King, and there is only one body; that is why we sing. Bind us together, Lord; bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord; bind us together, Lord; bind us together with love."

Please greet each other as you leave with these words:
"Grace to you."

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please welcome Rev. Andrew Permenter to the pulpit today!

Tuesdays

Ladies Bible study group is taking a break for the summer but will resume on August 20.

Wednesdays

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Current Christian Education Opportunities

Sunday Mornings at 9:30

- Bob Thornton's Class: Adam Hamilton's study on *Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws*, books can be ordered online.

Liturgist: Susan Atkins

Ushers: Jerry & Susan Atkins, Bob Thornton

Flowers: Joann Keller

Refreshments: Barbara Quintrell

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Welcome to Grace Presbyterian Church!
Grace is a church for the community, and all of God's people are welcome here.

In Our Prayers: John and Susan Adams (Marsha Loftin), Connie Alford (Shirley), Frank Ball, Ruth Ann Ball, Baron Barnes (Mary Ann Sheehy), Bill and Sandy (Dan Scott), Gretchen Blackwell, Family of Richard Bruce (Richard Smith), Tyler Chadwick, Lisa Conn, Susan Davis (Joe), Frank Duke (Kay Parrish), Mike Eason (Joey), Lisa France (Margie), Grace (Chuck), Kevin Herrit and Family, Clara, Hogan (Shirley), Margaret Hunt (Jim Hambright), Irena (Gretchen Blackwell), Rylee Johnson (Jaycey), Doug Jones (Margie O'Byrne), Cynthia Kodua, Shelby Lee, Martha's Family (Dan Scott), Penny McDaniel (Kay), Ellen Nordstrom (Margie), Frank Parrish (Kay), Pat (Ruth Ann Ball), Brenda Reagans (Kristie), Mary Ann Sheehy's Grandson, Nancy Smiley (Ruth Ann Ball), Lynette Steritz, Susan (Ruth Ann Ball), Theresa (Chris Seese), Viviana Torres, Carol Watkins, Bill and Sherry Weeks

Assisted Living: Sandy Grimes, Zoe Putnam

Elders : Chuck Achuff, Joe Fortune, Kristie Myers, Andrew Permenter Betty Powell, and Lynette Steritz

Deacons: Jerry Atkins, Joey Homans, Nancy McCue, Barbara Quintrell, Christine Seese, and Dan Scott

Nominating Committee: Andy Clemons, Bonnie Fry, Kristie Myers, Margie O'Byrne, Dan Scott, Mary Ann Sheehy, Peggy Thornton

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