

~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~  
*Sunday, July 25, 2021, 9:30 AM*

*“They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship,  
to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” – Acts 2:42*

**Welcome**

Elder Jonathan T.

**Prelude**

*Hiding in Thee*

Karisa B., Becky E., Cindy P.

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 86:1-6

Leader: Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer us, for we are poor  
and needy. Preserve our life, for we are godly; save your  
servants, who trust in you—you are our God.

**People: Be gracious to us, O Lord, for to you do we cry all the  
day.**

Leader: Gladden the soul of your servants, for to you, O Lord, do  
we lift up our souls. For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,  
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

**People: Give ear, O Lord, to our prayer; listen to our plea for  
grace.**

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Opening Hymn**

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

- 2 Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

### **Prayer of Confession**

From Psalm 38

O LORD, rebuke us not in your anger nor discipline us in your wrath. There is no soundness in our flesh because of your indignation; There's no health in our bones because of our sin. Our wounds fester and are loathsome because of our sinful folly. All our longings lie open before you, O Lord; our sighing is not hidden from you. Our hearts pound, our strength fails us; even the light has gone from our eyes. O LORD, do not forsake us; be not far from us, O God. Come quickly to help us, by and through the mercy of Jesus Christ. [Silent Confession] Amen!

### **Declaration of Pardon**

**Psalter Hymn** Psalm 119:73-80 (Tune: *There Is a Fountain Filled With Blood*)

- 1 Your hands have made and fashioned me;  
Help me to understand,  
That I may follow all Your ways  
and learn of your commands.  
All those who fear You shall rejoice,  
For they have seen and heard  
That You have been my only hope;  
I wait upon Your word.

- 2 I know, O Lord, Your laws are true;  
 In faith You brought me low.  
 Yet by Your word, the comfort of  
 Your mercy overflows.  
 O let Your lovingkindness come,  
 That I may live aright;  
 For on Your word I meditate;  
 Your law is my delight.
- 3 Lord, let the proud be put to shame,  
 Who harm me with their lies.  
 Let those who fear You turn to me,  
 That they may know Your ways.  
 And as I in Your law am found,  
 I shall not be ashamed;  
 That all who fear You may rejoice,  
 And glorify Your name.

**Presentation of God’s Tithe and Our Offerings**

Please present your tithes and offerings to the Lord by placing them in the or by mailing them to:

Valley Presbyterian Church,  
 10807 Falls Road, P.O. Box 285,  
 Brooklandville, MD 21022

Or by giving online at <https://valleypca.org/giving/>

**Musical Offertory**

*I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes*

Karisa B., Becky E., Cindy P.

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 6:27-36

**Sermon**

“Love and Mercy”

Dr. Ben Taylor

- 1 Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,  
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
- 2 Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,  
robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
who makes the woeful heart to sing.
- 3 Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,  
and all the twinkling, starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels heav'n can boast.
- 4 Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
now and for evermore be thine.

**Prayer Requests for this Week**

Spend time praying for the needs in our congregation and world:

- Family and friends of Harry, for comfort as they grieve during this difficult time.
- Kathy, suffered a fall including a fractured vertebra in her back. Pray for healing and wisdom for correct diagnosis and treatment.
- The Srivastava family, for comfort as they grieve the loss of Sujay.
- Sharon, pray that her acupuncture treatment would be effective in relieving her chronic lower back pain.
- Bob, healing for his broken leg.
- Missy, healing from knee replacement surgery. Pray for stamina for Dale as he cares for Missy and the boys.

- Eileen, praise for a good report for her arm fracture healing well. Pray as she begins PT in the coming weeks.
- Youth Group, for spiritual growth.
- Vision Team, for wisdom.
- Government leaders.
- Those in our community who are lost and need the risen Savior.

Families of the Week:

Mrs. Cindy W.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald & Nancy W.

Missionary of the Month:

Jane Brinkerhoff

### **Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.  
 Your kingdom come, Your 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 the evil one.  
 For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever,  
 Amen!

### **Confession of Faith**

*Westminster Confession 11.3*

God continues to forgive the sins of those who are justified. Although they can never fall from the state of justification, they may by their sins come under God's fatherly displeasure and not have a sense of his presence with them until they humble themselves, confess their sins, ask for forgiveness, and renew their faith in repentance. God continues to forgive the sins of those who are justified. Although they can never fall from the state of justification, they may by their sins come under God's fatherly displeasure and not have a sense of his presence with them until they humble themselves, confess their sins, ask for forgiveness, and renew their faith in repentance.

**Closing Hymn***Amazing Grace*

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- 1 Amazing grace! How sweet the sound –  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!
- 3 Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.
- 4 The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be,  
As long as life endures.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we've first begun.

**Charge and Benediction****Postlude**

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Ben is the founder and director at KAINOS Ministries. His passion for preaching, teaching, discipling, and counseling has been developed over thirty-two years of pastoral ministry. Ben's mission is to preach, teach and counsel the gospel of grace in order to see real heart and life change. He has two life mottos: "God's will cannot take me where His grace cannot keep me" and "God's callings are God's enabling."

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**Please join us this Sunday evening at 7:00 PM as we finish a two-week study on the history and theology of select hymns.**

**You can join through your computer or smart phone, or you can dial in with a regular phone.**

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