

Prayer of Consecration Susan Bryant  
*(All believing Christians are invited to share in the Lord's Supper, regardless of church affiliation.)*

Communion Music arr. John Ferguson  
*In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

One: The bread which we break is our communion in the Body  
of Christ.

**All: The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is our  
Communion in the blood of Christ. Amen.**

\*Benediction (see bulletin insert)

\*Closing Hymn *In the Bulb There Is a Flower* No. 638  
(vs. 1, 2)

*(After worship, a serving elder will be available at the back of each side aisle for personal prayer)*

Postlude *Take My Life* arr. Douglas E. Wagner  
David Williams, organ

*\*All who are able, please stand*

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**Vicky Woolridge** Pastor for Families

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 16, 2023

*Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope.*

Prelude *All Things Bright and Beautiful*  
arr. Patricia Lou Harris  
David Williams, organ

Words of Welcome Scott Woolridge

Introit

\*Opening Hymn *All Things Bright and Beautiful* No. 61

\*Responsive Reading Tom Ritter  
Leader: God has abundantly cast seeds of love and hope upon us.  
**People: May we be fruitful soil for the planting and growing of those seeds.**  
Leader: Come, let us praise God who is so generous with us.  
**People: Let us sing songs of joy and offer our grateful prayers.**  
Leader: Hallelujah!  
**All: Hallelujah! Amen!**

\*Invocation

\*Lord's Prayer  
**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.**

\*Gloria Patri No. 35

A Time for All God's Children Vicky Woolridge

Prayer Hymn *Nearer, My God, to Thee* (vs. 1, 3, 5) No. 577

Pastoral Prayer

(8:00) Prayer Response  
(10:30) Special music, Brian Maple

Offertory Invitation

\*Doxology No. 46

\*Prayer of Dedication  
(8:00) Special Music, Brian Maple  
(10:30) Anthem *Agnus Dei* Peter Williams

Introducing of Rev. Terri Hord Owens Scott Woolridge

Scripture Reading Rev. Terri Hord Owens  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 Pgs. 13-14 NT

One: The Word of God for the People of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *"Preparing Good Soil"* Rev. Terri Hord Owens

Invitation to Discipleship

\*Communion Hymn *Take My Life* No. 609  
(vs. 1, 3, 4, 6)

*(In Christ's name we welcome all persons into membership into the church by confession of faith and baptism or by transfer of membership. Please step to the front pew during the singing of this Hymn of Communion.)*

Meditation Diana Ritter

Words of Institution

# Prayer List



Last updated 07/14/2023

## Members

Evelyn Sanders  
Gretchen Barron  
Jill Johnson  
Lawrence Thicksten  
Shane Garver  
Peggy Garrett  
Ed Adams  
Denise Swarthout  
Derald Hartley  
Sue Burkham  
Don Boyd  
The Family of Larry Pepper  
Jim Hoffert  
Gene Guthrie  
Wayne Rutherford  
Jud Pease and family

## We Pray for Those in the Military:

Bobby Backes (nephew of Keith & Jeannie Backes)  
Katy & Matt Holden (granddaughter &  
grandson-in-law of Nancy Ellen Taylor)  
Phillip Johnston (son of Becky Johnston)  
Mitchell Lucas (grandson of Nancy Ellen Taylor)  
Jeremiah & Rachel Singletary  
(great-nephew of Marilyn Ward)  
Preston Wade (son of Larry & Karen Wade)  
Lucas Ward (grandson of Marilyn Ward)  
Ryan Smithson (grandson of Jim & Vicki Fitzpatrick)

## Members in Nursing Home & Assisted Living

Doris McArty (Imboden Creek)  
Arlene Penn (Imboden Creek)  
Nancy Turner (Imboden Creek)  
Merle Chapman (Imboden Creek Gardens)  
Elaine Hynds (Imboden Creek Gardens)  
Wanda Poisel (Imboden Creek Gardens)  
Marilyn Riley (Randall Residence)  
Glen & Arlone Dalluge (Randall Residence)  
Barb Tyler (Tanglewood)  
Joan Smith (Heritage Health)  
Bess King (The Glenwood)  
Bob & Chloe Hoaglin (Vonderlieth)  
Jean Goretzke (Primrose)  
Nancy Taylor (Primrose)  
Bob & Peggy Garrett (Primrose)  
Morris Birkhead (Villas at Hollybrook)  
Marilyn Ward (Courtyard Estates)

