

# Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## September 4, 2022 – 10:55 A.M.

\*Please stand as you are able

### ENTRANCE

MEDITATIVE MUSIC

Lynn Meeks, Organist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Will Waller

CHIMING THE HOUR

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*The Lord's My Shepherd*—Benson

ACOLYTE MINISTRY

### GREETING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ina Clements, Liturgist

L: O God, you have bound us together in this life.

**P: Give us grace to understand how our lives depend on each other.**

L: Let us see how we need one another's courage, industry, honesty and integrity.

**P: May we be mindful of the needs and grateful to the faithfulness of those who labor.**

L: And may we always value the Spirit which gives us the energy to serve one another.

**P: Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE *O Thou Who Camest from Above* (alt. tune *Jesus Shall Reign*) No. 501

INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN

*Where Children Belong*

TFWS No. 2233

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Waller

*(Afterwards, children in preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may go to Children's Church.)*

### PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philippians 2:12-18

New Testament pg. 186

L: The Word of God for the people of God.

**P: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*Labor in Your Faith*

Rev. Waller

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY

*Let Us Break Bread Together*—Hayes

\*THE DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ,

Whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYER REQUESTS

CALL TO PRAYER

*Open Our Eyes, Lord*

TFWS No. 2086

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch him,

and say that we love him. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

SILENT PRAYER

ANTHEM

*He is Here, in the Breaking of Bread*—Larson

Chancel Choir

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

O Merciful God, Forgive us, O God, for thinking we have you all figured out. We pretend we know who is in and who is out of your family, as if your care were not for all of us. We want people to be like us before we help them, and we welcome into our company only those who will benefit us. Forgive us. Reconcile us to those we have treated as worthless or unwanted; mold us into a community where all your children are accepted, included and loved.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor Will:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy great mercy has Promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn to thee: Have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all thy goodness; and bring us to everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

*At the invitation of an usher, please use a center aisle to come to a Communion Station. After receiving a piece of bread, please place it in the chalice of juice and eat it. A gluten-free station is located at the center of the Communion Rail. Afterwards, please return to your seat via a side aisle. All offerings left at the Rail will be for the Organ Fund to finish the major refurbishment. (Individual communion containers will be available if you would like to use them.)*

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## SENDING FORTH

\*CLOSING HYMN      *Dear Lord, Lead Me Day by Day* (alt. tune *Jesus Loves Me*)      No. 411

\*THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE                      *As We Go*

As we go, may your spirit go before us. As we go, may we follow where you lead.  
May we live what we have learned, share the message we have heard,  
and be a light unto the world, as we go.

\*GOING FORTH

Rev. Waller

\*POSTLUDE

Mrs. Meeks

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*The flowers on the Communion Table are given by Conrad and Phyllis Lavinder  
to the Glory of God and in honor of their wedding anniversary on September 7.*

### **Serving Today:**

Liturgist: Ina Clements

Greeter: Lindsay McDaniel

Acolytes: Sam and Jane Roseberry

Usher: Benny Gibson

Children's Church: Martha Sue Gibson

Nursery: Peggy Hodges

Counters: Martha Sue Gibson, Becky Newbill

Locking Up After Worship: Benny Board

### **Serving Next Week (September 11):**

Liturgist: Harmon English

Greeter: Kevin Clements

Acolytes: Nathan Angle and Jovie Angle

Usher: Sharon Angle

Children's Church: Serena Jamison

Nursery: Jane Roseberry

Counters: Dan Walters, Jack Watts

Locking Up After Worship: Benny Board

**Will Waller, Pastor**  
**Lynn M. Meeks, Director of Music/Diaconal Minister**  
**Jeanne Banks, Pianist**  
**Valerie Latimer, Administrative Assistant**  
**Jennifer Ardis, Nursery Attendant**  
**Rebecca Dillon, Children's Church Coordinator**

### Prayer Concerns:

**Our country, our church and those serving in our armed forces; People of Ukraine; Jason Lavinder; Hazel Henderson; Peggie Foster; Kathleen Higgins; Lillie Hatchett; Jerry Davis; Tim Funk; Barbara Huffman; Lynn Cooper; Anna Campbell; Betty Dillon; CO Brickey; Dick Shoemaker; Jennifer Cooper; John Cooper; Arnold Dillon, Sr.; Evelyn Hutcherson (Mike Turner); KC Barron (Becky Newbill); Janis Odom (DJ Pritchard); Everett Cotter (LuAnn Dunbar); Becky Bennett (Jennie Ardis); Mike Shea (Enna Roseberry); Melissa Hays-Smith (Marsha Robertson); Debbie Ford (Ben Whitesell); and Dennis Holland (Cyndee Holland).**

