

RECEPTION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *“The Spirit Sings”* - Curtis

* DOXOLOGY - *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* - #609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS AND OURSELVES

* CLOSING HYMN - *“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”* - #757

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE - *“Let There Be Peace on Earth”*

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God as our Father, brothers all are we;

Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now;

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

* POSTLUDE - *“A Trumpet Air”* - Purcell



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Order of Worship

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 29, 2025

At the sound of the chimes, please use this time to silently prepare for worship.

CHIMES

PRELUDE - *“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”* - Akers, arr. Bock

GREETING - This is the day that the Lord has made!
“Let us rejoice and be glad in it!”

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT - *“We Are One in the Spirit”* - #300 (verse 1)

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,

And we pray that all unity may one day be restored;

And they will know we are Christians by our love, by our love;

Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Throughout the ages, disciples have said,

“I will follow you wherever you go.”

Lord, give us the freedom to follow you

in the ways of love.

*We come from busy homes, filled with little time
to consider Christ in our lives.*

Lord, give us the strength to follow you

in the ways of peace.

In times of struggle, we look to God for help.

Lord, give us the opportunity to follow you

in the ways of kindness.

Today, we celebrate the Holy Spirit,

who shows us the joy of following God.

Lord, give us the patience to follow you

in the ways of faith. Amen.

* OPENING HYMN - *“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”* - #688

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious Lord, you know the yearning for love that rests in each and every one of us. Help us love one another, even when hatred and anger boil within us. Bring us peace and patience, even when restlessness fills our hearts. Inspire us to live with generosity when we are immersed in self-centered thoughts and selfish actions. Shower us with joy and hope when fear and despair are all around. Bear your fruit in our lives, through the power of your grace and forgiveness, that we may be children of your Spirit, living by your power and following where you lead. We ask these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.

~ Let us take a few minutes for silent reflection. ~

* THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)

Harvest the fruit of the Spirit, freely given by God,
and share it freely with others.
Know that you are loved and forgiven.
Trust that you are treasured, now and always. Amen.

* GLORIA PATRI - *“Glory Be to the Father”*

*Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

* PASSING OF THE PEACE (responsively)

As children of the Spirit, let us be a community of peace, sharing signs of kindness and love with one another. The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

(You are invited to offer your neighbor a brief sign of peace.)

THE WELCOMING OF GUESTS

We invite our guests to use the nametags in the attendance pads to identify themselves so that we may get to know each other.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC - *“Goodness of God”* - Fielding, Johnson, Cash, Ingram

Heather Carter, solo; Richard Carter, guitar

CHILDRENS TIME - Richard Carter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Speak to us, Spirit of wisdom and truth, as we worship this day. Bind us together into a community of love and peace. Live and move in our lives, that we may grow in your Spirit, deepen our faithfulness, and display the love, peace, patience, kindness, and generosity you have planted in our souls. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. *Thanks be to God.*

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Galations 5:1, 13-25

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON - *“Freedom Redefined”* Commissioned Pastor Monica Russell

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD: The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead . I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OUR PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.