## Friends & Family

Misty Mochel (friend of Marci Baumann)  
Shannon Francisco (friend of Bob Smith)  
Michael Moran (son-in-law of Larry &  
Marla Winkleblack)  
Jim Nuernberger (friend of Jim & Debbie Hoffert)  
Harriette York (mother of David York)  
Ron Price (brother of Debbie Hoffert)  
Jane Spires (friend of many CCC members)  
Debbie Seitz (friend of Julie & Ken Jacoby)  
Linda & Wayne Mollohan (friends of  
Nancy Ellen Taylor)  
Mark Demoulin (son of Jahala Demoulin)  
Bob & Jane Campbell (brother & sister-in-law  
of Bruce Campbell)  
Maya Anthony (friend of Liz Campbell)  
Quentin Wilmot (brother of Kevin Wilmot)  
Matt Andrews (son-in-law of Jean Maggioncalda)  
Karen Roppa (friend of Donna Dash)  
Ruth & Randy Helm (friends of Donna Dash)  
Keith Osborne (brother of Jan Dobbs)  
Tom & Betty Smith (friends of Maria Jacobs)  
Shannon Borntreger (son of Kathy Kauzlarich)  
Tracy Cearlock (friend of Brett Swallow)  
Bob & Jean Lucas (friends of Nancy Ellen Taylor)  
Sally Pease (friend of Nancy Ellen Taylor)  
Dixie Dixon (friend of Linda Virgil)  
Sandy Schaick (friend of Lucy Acheson)  
Matt Bean & family (friend of Erik & Carly Barnes)  
Yamile Leyva (friend of Maria Jacobs)  
Cecelia Adams (family of Ed & Joy Adams)  
Scott Adams (family of Ed & Joy Adams)  
Bill & Nanette Frank (friends to many CCC members)  
Larry Baker (friend of Keith Backes & David Wagner)  
The family of Cheri Russell (friend of Central)  
David Demoulin (grandson of Jahala Demoulin)

**Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 NRSVUE**

<sup>1</sup> That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup> Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup> And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup> Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup> Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup> Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup> If you have ears, hear!"

<sup>18</sup> "Hear, then, the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup> As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup> yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup> As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup> But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

**A Prayer for Sabbatical - One God, One Church**

God of Oneness,

In this time of sabbatical, may we rest in you, finding quiet that connects us with you in deeper ways.

May we be present to you with open hearts and minds, trusting you to show us the way to peace.

May we be present to one another with gentleness and understanding, seeking to be more loving and authentic.

May we hold Michael in our love and prayers, that he may commune with you, O God,

and find what you have already prepared for him to receive.

May our time of distance be one of renewed commitment to our shared ministry.

We pray with thanksgiving and hope, in Your holy name. Amen.

**Serving Schedules**

**Today**

**Elders:** Susan Bryant, Diana Ritter

**July Outreach Comm. Elders:** J. Backes, C. Ballance, T. Fulk, J. Lyman, B. Swallow, K. Wade, C. Zollinger

**July Prep Deacons:** Krista & Sid Rohrscheib

**Offering Deacons:**

8:00 - Jane Davis, Gail Prince

10:30 - Keith Backes, Andrea Shartzter

**Ushers:**

8:00 - Subs for Team 3 - Carolyn Sunderlik & Dianne Devore

10:30 - Team 8 - Tom & Diana Ritter, David Sheffer

**Greeters:**

8:00 - Debbie & Jim Hoffert

10:30 - Dale & Judy Ford

**P.A. Operator:**

8:00 - Krista Rohrscheib

10:30 - Luke Kirby

**Liturgist:** Tom Ritter

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**Next Sunday, July 23, 2023**

**Elders:** Jeannie Backes, Gretchen Kirby

**July Prep Deacons:** Krista & Sid Rohrscheib

**Offering Deacons:**

8:00 - Debbie Hoffert, Mike Munos

10:30 - Cole Shartzter, Kevin Wilmot

**Ushers:**

8:00 - Team 4 - Hazel Perry, Capt., Karen Penn, Charlotte Ballance

10:30 - Team 9 - Kim Miller, Capt., Audrey Miller

**Greeters:**

8:00 - Carolyn McCall & Gail Prince

10:30 - Mary Jane & Ron Oliver

**P.A. Operator:**

8:00 - Donna Dash

10:30 - Keith Backes

**Liturgist:** Tom Ritter