

For young worshipers: You might have seen a pelican at the beach. Pelicans have long, heavy beaks that they sometimes rest on their chests. A long time ago, people who saw a mother pelican resting her beak thought that she was scratching her own chest to make blood to feed her babies. This idea that the mother would sacrifice her own blood for her young reminded people of Jesus' offering his life on the cross. The pelican became a Medieval symbol of Christ.



Service for the Lord's Day

September 1, 2019

Gathering Around the Word

Gathering Music

Ryan Jones, piano

Striking of the Hour

Welcome

Prelude

It is Well with My Soul
Ryan Jones, piano

arr. Lee Roger

All who are able may stand

Opening Sentences: *(Congregational response in bold)*

The Lord sets the prisoner free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the stranger,

God upholds the widow and the fatherless.

Put not your trust in princes, in whom there is no help.

Happy is the one whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord God.

Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways.

Psalm 146

The essence of our worship is the offering of praise to God for the help we have received.

God's willingness to help the needy contrasts with our own frequent selfishness. We admit our sins, and we ask to begin again in the faithful work of living with kingdom values.

This psalm is noted for giving particular attention to God's love for the lowly. The psalm highlights divine agency, describing God as the one who creates, renders justice, provides bread, frees prisoners, opens eyes, raises up the lowly, and more. It matches with the Gospel Reading, which is about lifting up the lowly, the "poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind."

Opening Hymn 500

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

ST. FLAVIAN

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (Unison)

Holy God, even when you call us to be humble, we are driven to flatter ourselves, and to seek pleasure and reward. We are more determined to gain advantage than we are to do service. You see us seeking gain, even when such gain is at another's expense. Forgive us, we pray for our lack of humility. Help us to rediscover the benefits of giving and sharing. Let us rediscover the great kingdom values of Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose giving knows no ending. Amen. *A period of silence is observed for personal confession*

Declaration of Good News

Response Hymn 234

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

ST KEVIN

Solo: Come ye faithful, raise the strain of immortal gladness!

All: God hath brought forth Israel into joy from sadness!

All the win-ter of our sins, long and dark is fly-ing

From the Light, to whom we give laud and praise un-dy-ing.

Passing of the Peace

As we greet the Lord, we greet one another in His name.

Hearing the Word

All Sit

Prayer for Illumination

Psaltery Reading (*Congregational Responses in bold*)

Psalm 146

"I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath"

Praise the Lord, my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live.

I will sing praise to my God all my life.

Don't put your trust in princes or in mortals, who cannot help.

When they breathe their last, they return to dust; on that very day all their plans are gone.

Happy is he whose help is Jacob's God, whose hope is in the Lord, his God.

He made heaven and earth, the sea and everything in them; he keeps faith forever.

He secures justice for the oppressed, he gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets prisoners free,

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind,

And lifts up those who are bent over.

The Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over strangers,

And sustains the fatherless and widows; but the way of the wicked he twists.

The Lord will reign forever, your God, through all generations. Alleluia!

Anthem

Gift of Finest Wheat

arr. Peter Latona

DiDi Turley, mezzo-soprano Nate Stein, violin David Yusk, violin

In the late 20th century, liberation movements in Latin America, Europe, and the U.S.A. coined the provocative phrase, "God's Preferential Option for the Poor." The phrase describes an prominent biblical theme: the favor given to the poor, the powerless, and the oppressed in the teachings of Jesus, the words of the Prophets, and the Commandments of God.

Buck in a Basket for September will help to support the college scholarship fund.

All Stand

Gospel Reading

Luke 14:1,7-14

One Sabbath, Jesus was having dinner in the home of an important Pharisee, and everyone was carefully watching Jesus. Jesus saw how the guests had tried to take the best seats. So he told them: When you are invited to a wedding feast, don't sit in the best place. Someone more important may have been invited. Then the one who invited you will come and say, "Give your place to this other guest!" You will be embarrassed and will have to sit in the worst place. When you are invited to be a guest, go and sit in the worst place. Then the one who invited you may come and say, "My friend, take a better seat!" You will then be honored in front of all the other guests. If you put yourself above others, you will be put down. But if you humble yourself, you will be honored.

