

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

September 7, 20259:00 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. If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to the pastor following the service.

\*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.  
After worship please greet your neighbors by name.

## Our Approach to God

PreludeGreat Is Thy FaithfulnessRunyan

The Call to Worship  
Joy comes to those who follow God’s ways.  
**We will follow the Lord with joyful hearts!**  
Those who follow the Lord are like trees planted by the river, bearing fruit each season.  
**May our lives be fruitful and blessed by God!**  
Worship the Lord who leads us to joy and abundance.  
**Let us worship God now and throughout our lives.**

\*The Hymn of PraiseO Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go384

\*The Call to Confession  
Jesus calls us to follow Him, knowing that the path is difficult and that sin lurks at every turn. Trusting in God’s mercy, let us seek forgiveness, that we may follow more closely in the way of our Lord.

\*The Prayer of Confession  
**Loving God, You have given us a firm foundation in Jesus Christ, yet we have chosen to build on sinking sand. The works of our hands crumble around us, and our best efforts are not good enough; sin is real, and we are powerless before it. Forgive us for thinking we know best. Mend our broken values and create in us hearts that seek Your purposes, so that what we build with our lives may give You glory.**

\*The Assurance of Pardon  
Jesus accompanies us on life’s journey, offering abundant mercy and bountiful forgiveness along the way. This is good news.  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

\*The Gloria PatriGlory Be to the Father579  
**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 MusicYou Are Before Me, Lord248

## The Word of God

The Time with the ChildrenMarsha Bennett  
1<sup>st</sup> Scripture ReadingPhilemon 1:1-21page 1702  
Gospel ReadingLuke 14:25-33page 1489  
The Sermon:Rev. Mike Hahn

## Our Response to Serve

\*The Affirmation of FaithThe Apostle’s Creed (Traditional)Hymnal, page 14

\*The HymnWhen I Survey the Wonderful Cross101

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; 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 *More Love to Thee, O Christ* 359

\*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 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Smith

\* Congregation Standing – for those who are able.

**Liturgist :** Kitty Myers

**Ushers:** Karen Kalina, Anne & Wally Schmidt, and Larry Smith

**Greeter:** Cheryl Kelley

**Fellowship Hour Host:** Ruth Anderson

**Musical Talents:** Laurel Taipale, organist, and Dave and Peggy Donaldson

**Please join us immediately following worship in the gathering area for  
fellowship hour.**

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# The Cost of DISCIPLESHIP

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

# Announcements and Upcoming Events

We are so pleased to have Rev. Mike Hahn with us again today. We are grateful for his willingness to share his time and ministry with us. Reverend Hahn, we welcome you to our pulpit and thank you for leading us in worship today.



- The church office will be **open at 1:30 on Monday, September 8. The office will be open Tuesday through Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** but, 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.

- **Next Sunday, September 14 is Kick-off Sunday! Rev. Janice Chambers will fill our pulpit.**

## Music and Worship:

- **The signup sheets are out for September.** Please sign up to Greet, Usher, be a Liturgist, or host and serve Fellowship Hour. We need your help on Sunday mornings. Please see Chuck Kemerer, Cheryl Kelley, or Deb Easlick if you have any questions.
- **Choir Rehearsals will resume** Wednesday September 10 @ 7:00 p.m.

## 2nd @ Second News:

Please join us in the library at 10:15 a.m. Sunday September 14 to choose one of the available topics for the adult Bible study program. 2<sup>nd</sup> @ Second meets on Sundays following worship in the church library for about an hour. A video, or audio, presentation followed by group discussion is the typical format. If anyone else is interested in leading 2<sup>nd</sup> @ Second, let Marsha or Kitty know.

## Florence Gilmore Circle:

**All women of the church** are invited to join us on **Wednesday, September 10**, at 9:30 a.m. as we continue to study “12 Women of the Bible” focusing on Mary Magdalene, while enjoying some treats and fellowship. If you have any questions, please call Carol Poole @ 989-793-7485.

## September Mission Focus:

The September mission focus will be the ministry serving the Saginaw County Jail "It's All About the Cross." **Chaplain Andy Cox, (Formerly of Forgotten Man Ministries) will be at SPC on Sunday, September 14 to explain the ministries work during the “Mission Moment.”** and to answer any questions immediately following the service. Our mission focus will be books for this ministry. Books must be soft cover (no staples) with a positive theme, such as inspirational/self-help books, or literature encouraging inmates to grow in their faith. They also accept puzzle books or magazines, such as crosswords or word searches. In addition to collecting books, we will also donate 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>.

## PNC Nominations:

The Nominating Committee is looking for members to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). If you know someone you feel would be a good representative of our congregation on this committee, please nominate them (or yourself!) using the slip in the bulletin and placing it in the offering plate. **The Nominating Committee will be collecting names through Sunday, September 14th.** Members of the PNC should be prepared for a commitment of at least 1 1/2 years that could involve weekly meetings to start. PNC members also need to have an email address and be proficient with computers. **Please be aware that nominating someone does not automatically mean they will be on the committee.** If you have any questions, you can reach out to the members of the Nominating Committee: Christy Higley, Samantha Engel, Genie Herter, Fred Herter, Carol Poole, Tom Poole.

## White Elephant Sale:



**It's Back!** Clean out your garages and closets (no clothing) for the White Elephant Sale on **Saturday, September 27.** You may start bringing donations Sunday, September 21 after worship or Monday-Friday, September 22-26 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. **Volunteers will be needed to help set up, work the sale, and help clean up.**

**Sign-up sheets are on the table in the gathering area!**

## Philemon 1-21 New International Version

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker— <sup>2</sup> also to Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier—and to the church that meets in your home:  
<sup>3</sup> Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
<sup>4</sup> I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup> because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup> I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. <sup>7</sup> Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.  
<sup>8</sup> Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, <sup>9</sup> yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus— <sup>10</sup> that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. <sup>11</sup> Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.  
<sup>12</sup> I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. <sup>13</sup> I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. <sup>14</sup> But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary. <sup>15</sup> Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back forever— <sup>16</sup> no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord.  
<sup>17</sup> So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup> If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. <sup>19</sup> I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self. <sup>20</sup> I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup> Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

## Luke 14:25-33 New International Version

### The Cost of Being a Disciple

<sup>25</sup> Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: <sup>26</sup> "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

<sup>28</sup> "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? <sup>29</sup> For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, <sup>30</sup> saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.'

<sup>31</sup> "Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.