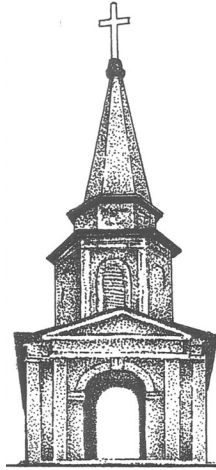


4th Sunday after Pentecost

July 3, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.



“We Have not advanced very far in our spiritual lives if we have not encountered the basic paradox of freedom, to the effect that we are most free when we are bound. But not just any way of being bound will suffice; what matters is the character of our binding... With one concerted voice the giants of the devotional life apply the same principle to the whole of life with the dictum: *Discipline is the price of freedom.*”
From “The New Man for Our Time” by Elton Trueblood.

Bolded text is read or sung by all.
**Please rise in body or spirit.*

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Voluntary

American Medley

TRADITIONAL
Adult Bell Choir

*Call to Worship

Psalm 100: 1-5

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, the Lord is God!

It is God who made us, and we are God's; we are God's people, and the sheep of the Lord's pasture.

Enter the Lord's gates with thanksgiving, and the Lord's courts with praise!

Give thanks to God; bless God's name!

For the Lord is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.

*Hymn 564

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Call to Confession

Alec Works

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, alive and at large in the world, help us to follow and to find You there today;

In the places where we work, meet people and make plans,

In the places where we play, enjoy conversations and spend money. Teach us as disciples of Your kingdom

To see through Your eyes,

And hear with Your ears,

And understand Your presence is with the hurting, the suffering, and the foreigner.

By Your Holy Spirit, help us hear the questions You are asking in our politics, in our fractured culture.

So that we might welcome everyone with Your trust and truth

And change the things that contradict God's love,

By the power of the Cross and the freedom of Your Spirit.

Amen.

Silence is observed.

Response 223

O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer

O my soul, bless your Redeemer; All within me bless God's name: Bless the Savior, and forget not All God's mercies to proclaim.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

*Response Hymn 223 O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer

As it was without beginning, So it lasts without an end; To their children's children ever shall God's righteousness extend.

*Passing the Peace

We invite you now to greet one another saying,
The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

Time for Church Life and the Invitation to Offer Our Gifts to the Lord

Special music

Festival Voluntary on THAXTED

David Howard Pettit (*b. 1953*)

Kevin Calavan, Trumpet

*Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and Your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what You say to us today. Amen.

The First Lesson

Psalm 48

1 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God! God's holy mountain,

**2 beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth,
Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King.**

3 Within her citadels God has made God's self known as a fortress.

4 For behold, the kings assembled; they came on together.

5 As soon as they saw it, they were astounded; they were in panic; they took to flight.

6 Trembling took hold of them there, anguish as of a woman in labor.

7 By the east wind you shattered the ships of Tarshish.

8 As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God, which God will establish forever.

9 We have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

10 As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with righteousness.

11 Let Mount Zion be glad! Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments!

12 Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,

13 consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels, that you may tell the next generation

14 that this is God, our God forever and ever. God will guide us forever.

*Hymn 561

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

The Second Lesson

Mark 6: 1-13

Lord, the story of your grace. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

The Reverend David Aber

*Affirmation of Faith

Confession of 1967 Section B. The Love of God

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals God's love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.

God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God's dealings with humanity. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator.

Prayers of the People - 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.**

*Hymn 291

O God of Earth and Altar

*Charge and Benediction

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold onto what is good; return no one evil for evil; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Lord bless you and keep you. May God make God's face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. May God lift up God's countenance upon you and give you peace. And all God's people say, **Amen.**

Voluntary

Trumpet Tune in G

Jeremy Bankson (*b. 1975*)

Serving as liturgist today is Alec Works.

Announcements

Volunteer Appreciation Sunday In July we highlight the work of the Personnel Committee. These volunteers evaluate the work of our staff, update job descriptions and Personnel Policies, research wage levels and fringe benefit plans, and ensure compliance with state and federal labor laws.

VBS Items Needed On the table in WHH, find a post-it note listing an item needed; grab it, and bring the item to the church by July 3.

Birthday Cake Today is provided by Jean and Art Schooley in honor of Art's 90th birthday.

Claudine Schooley's Farewell Claudine's last day in the church office was Thursday, June 30. If you have a card for her, please give it to her parents-in-law Art and Jean Schooley.

August Script Deadline is July 12. Please send your articles and pictures to the church office at wpcoffice1250@gmail.com

Volunteers Wanted! Please contact Rob or Ellen if you are willing to cook, set up, serve and cleanup for either the Third Sunday Seasonal Dinner or for the parents and children of WYDACA. Meals do not need to be gourmet! Sign up at the "Connection Center" table in WHH or call Rob Gilbert (330-310-0564) or Ellen Daugherty (330-666-5645). Thank you.

PNC and Congregational Meeting The Session accepted the following to serve as the Pastor Nominating Committee: Dave Allison, Stephanie Blaha, Sharon Easterling, Dan Gorrington, Walter Hayes, Andi Jopperi, Bill Melver. The Session also set Sunday, July 10th, 2022 for a Special Called Congregational Meeting, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service, to elect these individuals to this important task.

Calendar of Church Building Events For July 3— 2022

Sunday, 7/3

- 8:30 am Summer Worship Service on the Johnstone Patio
- 9:00 am Handbell Choir Practice in the Sanctuary
- 10:00 am Nursery Opens
- 10:30 am Worship Service & YouTube Livestream
First Sunday Food Collection
- 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship and Birthday Cake in WHH

Monday, 7/4 Independence Day—Offices Closed

Wednesday, 7/6

- 6:00 pm Holy Cow!'s Report in WHH

Thursday, 7/7

- 10:00 am WPC Staff Meeting in the Library

Sunday, 7/10

- 8:30 am Summer Worship Service with Communion
on the Johnstone Patio
- 10:00 am Nursery Opens
- 10:30 am Worship Service & YouTube Livestream with Communion
- 11:30 am Congregational Meeting - PNC Elections in the Sanctuary
Coffee Fellowship in WHH



Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- We do our best to answer your phone calls weekday mornings.
- You may be directed to our automated answering service at other times.
- We strive to provide access to the church building during office hours through our callbox in the rear of the church building.
- Please call ahead and inquire about building access if you are coming after 2:00 p.m.

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