

✠ ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

September 5, 2021 • 10:00 a.m.

Labor Day Sunday

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Lord, take and use my work;
Amend what flaws may lurk;
My times be in Your hand!
Perfect the end as planned!"*
-- Robert Browning

PRELUDE "Stephen's Prayer" by Schubert/Gahm

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PRAISE "Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"
by Brian Doerksen

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: O God, You are the light of the heart that sees You.

People: You are the life of the soul that loves You.

Leader: You are the strength of the mind that seeks You.

People: Although we are unworthy to approach You or ask anything at all of You,

Leader: Bestow, O Lord Your blessing upon us.

People: Be with us now as we worship You in prayer and sermon and song.

SONG OF PRAISE "God of Wonders"
by Marc Byrd & Steve Hindalong

CALL TO CONFESSION

While we waver and hesitate, the love of God remains steadfast.

Let us approach God with confidence, knowing that our

Redeemer longs to make us whole.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Eternal God, we confess that we have acted as if we can earn Your love. We have forgotten that Your love already has been freely given. Forgive us when we forget that we are Your children and that our identity is bound together with You. Help us to live as heirs of life. You call us a "unique people" and a "royal priesthood." Show us how to witness to Your

grace, and help us to love You and trust You with all our hearts. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)

Leader: There is a wideness in God's mercy. So deep is God's love for us that no transgression, no sin is too great for Him. His forgiveness is abundantly given to us in Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God, who forgives our sin and upholds us by His Spirit.

*GLORIA PATRI Hymn No. 622

CHILDREN'S SERMON / MESSAGE TO THE YOUNG AT HEART "Who 's Your Superman?"

SPECIAL MUSIC (sung by Scott Miller)

SCRIPTURE Genesis 2:7-9,15; 3:17-19; I Cor. 15:58

SERMON "Why Celebrate Labor Day?"
"Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord" (I Cor. 15:58).

*HYMN No. 297 "I Love to Tell the Story"

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY (Hymn No. 625)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER TIME: THANKS AND PASTORAL SUPPLICATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN No. 271 "Standing on the Promises"

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* Those who are able, please stand.

Sunday School

The Christian Education committee has decided to postpone the start of in-person Sunday School until the first of the year. In the meantime, watch for some special Children Messages during the service. Our hope is to find new families to join in and have a safe physical environment which will provide the loving support, teaching, and spiritual guidance our youngest members deserve. We are looking for individuals to help with this effort and if you feel called, please contact Brenda (btc62020@outlook.com or 229-0648).

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who so generously donated to Jim's medical expenses. There are no adequate words to say to thank you for all the prayers and comfort this church family has given us.
---- Arlene Krebs

Hayride and Bonfire

Come out to Carpenters, (2265 Dryden Rd.) for an evening of food, fun and fellowship on Saturday, October 23. We'll start with a fun hayride up past the solar field to "observation hill"! A Chili dinner and bonfire with songs and s'mores will follow. If you are able to bring chili, corn bread, green salad, or beverage, sign up on the list in the Fellowship Hall or let Brenda know (btc62020@outlook.com).
Gather any time after 4:00 p.m. Bring a friend or two.

Prayers

The Jan Hollenbeck family.
The Dawn Horner family.
Dave Gross
Bob Sincerbeaux
Jim Krebs

Children's Sermon Resource Material

"He's faster than a speeding bullet, more powerful than a locomotive; he's able to leap tall buildings in a single bound. Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird; it's a plane. It's....."

Superman! A being no larger than an ordinary man, but possessed of powers and abilities never before realized on earth. Able to leap into the air an eighth of a mile in a single bound, hurdle a twenty-story building with ease, race a high-powered bullet to its target, lift tremendous weights, and rend solid steel in his bare hands as though it were paper. Superman! Strange visitor from a distant planet. Champion of the oppressed! Physical marvel extraordinaire, who has sworn his existence on Earth to helping those in need.

Order of Worship

September 12, 2021 (**Communion Sunday**)
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

SCRIPTURE: I John 1:1-4
SERMON: "Don't Believe in Fairy Tales"

The office hours of Pastor Jim Hicks, temporary minister, are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

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Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Verse 1:

Come, now is the time to worship;
Come, now is the time to give your heart;
Come, just as you are to worship;
Come, just as you are before your God,
Come.

One day every tongue will confess You are God;
One day every knee will bow;
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose You now.

Verse 2:

Come, now is the time to worship;
Come, now is the time to give your heart;
Come, just as you are to worship;
Come, just as you are before your God,
Come.

One day every tongue will confess You are God;
One day every knee will bow;
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose You now.

One day every tongue will confess You are God;
One day every knee will bow;
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose You now.

Verse 3:

Come, now is the time to worship;
Come, now is the time to give your heart;
Come, just as you are to worship;
Come, just as you are before your God,
Come. Come. Come. Come. Come.

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God of Wonders

Verse 1:

Lord of all creation,
Of water, earth and sky;
The heavens are your tabernacle.
Glory to the Lord on high!

Chorus:

God of wonders beyond our galaxy,
You are holy, holy.
The universe declares Your majesty,
You are holy, holy,
Lord of heaven and earth,
Lord of heaven and earth.

Verse 2:

Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light.
And when I stumble in the darkness
I will call Your name by night.

Chorus (2x)

God of wonders beyond our galaxy,
You are holy, holy.
The universe declares Your majesty,
You are holy, holy,
Lord of heaven and earth,
Lord of heaven and earth.
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth,
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth,
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth.

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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.

Text: *Gloria Patri*; Traditional, 2nd century Music: *Meineke*, Christoph Meineke

I Love to Tell the Story

Verse 1:

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love;
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true,
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story!
'Twill be my theme in glory –
To tell the old, old story
O Jesus and His love.

Verse 2:

I love to tell the story – 'tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet;
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

Refrain

Verse 3:

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest;
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new
song,
'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

Refrain

Text: A. Catherine Hankey Music: William G. Fischer

Standing on the Promises

Verse 1:

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
Thro' 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.

Verse 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

Verse 3:

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

Verse 4:

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
List'ning every moment to the Spirit's call,
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain

Text: R. Kelso Carter
Music: *Promises*, Kelso Carter