

July 13, 2025 10:30am Worship Pastor Shawn Carafa

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*Those who are able are welcome to stand.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 50:3-6

Leader: Our God comes; he does not keep silence,

Lay Reader,

People: before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.

Leader: He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

People: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

Leader: The heavens declare his righteousness,

People: for God himself is judge!

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Hymn No. 210

# **\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, we confess that our fears and doubts can override our hope and faith. When we lose sight of Your love, have mercy upon us. Grant us forgiveness through Christ our Lord, who intercedes for us even today. Restore us and renew in us the joy of Your salvation and reset our feet on the path of faith. These things we pray in the name of Jesus, our Risen Savior, who promises fullness of life here and resurrection for the life to come, Amen.

(Please take a moment to silently confess your sins to the Lord)

# \*PROCLAMATION OF FORGIVENESS Acts 10:43

[43] To Jesus all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." (ESV)

# \*GLORIA PATRI

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.

# \*PASSING THE PEACE

# PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

(A time to share our Thanksgiving and Requests to the Lord and with our Church family)

**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 glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORYLead Me LordMary Beth Johnson\*DOXOLOGYPraise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him all creatures here below!<br/>Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!

#### **\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*HYMN OF PREPARATIO	<b>N</b> Rejoice, The Lord is King	Hymn No. 370
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		
SERMON	"Kingdom Growth" Mark 4:21-34	Pastor Shawn Carafa
*CLOSING HYMN	This is My Father's World	Hymn No. 143
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	Jesus Christ, Our Lord Redeemer	J.S. Bach
*FELLOWSHIP Please join us downstairs for a time of fellowship.		

#### **THIS WEEK**

<u>SUNDAY</u> Worship 10:30am Youth Group 6:30-8pm

MONDAY VBS 9-12 AA 7pm, FH

<u>TUESDAY</u> <u>VBS 9-12</u> Women's Fellowship 10am

WEDNESDAY VBS 9-12

<u>THURSDAY</u> <u>VBS 9-12</u> Men's Bible Study 7pm AA 7pm, FH

#### **FRIDAY**

#### **SATURDAY**

<u>SUNDAY</u> Worship 10:30am Youth Group 6:30-8pm

#### **DEACON of the WEEK**

Sandy Borovicka 216-906-0635

#### **NEWS**

**VBS** Prays are appreciated for the volunteers and our campers this week, that God's Word would be heard, that Jesus' Love surround the children, and the Holy Spirit reaches our families.

**HPC Work Day** has been postponed to a later date. We will announce the new date soon.

Habitat Work Day Our next volunteer work day will be August 23rd. Please see Jon Polhamus if you want to help with this house building ministry. jonpolhamu@aol.com

**El Salvador Mission Trip** The team has returned and will have a more formal presentation of their trip in the next coming weeks, but they will be available in the fellowship hall after worship this Sunday if anyone has questions for them.

#### **CELEBRATIONS**

Another Year of Life Claire Buerlen Lincoln Bateman

Another Year of Life Together

Pat and Don Kline

## SERMON SCRIPTURE

## Mark 4:21-34

## A Lamp Under a Basket

<sup>21</sup> And he said to them, "Is a lamp brought in to be put under a basket, or under a bed, and not on a stand? <sup>22</sup> For nothing is hidden except to be made manifest; nor is anything secret except to come to light. <sup>23</sup> If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear." <sup>24</sup> And he said to them, "Pay attention to what you hear: with the measure you use, it will be measured to you, and still more will be added to you. <sup>25</sup> For to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away."

## The Parable of the Seed Growing

<sup>26</sup> And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup> He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. <sup>28</sup> The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. <sup>29</sup> But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

## The Parable of the Mustard Seed

<sup>30</sup> And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? <sup>31</sup> It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, <sup>32</sup> yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

<sup>33</sup> With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. <sup>34</sup> He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

## NOTES