

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude *Dr. Mary Crowell, Dr. Jenny Maclay*

Welcome and Announcements Elder Brad Clem

\*Call to Worship

In Christ the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

**Through Christ God reconciled all things to Godself.**

In Christ we find our beginning, our purpose, and our own being.

**We are Christ's body, eager to serve.**

\*Hymn of Praise A Mighty Fortress #275

\*Call to Confession Brad Clem

Those who speak the truth from their heart, abide in God's presence. Let us speak the truth now as we confess our sins together.

\*Prayer of Confession Unison

**Holy God, we are distracted-by fear, by the brokenness of the world, by the noise around us. We confess we often choose convenience over faithfulness and business over discipleship. Forgive us for the ways we avoid sitting at Jesus' feet. Help us to choose what is better, to follow Christ more closely and to live with trust in your abundance. 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! You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy! You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!" Chords are indicated above the notes: Am, D, C, D, Em, C, Em for the first line; Em, D, G, Am, Em, D, E for the second line.

\*Assurance of Pardon Brad Clem

Beloved in Christ, God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven-freed from distraction, fear and shame, and set on the path of grace. Let us walk forward in faith, trusting that God is always making us new.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\* 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 DeAnna McNeil

Prayer for Illumination Brad Clem

Our gracious God, we ask you to open our hearts so that we can hear and understand the wonderful truth in this morning's scriptures. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

First Reading Gen. 17:7; Jer. 24:5-7; Brad Clem  
Ezek. 11: 20 Zech.8:8  
pgs. 14; 775; 820; 943

Anthem *Dr. Mary Crowell,  
Dr. Jenny Maclay*

Second Reading Revelations 21: 1-5 Dr. Rev. Judy Rich  
p. 1,230

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "The Whole Story of the People of God" Dr. Rich

## 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.**

\*Hymn of Discipleship Be Thou My Vision #450

Prayers of The People Brad Clem

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.**

Invitation to Worship God with Our Offering Brad Clem

Offertory *Dr. Mary Crowell,  
Dr. Jenny Maclay*

\*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 Brad Clem

\*Hymn of Praise God of Our Life #686

\*Charge and Benediction Dr. Judy Rich

\*Hymn of Sending Farewell, Good Friends #540

\* Postlude *Dr. Mary Crowell, Dr. Jenny Maclay*

*\*Stand if you are able*

July 20, 2025

6th Sunday after Pentecost

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### CHURCH FAMILY

Marv & Elizabeth Price (Health)	Duane Counter (Health & Healing)
Doris Welch (Home)	Suzanne Weeks (Healing)
Dean Steele	Jac Catlett
Susie Fogg (Home)	Diane Lynn (Health)
Sharon Massey	Gale Cottles (Healing)
Melvin & Ruth Clem (Health)	Ken (Healing) and Connie Brown
Debbi O'Neill (Healing)	Betty Fae Spencer (Healing)
Price Boyd (Healing)	Johnathon Cagle (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

Larry Harris ( Healing, friend of Chris Hilgeman)  
 Sue Guyer (Health & Healing, Bonny Noel's sister)  
 Alex Noel (Nephew of John & Bonny Noel)  
 Hazel Ruf (Mason Ruf's mother, home)  
 Gary Kilgo (Health, Kay Baugher & Carol Quillen's family member)  
 Karen Ferguson (Potter's Hand)  
 Keith Clem (Healing, cousin of Chris Paysinger)  
 Amy Cotten (Potter's Hand)  
 Telula Thornton (Healing and Comfort, mother of Karan Baker)  
 Mike Frehner (Support, friend of David Lyle)  
 Martha Taylor(Healing, mother of John Cagle)  
 Wendy Jordan (Recovery, friend of Matt Copeland)  
 Maryann McKee (Healing, friend of Carol Copeland)  
 Shannon Underwood (Healing, daughter of Barbara Welborn)  
 Cadence Brooks (Healing, student of Cindy Witt)  
 Kim Fears (Healing, friend of Jim May and Jan Ruth)  
 Karryl Anderson ( Healing, Mexico mission supporter)  
 Donnie May (Healing & Grief, cousin of Jim May)  
 Trish Cloninger (Brain Healing, family of Jan Ruth)  
 Gerry Smith ( Healing for knees, cousin of Jan Ruth)  
 Paula Weaver ( Surgery/ Healing, cousin of Jan Ruth)  
 William Kennedy (Healing, cousin to David Lyle)  
 Tim Swymer (Healing, Lauren Cagle's uncle)  
 Don Whitt (Healing, Husband of Alice Whitt)

