

The Well

*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 14, 2025*

We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Celebration *Savior of the World*

Have you heard?
Death has been conquered!
The night is gone;
The morning has come.
Every fear
has been stripped of its power.
Jesus Christ, Lord of life,
You've already won.

From a throne in heaven to a sinner's cross,
You bought our freedom with Your outstretched arms.
We praise the Savior of the world.
Jesus is alive! The stone was rolled away.
Our hope is built upon an empty grave.
We praise the Savior of the world.

Come and see.
There is hope from the ashes.
The risen king
will break every chain.
Lift your voice
and shout hallelujah!
All the glory and honor
forever to His name.

Worthy is the lamb
who gave His life for me.
Glory to the king
who rose in victory.

Welcoming One Another

Song *We Will Feast in the House of Zion*

We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
“He has done great things,” we will say together.
We will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire.
He is the Lord, our God.

We are not consumed by the flood—
Upheld, protected, gathered up.

In the dark of night, before the dawn,
my soul be not afraid,
for the promised morning, oh how long.
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength.

Every vow we've broken and betrayed,
You are the faithful one,
And from the garden to the grave,
bind us together. Bring *shalom*.
We hear God's Word.

First Scripture Reading

[Psalm 107:1-9, 43](#)

Jim Boggs

- 107** “Give thanks to the Lord because he is good,
because his faithful love lasts forever!”
- ² That’s what those who are redeemed by the Lord say,
the ones God redeemed from the power of their enemies,
- ³ the ones God gathered from various countries,
from east and west, north and south.
- ⁴ Some of the redeemed had wandered into the desert, into the wasteland.
They couldn’t find their way to a city or town.
- ⁵ They were hungry and thirsty;
their lives were slipping away.
- ⁶ So they cried out to the Lord in their distress,
and God delivered them from their desperate circumstances.
- ⁷ God led them straight to human habitation.
- ⁸ Let them thank the Lord for his faithful love
and his wondrous works for all people,
- ⁹ because God satisfied the one who was parched with thirst,
and he filled up the hungry with good things!
- ⁴³ Whoever is wise will pay attention to these things,
carefully considering the Lord’s faithful love.

Sharing Faith with God’s Children

Wendy Smith

Care for children up to age 5 is in Room 121. Worship Kits for children, containing crayons and puzzle sheets based on Scripture, may be found in the entrance area.

Song

Head to the Heart

I open up to You.
This love that makes me new,
Oh, may my heart receive
this love that carries me.

From the head to the heart,
You take me on a journey
of letting go
and getting lost in You.

My heart is open wide.
I will receive Your light.
You give me faith like a child.
In You my heart runs wild.

('Cuz) there's no shame
in looking like a fool
when I give you what I can't keep
to take a hold of You.

More than words,
More than good ideas,
I found Your love in the open fields.

Scripture Lesson

[Matthew 22:1-14](#)

22 Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying:² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The Message

“The Dress Code”

Pastor Duane

If you would like to discuss today's message after the service is over, join the Reflections group in Room 114.

We Respond to God's Word

Offering Our Gifts

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom com,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

We Are Sent to Serve

Closing Song

His Mercy Is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father so tender is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us!
His blood was the payment; His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more.

Praise the Lord! His mercy is more.
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins they are many; His mercy is more.

The Blessing

