

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN #664 *Morning Has Broken* Gaelic melody arr B.A.Howard

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING RESPONSE

POSTLUDE *How Great Thou Art* Swedish melody/G.Smith

*Those who are able, please stand

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The **Liturgist** for today is Jack McCurdy.

Prayer Concerns: Pat Vetter; George Vetter, recovering from a boating accident; those in need of comfort or healing; those mourning the loss of loved ones; those impacted by severe weather; those impacted by warfare or violence; family and friends who are traveling; and for us, to hear your Word and respond in love.

Today after worship - Coffee Hour & Fellowship

From the Financial Secretary: The statements for Quarters 1 and 2 have been mailed. If you did not receive it or there are any discrepancies, please contact Julie D. Fristensky at jfristensky51@gmail.com or 908-400-3490.

Save the date(s):

September 4, 7:00pm: Called Session Meeting (Memorial Room)

September 5: Chancel & Bell Choir rehearsals begin

September 8: *Rally Day* here at CPC! Worship at 10:30am, followed by a lunch celebration! The menu includes Famous Dave's chicken and cornbread, and attendees are encouraged to bring a salad or dessert to share. All are welcome – feel free to invite friends and neighbors!

September 14: Clean out your closets, garage and storage areas, and plan to donate any no-longer needed but sellable items to **CPC's Garage Sale!** We'll be participating in the townwide sale AND the **Women's Association** will have a its annual **bake-sale** at the same time! **Bakers and volunteers are needed.** Both sales are fundraisers; a sign-up sheet to volunteer and more details will be available soon.



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August 25, 2024 Service for the Lord's Day 10:00 AM

PRELUDE *In the Garden Medley* C.A.Miles/G.Smith

WELCOME

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

OPENING PRAYER

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

Christ abides in us,

And we abide in him.

Christ has the words of eternal life:

We believe and trust that he is the Holy One of God.

As we hear the gospel of peace today,

Let us choose again whom we will serve.

We will serve the God of liberation and new life,

the God who hears and answers when we call.

We bring our praises and our prayers to God,

Trusting God to meet us as we gather. Let us worship our God together!

*OPENING HYMN #14 *For the Beauty of the Earth* C.Kocher

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Loving God, through Christ you abide in us, and you invite us to abide in you. But so often we are restless and unsatisfied. Instead of resting in the fullness of life Christ offers to us, we chase after money and fame, recognition and power, status and control. Instead of honoring the image of God in all our neighbors, we push others down in the pursuit of our own desires. Forgive us for forgetting that you call us to a different way of being in the world, to lives grounded in the self-giving love of Christ. Lead us out of self-interest and

into communal care for one another and the world you have made. In Christ's name we pray; Amen.

RESPONSE

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI Henry W. Greatorex

PASSING OF PEACE

FAMILY TEACHING MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*in unison*)

Eternal God, quiet our hearts and minds amid the clattering chaos of the world and all the voices vying for our attention. May we clearly hear your word of life spoken to us today. As we hear, help us to understand; as we understand, move us to respond in love, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ; Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Kings 8:1,6,10-11, 22-30, 41-43

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON John 6:56-69

HYMN SING

In worship, we affirm the proclamation of the Gospel; typically through hearing and responding to sermons. Today, we will proclaim the good news in song. We invite you to pick your favorite hymn and if you'd like, offer a few words for what that hymn means to you. A microphone will be offered so friends in-person and online can hear your story.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*in unison*)

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *What a Friend* G. Smith

*DOXOLOGY (HYMN # 606) Old Hundredth