### Forget-Me-Nots:

**Eleanor Woody**

### Meetings and Announcements:

- **Monday, September 5**     **Labor Day**, Church Office closed
- **Wednesday, Sept. 7**     **7:00 p.m.**, Chancel Choir-Welcome Back/New Members Night
- **Thursday, September 8**     **6:30 p.m.**, Cub Scouts
- **Next Sunday, Sept. 11**     **10:00 a.m.**, Small Groups  
   **10:55 a.m.**, Worship  
   **12:00 p.m.**, Rise Against Hunger & Meal
- **Tuesday, September 13**     **9:30 a.m.**, Ladies Bible Study begins
- **Wednesday, Sept. 14**     **5:00-6:30 p.m.**, Wonderful Wednesday  
   **5:00 p.m.**, Spiritual Gifts Seminar
- **Monday, September 19**     **October Newsletter Deadline**
- **Thursday, September 22**     **Serve lunch at Stepping Stone Soup Kitchen**
- **Sunday, September 25**     **8:45 a.m.**, United Methodist Men Breakfast Meeting

Assistive listening devices are available outside the sanctuary.

Today, we're going to have a special offering collected for the organ fund. As you may know, we've been in the process of a major refurbishment of our organ and we're almost there! Our final push begins now, with \$3,000 needed to finish the work. If you'd like to give, use the communion fund envelopes to help us get the organ back to its original state.

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Registration forms for children who will be participating in Wonderful Wednesday this year are available on the table near the Assembly Room. It is for mature four-year-olds through fifth graders. Volunteer sign-up forms are also located on the table. Two volunteers are needed each week to provide a simple meal for the children and to help with a craft project. You can also register your children and sign-up to volunteer online at [rm-umc.org](http://rm-umc.org) on our homepage. Please sign-up today. Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, September 14 from 5:00-6:30 p.m.

How does eliminating hunger sound? How does participating in an event with the ENTIRE church strike you? How does helping our neighbors fight back against hunger move you? On September 11, we're partnering with Rise Against Hunger to package 10,000\* meals. We're going to share a meal together and then we're going to get to work. All ages are welcome; there's a job for young and old. Visit our registration and donations page (<https://rm-umc.org/rise-against-hunger/>) to sign-up and to give. Your tax-deductible donations are not required to participate, yet are appreciated. \*We can package far more than that if we get more than expected in financial donations.

All women of the church are invited to the Ladies Bible Study that begins September 13. We will be studying "Discerning the Voice of God" by Priscilla Shirer. We will meet 9:30-11:30 a.m., in the Assembly Room (Redeemer's SS Classroom). Books will cost \$20 per person. Please notify Linda Walters (757-635-0109; [lindaw@shentel.net](mailto:lindaw@shentel.net)) or Peggy Hodges (540-263-2470; [peggyjhodges@hotmail.com](mailto:peggyjhodges@hotmail.com)) as soon as possible if you plan to participate so we can order books. Invite your friends and family to come too!

Alzheimer's Annual Yard Sale - What am I going to do with all of these books, clothes, games, toys, old furniture, decorations? You can donate them to the Alzheimer's Yard Sale. It is a win win. You get rid of old things and help out a great cause. This sale will be held here at the church on Saturday, October 1 from 8:00 am-1:00 pm. Contact Nancy Middaugh (540-597-7581) for more information. Volunteers are needed.

The Sontag Feeding Program is beginning again for its fifth year! To celebrate five years of feeding kids at Sontag Elementary School, we're asking for your help. Would you like to bag and deliver food? Terri Naff and Kelly Peterson will sign you up if you are interested in volunteering. We're looking for once-a-month commitments to deliver as well as quarterly commitments to bag the purchased food.

Cub Scout Pack 456 is hosting a Lego Pinewood Derby on Saturday September 24 and are in need of Legos. Specifically, they are not accepting Duplo Legos. Instead, they're looking for Legos, new and used, that you'd be willing to donate for their event. A collection bin will be available starting this Sunday in the Narthex. For more details, please email Trish Rhodes at [trhodes0456@gmail.com](mailto:trhodes0456@gmail.com).

We are collecting macaroni and cheese for Heavenly Manna this month. Please put your donations in the barrel located in the narthex. Thank You!