

The Church Worships  
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 27, 2021

9:00 am

*“Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.” (Saint Augustine)*

Gathering

Prelude “Be Still My Soul” - Jean Sibelius

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Jim. As we gather on this holy day,  
L. we pray for the posture of servants of God:  
J. for openness, so we may be surprised by God’s grace;  
L. for humility, so we may be changed by Christ’s compassion;  
J. for discernment, so we may hear Christ calling us;  
L. for courage, so we may take the steps to answer.  
J. Let us worship the Living God,  
L. the One who is our reason for praise.

Prayer of Gathering (adapted from the BCW)

(Jim. Let us join our hearts in prayer: O God, you are the light of the minds that know you; you are the life of the souls that love you; you are the wisdom of the thoughts that seek you; you are the strength of those who serve you.

You, O God, are healing for the hurting; you are hope for the despairing; you are a friend for the friendless; you are love for the left out and left behind; you are there for the last, little and lost; you are life for those dead and dying. You are God.

Through your Word and Supper reveal your love, mercy, wisdom, and power as we gather in worship today. Then open our eyes and ears to your work and ways as we follow you into the coming week. All this we pray in the name of your Son, Jesus who is the Christ. Amen.)

Morning Hymn “How Great Thou Art” #467 (verse 1, 2, 4)

Morning Psalm (from Psalm 130)

J. Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear our cry for help!  
L. Listen hard! Open your ears! Listen to our cries for mercy.

- J. If you, O God, kept records on wrongdoings, who would stand a chance?  
As it turns out, forgiveness is your habit, and that's why we worship you.
- L. We pray and wait. Our very lives are a prayer to you.  
We wait for what you will say and do.
- J. As those on watch long for the morning, so do our souls wait and long  
for you, O Lord; our souls long for you.
- L. With the Lord there is steadfast love, and with God's arrival  
comes gracious redemption.
- J. Hope in the Lord! The Lord will redeem. God will free us from  
our captivity to sin.
- L. Thanks and praise to you, O God. Amen.

\*Gloria Patri

### Confessing

*Live before the Holy One in fear and trembling, and fear no other. Let God's faithfulness be the source of your faith, God's mercy be the source of your forgiveness, God's resurrected Son be the source of your life. (Walt McCanless)*

### Invitation to Confession

(Jim. 'My little children,' writes the author of 1 John, 'I'm am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but for the sins of the whole world.'" With this assurance, let us turn to confession, first individually in silence, then corporately in our prayer. Let us pause for silent confession....

### Moment for Silence

### Prayer of Confession

- L. In your mercy, forgive us Lord. We do not follow your lead.
- J. Amid the urgencies of our days we lose sight of your abundant  
generosity to us. We end up living tightfisted, anxious lives, worried that  
we'll not have enough.
- L. We become so busy providing for ourselves and securing our lives as best  
we can, that we cannot receive the riches you shower upon us.
- J. Fearful self-concern blinds us to the needs of the neighbors and strangers  
you call us to love.
- L. The gracious act of love incarnate should make us more loving.  
The generous gift of new life in Christ should stimulate generosity in us.  
Jesus giving his life for the world should free us for a different way of  
living in this culture of greedy getting.
- J. O Father, whole giving knows no ending, forgive our lack of trust in your  
gracious provision. Give us faith to believe that we can never out give you,  
and grant us delight in trying. We pray in the name of Christ, who's  
poverty makes us rich. Amen.



for those wanting work and others whose jobs are in jeopardy,  
for those facing death with dread.....

O God of might and strength, God of steadfast love and faithfulness, banish our fears,  
lighten our darkness, send us forth with brave hearts that we may be your strength for  
those who struggle; your steady hand for those wavering in fear.

All this we ask in the name of the One who has conquered the terrors of death, in whom  
there is life in your eternal love, Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray: “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.)

#### Invitation to Giving

You know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich,  
yet for our sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty we might become rich.  
Sisters and brothers, let us give generously of our goods and our lives in imitation of our  
Lord and Savior. Let us give our tithes and offerings to the Lord.

## Ordination and Installation of Church Officers

### Session Class of 2022

Jeremy Barron, Jason Herman, Charles Humphreys, Gale Kinney, Leigh Myers, Wade Davis, Ainsley Jones (youth)

### Session Class of 2023

Christy Smith, clerk Kathy Dannels, Beverly Howard, Daisy Risser, Chris Peace, Alan Sumrell

### Session Class of 2024

Laura Grayson, Wenona VanWinkle, Kathie Gazda, Marsha Garver, Nathan Gilbert, Bob Edwards

### Deacons Class of 2022

Jim Croom, Nancy Ott, Dave Ott, Susan Patterson, Kathy Roberts, Jay Witherspoon, Stacey Rommich, Kristin Dickey, Bree Sinnett (youth)

### Deacons Class of 2023

Elaine Pool, Angela Sinnett, Steven Ritchie, Drew Burton, Chris Adams

### Deacons Class of 2024

Dani Phillips, Lynda Hunley, John Garver, Denise Hurd, Kevin Johnson

### Litany of Calling

### Introduction of Officers

### Ordination Vows

### Affirmation of the Community

### Prayer of Ordination and Installation

### Declaration of Office

### Charge and Blessing

Go in peace,  
trusting even where you have not seen.

May God our Guardian protect you,  
Christ the Healer restore you,  
and the Holy Spirit sustain you  
this day and forevermore.

### Postlude

“God of Our Fathers”

- John Purifoy Arr. Ron Nice