

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Dr. Mary Crowell

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Karl Kling

\*Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 119) Katherine Greene

God's love lasts forever!

**The Lord's commandments lead to life in all its fulness!**

Christ's teaching transforms our relationships.

**God's Word leads us to trust in the Lord's grace.**

Let us worship God!

\*Hymn of Praise For the Beauty of the Earth #14

\*Call to Confession Katherine Greene

If we claim to be sinless, we are deceiving ourselves. If we confess our sins, God forgives us and renews our relationships. Let us admit our sin before God.

\*Prayer of Confession Unison

**Our Gracious God, in Jesus Christ you called us to be a servant people. But we do not do what you command. Sometimes we are silent when we should speak up. Too often, we fail to take action when we could serve in your name. Please forgive us. Help us to share your love with our neighbors. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.**

\* Kyrie Eleison Unison

Three staves of musical notation in G major, 6/8 time. The lyrics are: "You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!" (Staff 1), "You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy!" (Staff 2), and "You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!" (Staff 3). Chords are indicated above the notes: Am, D, C, D, Em, C, Em (Staff 1); Em, D, G, Am, Em, D, E (Staff 2); and no chords for Staff 3.

\*Assurance of Pardon Dr. Kling

**Because we follow Christ, we belong to him. We no longer carry our sin and failures with us. Our greatest joy is to serve others as he has served us. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.**

\* The Gloria Patri Unison

**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.**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

"This Little Light of Mine"

Time with Young Disciples Dr. Kling

Prayer for Illumination Katherine Greene

Our Gracious God, we pray that you will open our eyes to see wonderful things in your Word. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

First Reading Ezekiel 36:24-28 Katherine Greene  
p. 857

Anthem

Second Reading 1 Samuel 16: 1-13 Dr. Kling  
pgs. 277-278

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "New Hearts" Dr. Kling

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

\* Affirmation of Faith 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 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.**

Prayers of The People Dr. Kling

The Lord's Prayer Unison

**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.**

\*Hymn of Discipleship I Love to Tell the Story #462

Invitation to Worship God with Our Offering Dr. Kling

Offertory Dr. Crowell

\*Doxology  
**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 Dr. Kling

\*Hymn of Sending Rejoice the Lord is King #363

\*Charge and Benediction

**Wherever we go, God has sent us; Wherever we are, God has put us there; God has a purpose in our being there; there is something that God wants to do through us. Wherever we are!**

As God's people we all say,  
**Alleluia, Amen!**

\* Postlude Dr. Crowell

*\*Stand if you are able*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### CHURCH FAMILY

Doris Welch (Home)                      Suzanne Weeks (Healing)  
Dean Steele                                  Stephen Toney (Home)  
Susie Fogg (Home)                        Jac Catlett  
Sharon Massey                             Diane Lynn (Health)  
Melvin & Ruth Clem (Health)        Gale Cottles (Healing)  
Debbi O'Neill (Healing)                Jan Ruth (Healing for eyes)  
Christy Arnett (Healing)

### THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Brandon Noel - Army                      Sean Miller - Army  
Adam Naves - Marines                    Damien Williams - Army  
Kevin O'Neill-Army Nat. Guard        Michael Ress - USAF -AZ  
Joshua Hargrove - Deployed            Jay Tulley- Middle East  
Justin Ruf- Army Air Guard

### FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Bob Defour (Doyle & Suzanne Weeks son-in-law)  
Brent Harris (Friend of Chris Hilgeman)  
Sue Guyer (Health & Healing, Bonny Noel's sister)  
Gerry & Denzil Smith (Healing) cousin of Jan Ruth)  
Alex Noel (Nephew of John & Bonny Noel)  
Bill Grisham (Health, Pam Gregg's dad)  
Hazel Ruf (Mason Ruf's mother, home)  
Gary Kilgo (Health, Kay Baugher & Carol Quillen's family member)  
Karen Ferguson (Potter's Hand)  
Sherry Thompson (Healing, sister of Christy Arnett)  
Keith Clem (Healing, cousin of Chris Paysinger)  
Steven Smith (Healing cousin of Jan Ruth)  
Amy Cotten (Potter's Hand)  
John Cotten (Healing, Potter's Hand)  
Telula Thornton (Healing and Comfort, mother of Karan Baker)  
Maggie Ruth Naves (Healing, great granddaughter of Hazel White)  
Jessie Saunders (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)  
Robert Jones (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)  
Phyllis Ramshur (Health, mother- in - law of Sean Harbin)  
Mike Frehner (Support, friend of David Lyle)  
Bonnie Key (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)  
Dawn (Healing, mother of Brittney Hicks)  
Cindy Newman (Healing, cousin of Chris Hilgeman)

## FOR OUR VISITORS:

We welcome you to worship and would love to connect. Prayer Request/Visitor cards are located in the pews. Please place it with the offering or give it to the pastor following the service. Thank you for worshipping with us today!

