

"You then, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well." – II Timothy 2:1-2

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 19, 2025 – 19th Sunday After Pentecost

(\*Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary to stand. All speak words in boldface.)

PRELUDE "Arioso" C.P.E. Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Jimmy Durham, Property & Grounds

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Please take a brief moment to greet those around you)

CALLED TO WORSHIP IN RINGING THE TRINITY

INTROIT

OPENING WORDS & PRAYER (adapted from Psalm 119:97-104)

O Lord, how I love your law!

It is my meditation all day long.

Your commandment makes me wise, for you have taught me.

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey!

Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore, I hate every false way.

# **CALL TO CONFESSION**

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Lord, you inspired scripture so that we would be inspired to serve you, but we confess our lack of understanding. We do not read scripture as we should. Instead of relying upon scripture to learn, grow, and love one another as you intend, we just want to prove that we're right and others are wrong. Lord, have mercy. Lift us up by your grace. Give us wisdom to use scripture in a way consistent with your will, so that we may be led to your truth.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: #581 "Glory Be to the Father"

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. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 31:27-34

TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE [11:00]

**ANTHEM [11:00]** 

# "Bless the Lord"

Hal Hopson

Bless the Lord, O bless the Lord my soul.

With all my being, bless God's holy name.

All our days blest, our youth is restored

Like eagles flying high above. O bless the Lord my soul.

Bless the Lord, O bless the Lord my soul.

With all my being, bless God's holy name.

God is slow to anger, and always kind and gracious.

God brings justice, life, and joy. O bless the Lord my soul.

Our days, like grass are gone, but God's great love endures forever.

Bless the Lord, O bless the Lord my soul.

With all my being, bless God's holy name.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: II Timothy 3:14-4:5

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

**SERMON** 

"Conversation Starter"

Rev. George W. Chapman III

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

What do we believe?

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 & THE LORD'S PRAYER

### **OFFERING**

\*Response: Hymn #606 "Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow"

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

\*HYMN #686

"God of Our Life"

SANDON

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

**POSTLUDE** 

Ushers: Mike Clawson & Erskine Blount Welcome Greeter: Bart Norwood

Liturgist: Patsy Calhoun Acolyte: Penny Nemrow

The flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God by Wray & Janie King.

As a courtesy to others, please take a moment to silence your cell phone before our worship service begins.

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