

Sunday Morning Worship

June 18, 2023

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. If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to the pastor following the service.

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Our Approach to God

Prelude Praeludium from Partita No. 1, BWV 825 by J.S. Bach

The Call to Worship

Let all who would follow Christ by faith gather for worship.

But the troubles of this world are many and the pains of life are great.

Yet is not the Lord faithful even beyond the bounds of our understanding?

Yes! God has always been faithful and God will remain faithful. With God, all things are possible.

Then let us proclaim our faith in the Lord for all the world to hear.

Blessed be the name of the Lord our God!

*The Hymn of Praise Great Is Thy Faithfulness 276

*The Call to Confession

The Psalmist declares, "I love the Lord, for he heard my voice. He heard my cry for mercy." We gather as a community in need of a Savior. We offer our honest confession, in faith and trust in our faithful God, knowing that God hears us and offers forgiveness.

*The Prayer of Confession

Our Lord and Savior, we confess our sin before you. For those times that we have given in to despair and doubted your Word to be true, forgive us. For those times that we have scoffed at your promises, thinking there was little chance of seeing them fulfilled, forgive us. For those times that we have lied to you, denying the truth, forgive us. [Silent Confession.] O merciful God, strengthen our faith. Help us to know that nothing is too difficult for you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have been justified through faith, we now have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. **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 "How Great Thou Art" arr. Jodi Ann Tolman
Ruth Estell, harp

The Word of God

The Old Testament Reading Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7 pages 17 & 21 OT

The Psalm Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 page 674 OT

The Time with the Children

The Sermon Rev. Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

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

*The Hymn How Firm a Foundation, verses 1-4 361

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

*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 Standing on the Promises, verses 1,2,4,5 see insert

*The Charge and Benediction

Postlude "Now Shall My Inward Joys Arise" arr. Daniel Burton
(We invite you to remain seated and enjoy the postlude.)

* Congregation Standing - for those who are able.

Liturgist: Karen Schadel

Greeter: Sandra Rease

Ushers: Beverly Briggs, Linda Poplewski

Fellowship Hour: Ruth Anderson

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Office Hours

The church office hours are Monday-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.

- Secretary back-up needed to cover for Sonia during vacation. (answering the phone, printing the bulletin for Sunday are a couple of responsibilities that are needed)

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

Standing On The Promises

1. Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
Through eternal ages let His praises ring,
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain: Standing, standing, Standing on the promises of God my Savior; Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

2. Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God. **(Refrain)**
4. Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
Standing on the promises of God. **(Refrain)**
5. Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
Listening every moment to the Spirit's call
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,
Standing on the promises of God. **(Refrain)**

June and July Mission Project

Watch for back-to-school specials! For the months of June and July, the mission committee will be collecting school supplies for Brethren and Arthur Eddy Academy elementary school children. Any donations of backpacks, pencils, crayons, or other needed items may be placed on the table in the mission corner to be delivered before the start of school.



Maintenance Custodian

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This is a second custodial position that will help with a variety of regular maintenance tasks outside of the current custodian's job description and be a backup for when the current custodian is on vacation or sick. It requires a person who is flexible and on call. This task is broken down into several duties performed throughout the church interior and exterior, throughout the day or at other regular intervals. A complete list of requirements is in a folder on the stand outside the church office.



Summer Special Music

Do you like to sing or play an instrument? If so, please consider signing up to provide special music for a Sunday service over the summer! The sign-up sheet is on the sign-up table. You can contact music director Collin Whitfield at collin.whitfield@gmail.com. Thanks!

Summer Signup Sheets

Sign up in the gathering area to be a summer liturgist, greeter, usher, or coffee hour host. Please see where you can help on Sunday mornings during the summer.