



"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?'"

And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'" – Isaiah 6:8

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 23, 2026 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost

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

PRELUDE

"Musette"

G.F. Handel

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE & RINGING THE TRINITY

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)

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER *(adapted from Psalm 124)*

Had the LORD not been on our side,

we would have been swallowed up by our enemies.

Had the Lord not been on our side,

the raging waters would have swept us away.

Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey;

the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

Our help is in the name of the LORD,

who made heaven and earth.

*HYMN #187

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

BRADBURY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Lord, we gather before you to confess our failure to live and act as a chosen people. Our silence in times of moral crisis is a betrayal of the truth. Our reverence for neutrality reveals the mediocrity of our witness. We avoid controversy and the difficult questions that are the agent of social change. In your great mercy, forgive us, Lord. Guide your people along in the way of justice. Take us from the people who you have set aside for your glory to fashion us into the instruments of your will.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Hymn #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: Matthew 16:13-20

TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE

SPECIAL MUSIC

“I Then Shall Live”

Gloria Gaither Trio

Sue Andersen, Molly Frederick, Gail Thomas – Sopranos

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 51:1-6

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Direct Messaging”

Rev. George W. Chapman III

BLESSING OF SCHOOL BACKPACKS

*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 #306

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

DENNIS

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ushers: Mike Clawson & Tom Tart
Greeter: Jeanne McLeod
Liturgist: Rusty Russ
Acolyte: Charlotte Stewart

*The flowers are dedicated by Clara Atchley in loving memory of
Jim Atchley on his 79th birthday.*

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

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