

July 21, 2024
10:30 a.m. | Chapel
9th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Around the Word

Lighting of the Candles

Jesus is the Light of the World!

Prelude

Prelude in C Major (BWV 846)

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

As the Friendship Folder is passed in your pew, please record your attendance in worship today.

For our guests, please enter your name and contact information so we may welcome you.

✦ Call to Worship

Betsy McDaniel

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

Lord, we come to worship you, seeking sabbath rest.

Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Lord, we come to worship you, to listen for your teachings and to seek rest for our souls.

Jesus said, "For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Lord, we come to worship you, that we might serve you faithfully. Your steadfast love endures forever, to all generations.

✦ Opening Hymn 803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

**My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,
And leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.**

**When I walk through the shades of death your presence is my stay;
One word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows; your oil anoints my head.**

**The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
No more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.**

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✦ Please stand in body or in spirit.

Please silence your cell phones during worship.

Being Renewed in Grace

Call to Confession

The scriptures teach that there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. The scriptures also teach that we have a high priest who has been tested as we are, yet without sin. As the letter to the Hebrews encourages us, “Let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” Let us pray

Prayer of Confession

Good and gracious God,

we confess that we are busy and preoccupied with so many things. We neglect to be still and know that you are God. Even our Sabbath time can be filled with “busy-ness.” Forgive us, Lord, for not accepting your gift and guidance of rest and restoration. Help us to put on the yoke of Jesus and walk in the way he models for us, mindful of our spiritual health and responding with compassion to the needs of our neighbors. We pray through Jesus Christ, to whom be all glory forever and ever. Amen.

✦ Assurance of Pardon

✦ Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Betsy McDaniel

Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God. Open our ears and our hearts to your teachings, Lord, that we may be strengthened in our faith and equipped for ministry in your name. Amen.

First Reading

Ephesians 2:11-22, CEB

Betsy McDaniel

So remember that once you were Gentiles by physical descent, who were called “uncircumcised” by Jews who are physically circumcised. At that time you were without Christ. You were aliens rather than citizens of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of God’s promise. In this world you had no hope and no God. But now, thanks to Christ Jesus, you who once were so far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. Christ is our peace. He made both Jews and Gentiles into one group. With his body, he broke down the barrier of hatred that divided us. He canceled the detailed rules of the Law so that he could create one new person out of the two groups, making peace. He reconciled them both as one body to God by the cross, which ended the hostility to God. When he came, he announced the good news of peace to you who were far away from God and to those who were near. We both have access to the Father through Christ by the one Spirit. So now you are no longer strangers and aliens. Rather, you are fellow citizens with God’s people, and you belong to God’s household. As God’s household, you are built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. The whole building is joined together in him, and it grows up into a temple that is dedicated to the Lord. Christ is building you into a place where God lives through the Spirit.

God’s word for God’s people.

Thanks be to God.

Blessing the Children

Children are invited to come forward at this time for a blessing before going to children's worship in the narthex.

Children: God be with you here.

Congregation: God be with you there.

Gospel Reading

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56, NRSV

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The Gospel of our Lord and Savior.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Come Sail Away

Rev. George Tatro

✠Hymn 301 (verses 1, 2, 5)

Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)

**Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions: All are welcome; all are welcome;
All are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: All are welcome; all are welcome;
All are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: All are welcome; all are welcome;
All are welcome in this place.**

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Responding to the Word

✦ **Affirmation of Faith** (*in unison*)

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 Spirit, 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 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.

Offering Invitation

2 Corinthians 9:13

When the apostle Paul encouraged the Corinthian Christians to participate in the offering for the saints in Jerusalem who were in need, he wrote, "for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others." With grateful hearts, let us bring our tithes and offerings, that we may supply the needs of the saints, overflow with thanksgiving to God, glorify God, and share generously what God has so graciously given to us.

Offertory

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Arr. by Lloyd Larson

✦ **Doxology** (*all singing*)

**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**

God of grace and God of glory,
we thank you for your generous blessings which enrich our lives. Help us to be good stewards of all you give. May we freely give with generous hearts, even as we have received what you have so freely given us, Jesus Christ, your indescribable gift. 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Bearing and Following the Word Into the World

✦ **Sending Hymn 526**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

**Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
Bread is broken; the wine is poured; Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

(Refrain) **Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**Christ is able to make us one; at the table he sets the tone,
Teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. *(Refrain)***

**Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere! *(Refrain)***

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Psalm 121

I raise my eyes toward the mountains. Where will my help come from?
My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

**God won't let your foot slip. Your protector won't fall asleep on the job.
No! Israel's protector never sleeps or rests!
The LORD is your protector; the LORD is your shade right beside you.
The sun won't strike you during the day; neither will the moon at night.
The LORD will protect you from all evil; God will protect your very life.
The LORD will protect you on your journeys—
whether going or coming—from now until forever from now. Amen.**