Then Jesus said to the man who had invited him:

When you give a dinner or a banquet, don't invite your friends and family and relatives and rich neighbors. If you do, they will invite you in return, and you will be paid back. When you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. They cannot pay you back. But God will bless you and reward you when his people rise from death.

All Sit

Sermon

Table Manners in God's Coming Kingdom

Matthew Covington

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 494

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

QUEBEC

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles'

Creed

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 Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose 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.

All Sit

Offertory

Rock of Ages
Ryan Jones, piano

arr. John Troutman

All Stand

Doxology

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

Sealing the Word in the Sacrament

The Lord's Supper

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

.... Therefore, we joyfully lift our voices, with those who have gone before us, and those who stand beside us, singing our praise for your great love;

Hymn 581

Sanctus

Joseph Roff

(congregation and choir)

*Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry.*

Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est.

Music at Communion

Just as I am Without One Plea

arr. Ryan Jones

Prayers of the People and the 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.

Bearing the Word into the Created World

All Stand

For Labor Day

Closing Hymn 834

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRECIOUS LORD

Benediction

Postlude

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

arr. Ryan Jones

WELCOME VISITORS! We invite you to pick up visitor's information on your way out, either in the narthex or on the table on the right in the downstairs entrance hall. Ushers will be standing by to help you find them. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by ministers, officers, and congregation.

Our church Elders: Karol Ahmed, Mark Bigler, Pam Bratcher, David Coverdale, Mary Evans, Rob Hale, Matt Hunt, Mike Kanan, John Kernohan, Tim Leigh, Nancy Moore, Pamela Napier, David Sears, and David Thomison. **Our church Deacons:** Rider Allen, Sally Calkins, Judy Clark, Rocky Cooper, Shannon Dyche, Ray Elms, Cathey Green, Jean Harris, Linda Leigh, Tom MacMillin, Debbie Morse, David Muffett, Teri Polen, Charlotte Prow, Ken Royse, Susan Thomison, and Debbie Trickey.

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Announcements

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LIBRARIAN: Arnie Petrus, arfranpe@msn.com

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY, September 8: Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33.

TODAY

DEACON OF THE WEEK this week will be Debbie Morse. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

PIANIST, RYAN JONES, hails from Muhlenberg County. Exhibiting prodigious musical and piano skills, Ryan began performing professionally at an early age. He is the recipient of the *Piano Performer of the Semester Award* and is a recent Music Education graduate at Western Kentucky University where he studied piano with Dr. Zach Lopes. While at WKU Ryan served as pianist for the WKU Jazz Ensemble, the WKU Faculty Jazz Trio, and accompanied several choirs and soloists including Dr. Wayne Pope on the acclaimed *From Bach to Basie; A Singin' Affair!* concert. Ryan continues to maintain a demanding schedule with other professional artists and bands. He is attending graduate school at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music as a MM Jazz Performance major. He recently did a residency in Brazil with Wynton Marsalis the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra. Ryan and his wife Kristen, an elementary classroom educator, reside in Cincinnati, Ohio. We pray for God's blessings on their pursuits.

WE ARE CREATING A TIME CAPSULE! In our All-together class last Sunday, we worked on creating items to add to a time capsule, to be opened at our 250th Anniversary Celebration. If you weren't able to join us, but would like to add something, please do! It's not a big container, so consider writing a letter to the future TPC members. We'd also love pictures or other rollable items. Please bring your contribution to Leslee Kirkconnell.

CHILDREN'S MUSIC HAS RESUMED! Each Sunday, 9:00am beginning in the Bell Room (across from the elevator). All Kindergarten through 6th grade students are included. Our new director, Heather Kirkconnell, brings solid experience with leading children in music and is planning a varied program designed to help our children grow in faith as they lead the congregation each month.

BUCK IN A BASKET for September will seed a scholarship fund for our youth. The goal is to be able to give each graduating senior a gift toward their first year of college.

