

- CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE -

August 30, 2026 • 11:11am

14th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING SONGS

God With Us

Good, Good Father

CALL TO WORSHIP FOR PENTECOST SEASON

Pastor: We are the people of God, united in one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one church.

Congregation: We rejoice to be together

P: We are the people of God, gathered to experience the presence of one another and the uniting power of God's Love.

C: Look around! See the beauty of this day, of the earth, of the creative wonder of Christ within us and among us.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: God of all creation,

C: We confess that we live in a world of shattered dreams and broken promises. God of good soil, clean water and fresh air, forgive our sinful natures and make us new creations fashioned in your image.

(silence for reflection / confession)

GOOD NEWS PROCLAIMED

P: People of God, God is alive and at work in this world and the next. God's creative power continues to bring love where there is hatred and healing where there is hurt. Through Jesus, all creation is sustained. Through Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are free to live as the people of God. †

C: Amen and alleluia!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PARISH NEWS

BRIDGE REFUGEE SERVICES PRESENTATION

Peter Green
Co-Sponsorship Manager

THE GOSPEL LESSON: MARK 12:41-44 *pew Bible, page 926*

Jesus points out that this poor widow gave everything she had. Centuries later we are still telling her story. She is our mentor of faithful generosity!

⁴¹ Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Coins and Candy

Pastor Bob Stelter

Sermon manuscript is available on our website: www.faithloves.org/media

SERMON SONG *Gratitude*

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

OFFERINGS FOR MISSION & MINISTRY

OFFERING SONG

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor: Merciful God,

Congregation: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD'S PRAYER / HOLY COMMUNION

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 and ever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All people are welcome at The Lord's Table! You will receive a piece of bread and then, dip the bread into either the wine (chalice) or grape juice (clear glass). Gluten-free wafers are available from the servers, just ask. All ages are invited to commune. If you do not wish to commune, you are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. We believe communion is a way to experience the presence of Jesus.

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:
"The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you."
and each person may respond: **Amen.***

COMMUNION SONG

COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Congregation: Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE SENDING OF OUR DEACON

Jacqie Mau, August 30 - September 12

The Deacon comes forward to receive their communion kit.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Congregation: Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick and homebound. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Now may God, who gives seed to the sower and grain to the reaper, provide all that we need so that we may produce a rich harvest of faith, love, justice and joy for the good of the earth and its people, all to the glory of God. Blessings. †

Congregation: Amen.

SENDING SONG *Everlasting God (Children are invited to the altar)*

DISMISSAL

Praise Band: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

ALTAR GUILD	Debbie Pinchok
GREETER	Leslie & Rick Smenner
USHERS	Melissa Horning, Nelson Titsworth
COMMUNION MINISTERS	Katie Lehner, Richard Lehner, Christina Landau, Teensy & Frank Weldon
TECH BOOTH	Dan Primka, Ian Britton, Tim Stone

*The arrangements on the altar are given by Jen & Brad Berry
in recognition of their 16th wedding anniversary.*

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PRAYERS

(Prayers are refreshed at the beginning of each month)

Members Mary Bales, Aaron Benorden, Terry Biesboer, Gene Bird, Dave Birkholz, Jan Bishop, Mary Blackburn, Roger Brown, Kathryn Butcher-Kripas, Jaigne Christman, Nancy & Leon Cole, Katie Condon, Michael Condon, Nancy Crain, Nancy Dean, Nancy Dickinson, Michelle Dionne-Kadowaki & family, Irene Dorfinger, Dawn Ellis, Patsy Elmore, John Elmore, Karoline Frasch, Pat Gary, Calvin Giles, Doug Goins, Mary Beth & Alex Green, Jonas Greenman, Anya Holbert, Deb & Doug Houck, Eric Johnson, Peggy Jurkoic, Peggy Lanning, Lin & Mike McKinley, Carol Nanney, Jen Page, Harold Peters, Joe Pigott, Linda Pigott, Joe Poole, Dr. Ted Primka, Roberts family, Tricia Saylor & family, Pamela Spaar, Bill Steele, Ann Stewart, Pat Weaver, John Woods, Matt Wright.

Friends & Families: Alderson family, Brittany Apking & Baby Bea, App family, Ben Barton, Dave Berry, Bill Birkholz, Jim Birkholz, Sheila Birkholz, Barbara Brown, Hatie & Cora Carr, Michael Carfi, Nancy Crain, Michael Damico, Dennis family, Brandy & Brian Duke, Richard Eller, Becky Ellison, Favre family, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Kathi Fenske-Hong, Cindy Gioe, Angel Gobel, Lindsey Graves, Katie Green, Matt Green, Gutelius family, Hall family, Leanne Hedges, Jeff Herbold, George Hommel, Joy Hymer, Sarah Jurkoic & Vivek Chavila, Rhonda Kaiser, Barb Korsmo, Karen Lambertson Priest, Darrin Lee, Bea Little, Loyacano family, Whit Mahan, Edna Moyes, Bob Mulligan, Scott Nelson, Josh Nichols, Donn Olson, Steve Parker, Chris Patrick, Rose & Steve Penney, Heather & V.J. Petry, Bill Porter, Shannon Remington, Mark Rogus, Sarah Ryg, Lainey Salles family, Savilisky, Marilyn Savilisky, Scaglione family, Jim Scheivert family, Richard Sena, Jim Shea, Debbie Shinholt, Lynn Siegfried & family, Augustina Solace, Sherry Solfe, Garrison Stephens, Leora Stewart, Janine & Tommy Swenson, Audra Tyler Moore, Frank Tyler, Beverly Vasalar, Janet Wengert, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Renée Zalesky, Zenher family, Carrie, Chris, Danielle & family, Dan, Darcy, David D., David F., Dianne, Dottie S., Duskin, Felix, Giovanni, Jan & Frank, Janie, Jodi, Kayla, Kevin, Lisa M., Matty, Rachael & Curtis, RMG, Robert, Sally W., Sarah, Shelly W., Yong & family *and those we name to You.*