✦ **Response 306 (verses 1 and 4)** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

**When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.**

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✦ **Charge and Blessing**

✦ **Postlude**

Where He Leads Me / He Leadeth Me

Arr. by Brant Adams

*The ushers this morning are Angela and John Gutekunst.
The greeter this morning is Dawn Melin.
The Stephen Minister this morning is Rebecca Eldridge.*

The Worship Leaders this morning are:

*Rev. George Tatro, Senior Pastor
Heidi Chinnock, Director of Music Ministries and Organist
Guest Musician: Jay Hanselman, French horn
Betsy McDaniel, Liturgist*

Today's Guest Musician, Jay Hanselman

Jay received a Bachelor of Music Ed degree from Florida State University in 1981 and his Master of Music Performance at Georgia State University in 2004. He served as Adjunct Professor of Horn at Georgia State from 2005 - 2012 and at Mercer University School of Music in Macon, Ga. from 2009 - 2022. Jay currently teaches private students from all around the Atlanta and Macon areas, and he conducts horn and brass clinics at schools all around the state of Georgia. In addition, he is currently Principal Horn with the Gwinnett Ballet Theater Orchestra and Johns Creek Symphony. He has also performed with the Columbus Symphony, Carroll Symphony, The Macon Pops Orchestra and the Savannah Philharmonic. Jay has recorded with Indy Rock Band "Cartel", R&B Grammy Winner Jennifer Holliday, and performed live with Barry Manilow, Gloria Estefan, Josh Groban, Evanescence, Sarah MacLachlan, Sarah Brightman, Il Volo, Il Divo, The Indigo Girls, Edwin McCain, and Jo Dee Messina. Jay has been with JCPC Academy of Fine Arts since 2013, and we are blessed to have him sharing his talents in our worship service today.

Upcoming Events at JCPC

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2024-2025 Open Enrollment for Preschool is underway | jcpcusa.org/preschool

Text/E-mail Scam Alert

Please be aware that none of the church staff will ask you for money or gift cards. If you receive this message from anyone, please delete it and do not act upon it.

Sunday, July 21

Hands of Christ Open House
3649 Rogers Bridge | Duluth, GA
12:00-3:00 p.m.

Summer Caregiver Camp | Senior Provisions

Tuesday, July 23 | 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Hosted at Mt. Paran Church (2055 Mt. Paran Road, NW | Atlanta, GA 30327)
To register for this free event: www.SeniorProvisions.com/events

Saturday, July 27

Habitat for Humanity Work Day

July Adult Sunday School | July 28

Sunday Morning | 9:30 a.m.
Matthew 5-7 led by Barton McMillan, a guest of ours and a friend of Pastor George.

Sunday, July 28

Chancel Choir rehearsal immediately following worship!
Choir Room from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Open to middle school through adults.

Sunday, August 4

Chancel Choir back in the Loft! (Potluck lunch in the Great Hall after 8/4 rehearsal!)
If you love to sing, we'd love to have you join us!
Contact Heidi (heidic@jcpcusa.org) for more information!

JCPC Lunch Bunch

August 18 | Following Worship
Windward Tavern



Session Elders

Class of 2024

Jeff Arnold, Stewardship Ministry Team
Aisha Furtado (Youth Elder), Education Ministry Team
Dawn Melin, Mission Ministry Team
Zach Myers, Connecting Ministry Team
Rich Shuler, Stewardship Ministry Team

Tom Traylor, Clerk of Session and Stewardship Ministry Team and Personnel

Class of 2025

Roy Davey, Worship Ministry Team
Marilyn Davis, Worship Ministry Team
Debi Doverspike, Mission Ministry Team
Vivek Furtado, Youth Ministry Team

Class of 2026

Craig Cunningham, Youth Ministry Team
John Gutekunst, Education Ministry Team
Alice Ann Nilsen, Caring Ministry Team
Jim Pope, Stewardship Ministry Team and Personnel

Name Tags for Sundays

Please check on the round table in the Welcome Center for your name tag either before Sunday School or Worship. They will be in alphabetical order. If you don't have one, there are adhesive name tags you can use. There will be a clipboard with a list where you can add your name, and a name tag will be available for you the following Sunday. Please return your name tags to the table before leaving the church today.

Special note about our cameras

Welcome to worship! For many years, JCPC has recorded its worship services for those who are homebound or absent from worship. We are now able to Livestream the service from the worship hour. The worship leaders and the first few rows of the worship space are visible in these videos. The back rows are not visible in the Livestream or recording. Thank you for being with us this morning, and we hope you'll watch online when you can't be with us in person.

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