

# 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2024

9:00 a.m.

*Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.*

\*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Friendship pads and pass them back to the center aisle.

## Our Approach to God

Prelude *Sicilienne* Maria Theresia von Paradis

The Call to Worship

Let us praise the Lord, for the Lord is compassionate and gracious.

**He is slow to anger and abounding in love.**

As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for us.

**From everlasting to everlasting, the Lord's love is with those who honor him.**

The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.

**We praise God's holy name together.**

\*The Hymn of Praise *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* 478

\*The Call to Confession

As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him. He does not treat us as our sins deserve.

Confident of God's grace and forgiveness, let us confess our sins to God.

\*The Prayer of Confession

**Lord, you have called us to worship you and we gladly gather. But as we praise you, our sinfulness reminds us of how we have broken our relationship with you. We have failed to remember all that you have done for us. We have not given you the praise you deserve. We have not loved you with all our heart. We simply go through the motions, failing to recognize that you want to engage us deeply. Forgive us.** [Silent Confession.]

**Lord, renew us according to your steadfast love. Remind us of your covenant faithfulness and have mercy on us in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*The Assurance of Pardon

In Christ, God forgives all our sins. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. We are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God!**

\*The Gloria Patri *Glory Be to the Father* 579

**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.**

The Special Music *Blessed Assurance* Knapp/ Barnwell  
Pastor Ruth Estell - harp

## The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Psalm Psalm 103 page 662 OT

The Sermon *Worshiping God in the Psalms:* Pastor Ruth Estell  
*Our Approach to God*

## Our Response to Serve

\*The Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)* hymnal, page 14

\*The Hymn *O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer* 223  
Verses 1-3, 6

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.**

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory *Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound* Craig Phillips

\*The Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 592

**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.**

\*The Prayer of Dedication

\*The Hymn *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* 482

\*The Charge and Benediction

\*The Congregational Response *Go with Us, Lord* 535  
**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,  
that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.**

\*Postlude *Allegro deciso* Léon Boëllmann

\* Congregation Standing – for those who are able.  
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**Liturgist:** Genie Herter

**Ushers:** Hugh Matson, Anne Schmidt, Fred Herter and Chuck Kemerer

**Greeter:**

**Fellowship Hour:** Genie Herter

**Musical Talents:** Thomas Heidenreich – Director of Music Ministry and Pastor  
Ruth Estell, harp.



Office hours for the week of September 2 will be **Tuesday through Thursday** 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. As unforeseen circumstances may occur, please call 989-792-1023 to be sure that someone is in the office before you drive to the church.

**The office will be closed on Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day.**

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*Seeking and Serving Christ. We are a Place for Growing Christians.*

# Announcements and Upcoming Events



**NEXT Sunday, September 8**, we will “Kick-off” the New Church Year. Here are some opportunities to join in the fun:

- **A special walk-up-choir** for kick-off Sunday. Anyone is invited to come and join in singing the anthem for that Sunday. We will have one rehearsal at 8:15 a.m. on September 8, and then sing in the service.
- **Sunday school begins** for the new "school year" and will be held every Sunday.
- **"Sundaes for Sunday."** For fellowship hour following the worship service, the Christian Education Committee will offer a Sundae Bar in Fellowship hall.



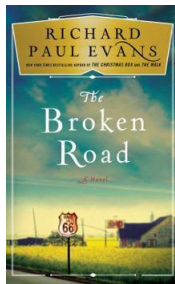
**If you have a church key, please make note of the following:**

The alarm code that you chose for arming/disarming the alarm is in effect. To open the inner doors,

please use the same code that we all have been using. Thank you for helping us to make this transition go smoothly!

## A Book Group for Fall

Back by popular requests, we are going to have another open-to-all book club. The book is “The Broken Road” by Richard Paul Evans. Grab a copy or download the book, read it over the next several weeks, then we will meet on Thursday, October 10 @ 6:00 p.m. in the church library to discuss the book, eat some treats associated with fall, and enjoy some fellowship! Coffee, tea, and water will be provided. No need to sign-up, just show up. If you would like Sonia Hoepfner to do a group order of the book, please let her know by **September 8**.



For September, the mission focus will be "It's All About the Cross," the ministry serving the Saginaw County Jail. Chaplain Andy Cox, (Formerly of Forgotten Man Ministries) is continuing to collect books and Bibles to provide to inmates at the Saginaw County

Jail. Our mission focus collection will be books for this ministry. Books must be soft cover with a positive theme, such as inspirational/self-help books, or literature encouraging inmates to grow in their faith. They may also accept puzzle books or magazines, such as crosswords or word-searches. They are unable to accept hard cover books, books with stapled bindings, or books with themes of romance, crime/thriller, or violent themes including those about war. In addition to any books collected, we will also be donating Bibles to the ministry to help in their outreach to those in jail. For more information on the ministry work of "It's All About the Cross," visit <http://www.crosssaginaw.org>.

## Programs Resuming

1. **Sunday School – Every Sunday @ 9:00 a.m.**
2. **CORRECTION from newsletter...Busy Hands and Hearts will meet on Tuesday, September 3 @ 1:00 p.m.** (due to Labor Day).
3. **Florence Gilmore Presbyterian Women's group – Wednesday, September 11 @ 9:30 a.m.**
4. **2<sup>nd</sup> @ Second – Sunday, September 22 @ 10:15 a.m.**

## Psalm 103 New International Version

- <sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD, my soul;  
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
- <sup>2</sup> Praise the LORD, my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits—
- <sup>3</sup> who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases,
- <sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the pit  
and crowns you with love and compassion,
- <sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- <sup>6</sup> The LORD works righteousness  
and justice for all the oppressed.
- <sup>7</sup> He made known his ways to Moses,  
his deeds to the people of Israel:
- <sup>8</sup> The LORD is compassionate and gracious,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.
- <sup>9</sup> He will not always accuse,  
nor will he harbor his anger forever;
- <sup>10</sup> he does not treat us as our sins deserve  
or repay us according to our iniquities.
- <sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his love for those who fear him;
- <sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
- <sup>13</sup> As a father has compassion on his children,  
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;
- <sup>14</sup> for he knows how we are formed,  
he remembers that we are dust.
- <sup>15</sup> The life of mortals is like grass,  
they flourish like a flower of the field;

- <sup>16</sup> the wind blows over it and it is gone,  
and its place remembers it no more.
- <sup>17</sup> But from everlasting to everlasting  
the LORD's love is with those who fear him,  
and his righteousness with their children's children—
- <sup>18</sup> with those who keep his covenant  
and remember to obey his precepts.
- <sup>19</sup> The LORD has established his throne in heaven,  
and his kingdom rules over all.
- <sup>20</sup> Praise the LORD, you his angels,  
you mighty ones who do his bidding,  
who obey his word.
- <sup>21</sup> Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts,  
you his servants who do his will.
- <sup>22</sup> Praise the LORD, all his works  
everywhere in his dominion.

Praise the LORD, my soul.