

September 3, 2023

8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Church Gathers and Prepares...

GATHERING MUSIC

Larry Landusky

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ben Hinkie

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

...to Worship and Praise God...

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ben Hinkie

We gather as a community of compassion and hope.

Jesus calls us to care for each other tenderly and willingly.

By this caring and sharing we will be known as followers of Jesus.

By our example others may be led to lives of peace.

Lord, open our hearts and minds this day to your word.

Teach us to serve you with all our gifts and talents. Amen.



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*INVOCATION

Myrtle McDonald, Sarah Cameron

ANTHEM OF PRAISE

2b Staff Singers

Let My Prayer Come Up Into Thy Presence by Henry Purcell

All children are invited to come forward. Following Children's Time, ages 4-5 are invited to Preschool Praise, room #102 of the Children's Wing

EPISTLE READING

Andy McCullough, Hannah Harvey

Romans 12:9-21

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

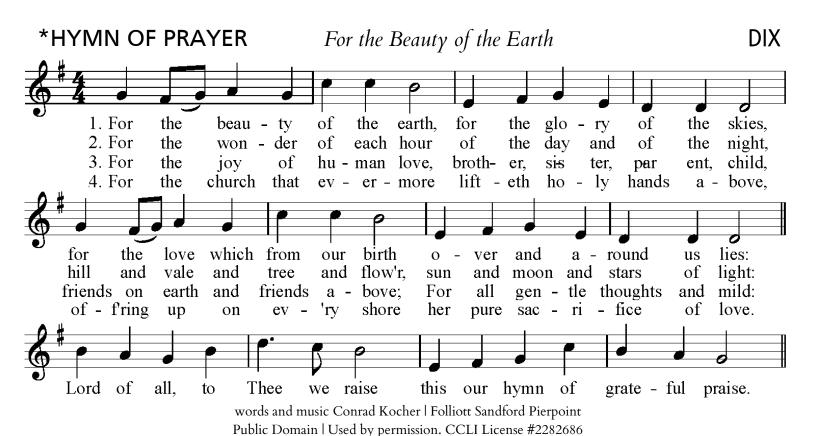
The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

PASTORAL PRAYER

Charles Johnson

...to Proclaim God's Word...



*GOSPEL READING

Andy McCullough, Hannah Harvey

Matthew 16:21-28

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷ "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

The Summons

Will you come and follow Me if I but call your name
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same
Will you let My love be shown, will you let My name be known
Will you let My life be grown in you and you in Me

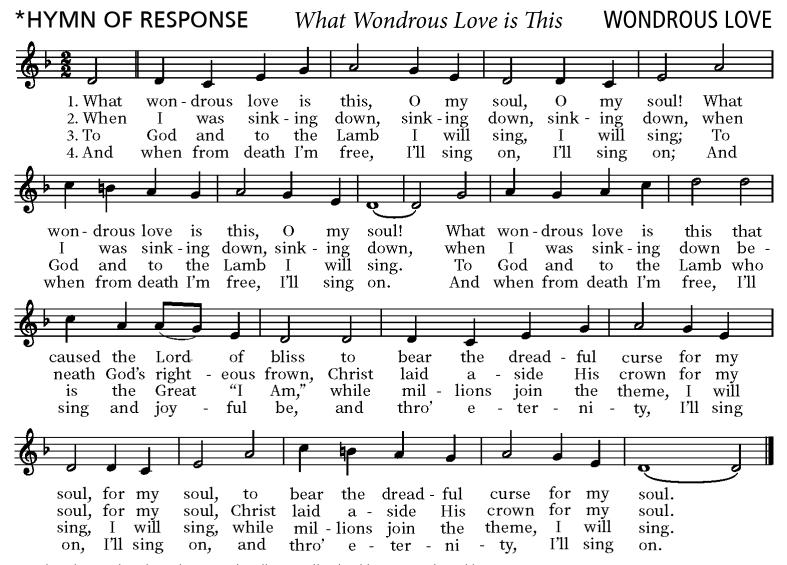
PROCLAMATION

You Are Not Your Own

Charles Johnson

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

You are invited to dedicate your life to Christ, join our faith community, or answer a call from God to do ministry in this world by coming forward during the hymn and share this decision with a minister.



*THE MORNING OFFERING

You may give online: secondb.org/give or Venmo @secondbaptistlbk

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Nancy Sharp, Mark McBrayer

OFFERTORY

How Beauteous are Their Feet by Charles Villiers Stanford

Second Voices

...to Love and Serve the World with God. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Please share the peace with those near you.

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

GOD BE WITH YOU

God Be With You

God be with you till we meet again
By His counsels guide uphold you
With His sheep securely fold you
God be with you till we meet again
Till we meet till we meet
Till we meet at Jesus' feet
Till we meet till we meet
God be with you till we meet

*PASTORAL BENEDICTION

Charles Johnson

*POSTLUDE

In Dulci Jubilo J.S. Bach (BWV 729)

Marilyn Arland

WE ARE IN THE SEASON OF ORDINARY TIME

The name of this season comes from the word *ordinal* meaning "showing order or denoting an order of succession." Ordinary Time is not a break from the liturgical year, but it is a time with deep meaning, a time to experience the mystery of Christ in our everyday lives.

The liturgical color for this season is green: a sign of growth and hope.

WE TAKE SERIOUSLY OUR MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Prayer cards are available. Please place your filled out card and offerings in the box on the rear wall of the Worship Hall or place in the offering plate as it is passed during worship.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR USE.

Please ask an usher for assistance as you enter the sanctuary for worship.

Church Staff

Rev. Charles F. Johnson, Interim Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Suzanne Castle, Interim Executive Pastor

Benjamin Hinkie, Interim Director of Worship & Music

Rev. Josh McDonald, Youth Pastor

Annie Bray-Cox, Interim Children's Coordinator

Larry Landusky, Pianist

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Joni Lynch, Church Hostess

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Vision & Leadership Team

Kathleen Campbell, Kara Darnell, Howard Darwin, John Hunter, Callie Kostelich, Jim Smith, Maribeth Williams



We are a community of faith made up of followers of Jesus Christ who are diverse in backgrounds and perspectives but are united in our mission to love and serve God and the world God loves.





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