Calendar

Sunday, September 1

8:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
9:00 a.m. Children's Music
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship

Monday, September 2

Church office closed
5:00 p.m. Round Table Pulpit

Tuesday, September 3

11:00 a.m. Special Care
2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Deacons

Wednesday, September 4

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

“A SEPTEMBER CELEBRATION OF PSALMS” During the month of September the Chancel Choir will be presenting anthems that correspond with the Psalm for each Sunday. We will begin on September 1st with “The Gift of Finest Wheat” which will feature The Chancel Choir, soloist DiDi Turley and violinists Nate Stein and David Yusk.

COMING UP:

RALLY DAY AND TEACHER DEDICATION IS SEPTEMBER 8! We will enjoy fellowship, breakfast (donations); Mission fair, Service Opportunities and more! Plan to join us starting around 9am. We'll have time to visit upcoming classes for the fall, meet friends new and not-so-new and more. Invite a friend to join us!

THE SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP will return September 8th. It will run weekly from 5-7pm; if you have any youth from 6th grade upwards send them along for some food fun and bible study. A copy of the calendar with all the dates can be obtained from David Clarke. Also--if you are interested in providing and joining our youth for dinner on Sunday nights you can sign up at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4EA5A729A5F58-youth> Staying to eat with the youth group is encouraged and is a great chance to get to know the amazing students that attend.

OUR REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE resumes on Sunday September 15. Classes for all ages, new studies for adults and more. See our website and the newsletter for more information. **JOIN US AND INVITE A FRIEND!**

HABITAT LUNCHEON AND AUCTION, Sunday September 22, 11:30am following worship. Bring a POTLUCK side dish, salad or vegetable. Tables will compete with their \$\$ for the best desserts and we'll also have birdhouses (and maybe some surprises) for auction as well. Funds are split between Habitat for Humanity and Living Waters for the World.

3 CENTS A MEAL collection returns September 29. Our children and youth will come around with the cans for your coins, bills and checks. One third stays to benefit our Food Pantry and the remainder goes to the Presbyterian Hunger Program to address the root causes of hunger at home and abroad. Note we will not collect Buck in a Basket that day.

CHRISTMAS MARKET AND BRUNCH will be Saturday December 7, 9:00-2:00pm. We are seeking vendors to be here to sell handmade items. Tables are \$25 (full) \$15 (half) and those funds support Habitat for Humanity. We will also have ONE table for donated items you may have made. You provide your items and give us an idea of selling price. Those funds will benefit Living Waters for the World. If you want to purchase a table and sell your own items, visit our website: <https://bgpres.org/christmas-market>

OTHER NEWS:

DECADENT DESSERTS NEEDED for September 22. Please contact Debbie Trickey - dtricky_123@yahoo.com. We love your HOMEMADE delights for our Auction, but welcome all donations!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FRUIT! We are out of canned fruit in the Pantry. We can also use dry beans, granola/snack bars, canned soup (not condensed or cream); canned pasta. Please leave in the drawers under the stairs and THANK YOU!

BRUSH AND LENS, an exhibit of members, opened July 19 in our church gallery, Fellowship Hall. Artists include Shannon Dyche, Myra Dwyer, Doug Humphrey, Linda Leigh, Tim Leigh, Alan Reeves, Sheila Backfisch Reeves, Bud Schlinker, Diane Simmons, Gail Smrtic, Peg Truman, and Mark Hendershot with Peg Truman.

T-SHIRTS We have the following t-shirts available to purchase: long sleeve size M (1), long sleeve size L (3), and long sleeve size XL (2). Margaret Stein will place one final order for additional shirts; contact her or the front office. Margaret_f_stein@hotmail.com or 270-779-2579.

CECELIA MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH will be having their Fall Give-away on September 28th. They are accepting donations now of clothing, toys, school supplies, small appliances and household items. For more info, contact Karen Cone (270-991-2033) or Lovelyn Williams (619-368-2103).

ARNIE PETRUS, (OUR LIBRARIAN) tutors 4th graders through infinity. He knows he charges the lowest rates compared to other tutors. Are you aware of any 8-21 year olds in need of tutoring, and simply their families cannot afford it? Arnie is willing to cut his already low rate in half for you, if you wish to sponsor such a child. For more information: arfranke@msn.com or 270-904-0393.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day.