## 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 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>
Karan Baker	Cindy Witt	DeAnna McNeil
Gary Boyd	Stephen Ware	Chris Shindorf
Stanley Hand	Tom Clem	David Lyle

### Trustee

<i>John Noel</i>	<i>Price Boyd</i>	<i>David Whitten</i>
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### PNC

Hal Baker	Karla Barnes	Stanley Hand	Randi Harbin
Vicki Kellogg	John Noel (Chair)	Libby Shindorf	

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### Flowers

**The flowers are given to the glory of God.**

**To sign up for flowers call the church office.**



## Worship Leaders

### Sermon

Dr. Rev. Judy Rich

### Liturgist

Elder Brad Clem

### Musicians:

Emily Clem  
Dr. Mary Crowel  
*Dr. Jenny Maclayl*

### Church Nursery:

July 27th-Jennifer Quillen  
August 3<sup>rd</sup>- Courtney Greene

### Liturgist:

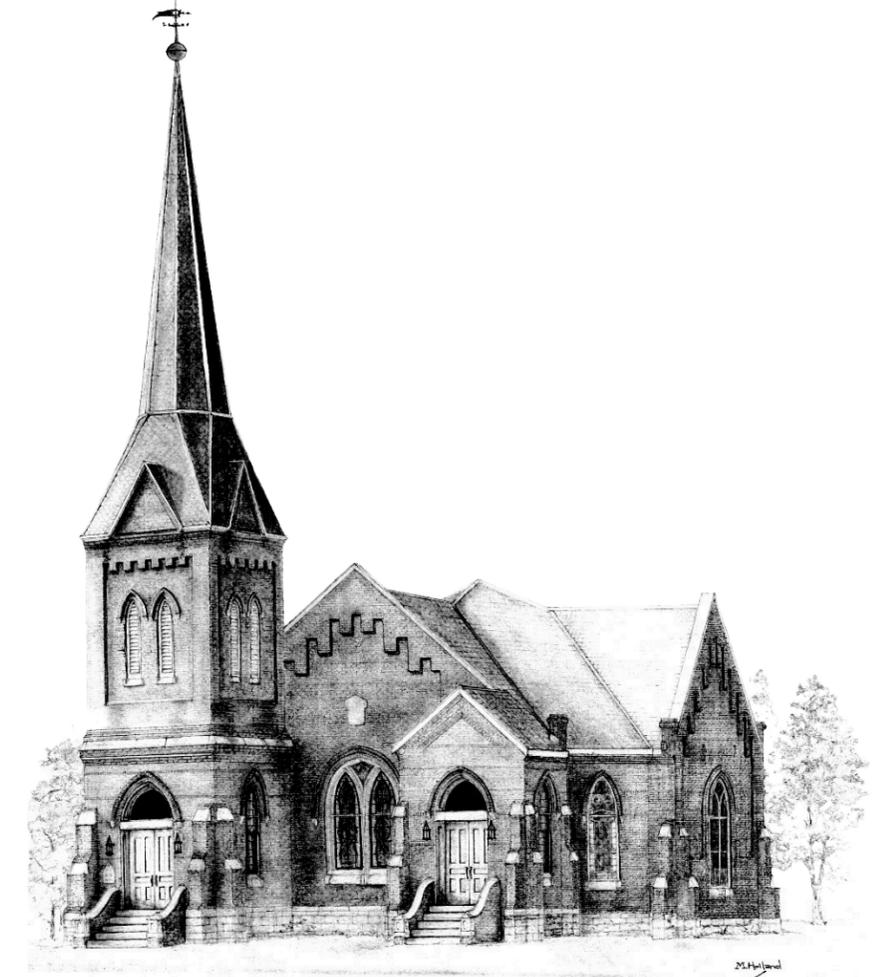
July 27th - Mary and Erica Hand  
August 3<sup>rd</sup> -John Noel

### Communion Prep:

August 3<sup>rd</sup> DeAnna McNeil

### *Prayer Family*

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