### The Session

<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Courtney Greene	Karan Baker	Cindy Witt
Don Payne	Gary Boyd	Stephen Ware
Jerry Witt	Stanley Hand	Tom Clem

### Trustees

Larry Burlingame                      John Noel                      Price Boyd

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### Flowers

The flowers are given by Carol and Steve Copeland in honor of their 60th Wedding Anniversary



## Worship Leaders

### Sermon

Dr. Karl Kling

### Liturgist

Katherine Greene

### Musicians:

Erica Hand  
Emily Clem  
Dr. Mary Crowell

### Church Nursery:

August 4th-Libby Brunson  
August 11th- Ruth Whitten

### Church Liturgist:

August 4th- Doug Harbin

### Communion Prep:

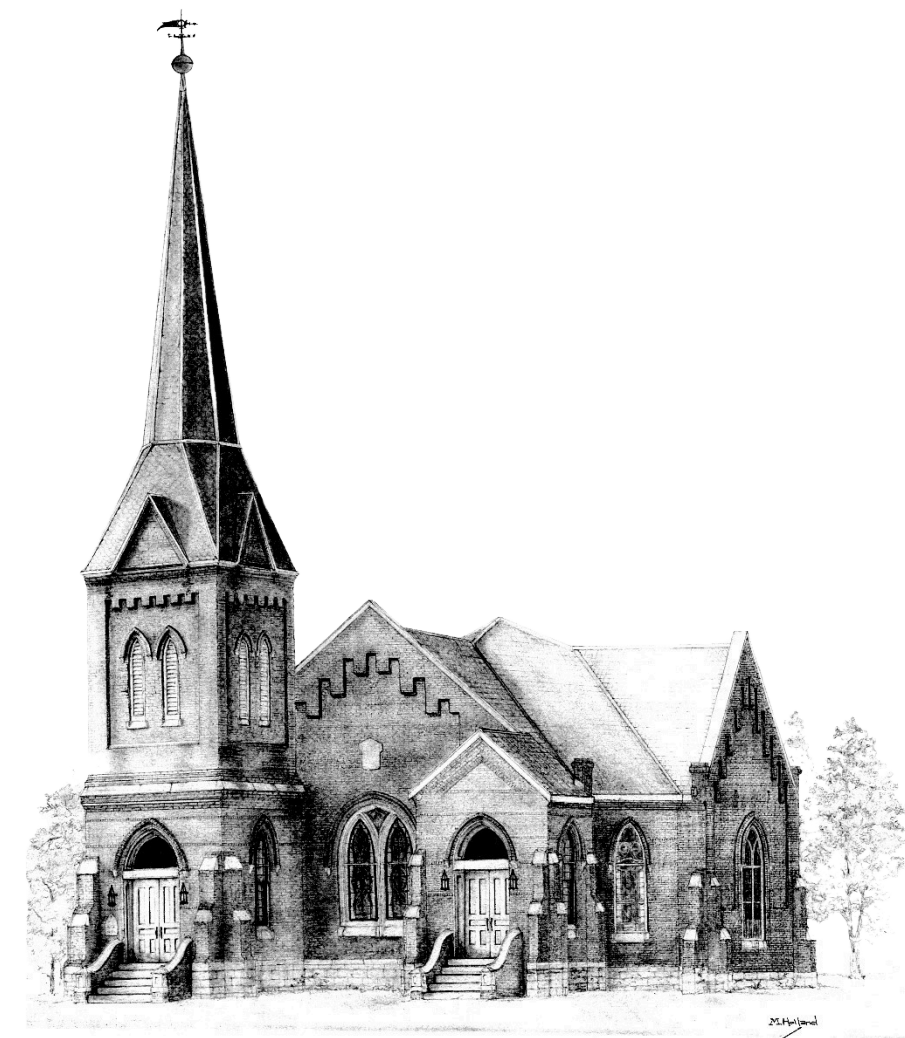
August 4th- Stanley Hand

### *Prayer Family*

Steve and Carol Copeland  
8175 Blue Springs Road  
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Celebrating the occasion  
of their 60th Wedding  
Anniversary

July 28, 2024

10th Sunday after Pentecost



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