Comfort in the midst of death for the families and friends of: David Nelson, George Hommel, Brandy & Jeremy Jenkins, Bob Staltard, Richard Christman, Bob Carr, Carter, Bobby Heck, Teresa Black.

Hope and recovery for all the victims of the earthquakes in Columbia.

Shepherd of Hope Pantry Friends: Austin, Cheyanne, Angel, Janie, Rachel, Hayden, Terah, Shirley, Sonya, Siler, Emma, Hestor, Kevin, Laura, Ted & Sandra, Kristi & Trent, Carolyn, Tommy, Charlene, Charlie, Bill, Jan, Roddy & family, Floyd, Gerald, MJ, Tony, Anna, Lyllianne, Tamilia, Joseph, Captain Chance, Paul & Teresa, Hardy, Jackie, Christie, Westen, Charlie, Lynn, Tonya, Rin, Shelley, Willie, James, Mary, Judy & family, Courtney, Betty, Joyce, Joshua, Veloz, Jose, Judy or Angel & her unborn baby, Linda, Betty, Amber, Sgt. Weitzel, Kat, Autumn, Jayden, Zach, Kyle, Susan & family *and those known to God.*

Salvation Army Vickie, Stephanie, Laura, Sue, Kanata, Carissa, Destiny, Amanda, Alfredo, Loren, Jimmy & Kelli, Chris, James, Cole, Matt & daughter, Vickie, Stephanie, Teresa, Jennifer, Leah, Jennifer, Sandra, Randy, Robert, Alfredo, Stephen, Matthew, Gibby, James, Chris *and those known to God.*

Concern & Assistance: Those dealing with addiction while incarcerated. Veterans. Mentally & physically challenged. First Responders. Refugees and those living in fear of deportation. The people of Nigeria, Iran, Israel, Lebanon, Syria, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia. Persecuted Christians.

Partnerships: Bishop Yehiel Curry & the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Bishop Kevin Strickland & the Southeastern Synod; Seminarian Sam Sosebee; Alicia & David Brondos, Missionaries in Mexico; Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry; Via de Cristo Ministry; English Language Learning (ELL) Classes; Quiet Music Ministry; Tyson House; Deacon Ministry; Knox Area Rescue Ministry; Salvation Army Homeless Shelters; Street Hope; Alzheimer's Support Group; Cole Center Parkinson Band and Caregivers; Mercy Ships; Guatemala Lutheran Church & School; AL-ANON; Narcotics Anonymous.

Peace & Protection for all armed forces, especially: Jacob Cole, Anthony Hu, HM, Andrew McDonald, Alena Nawlrooki, Alex Primka, Chris Yonke, Mitchell Yount.

WELCOME

We're glad you're here. Please fill-in a yellow worship card or scan the QR code so we can stay in touch!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

KID COAT DRIVE

- We are collecting new and clean, gently used children's coats to donate. A thick, warm coat can make a world of difference when they wait outside for the school bus on a cold winter morning. The collection tub is located in the Narthex hallway.

KARM Visit

- We're looking for volunteers to help with our KARM lunch on Saturday, September 12 at 10:30 a.m. Here's how you can help:
 - Join us at KARM to serve lunch
 - Make a casserole or bake brownies ahead of time and drop them off before that day.

WAYS TO GIVE

 Give with cash or check in the offering plate during service.

 Give online using the QR code or visit faithloves.org and select "Donate Now".



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As followers of Jesus, we rejoice in God's plan for a just, loving and peaceful world. We commit ourselves to making it a reality for all people everywhere. Just as all are welcome at the Lord's table during holy communion, all are welcome to this family of faith. People of all races, ages, social status, sexual orientations and gender identities are united here in our mission to love God, Love Others, Serve.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 30

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 10 a.m. English Language Class (ELL)
- 10:15 a.m. Fellowship, Sunday School
- 11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
- 5 p.m. Celtic Worship

Monday, August 31

- 12 p.m. Via de Cristo Reunion
- 3 p.m. Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry
- 3 p.m. Generosity Team
- 6:15 English Language Class

Tuesday, September 1

- 1:30 p.m. Bible Study Class
- 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, September 2

- 5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 3

- 10:30 a.m. Author's Guild of Tennessee
- 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, September 4

- 9:30 a.m. Cole Center Caregivers
- 7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, September 5

- 11 a.m. Al-Anon

Sunday, September 6

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 10 a.m. English Language Class (ELL)
- 10:15 a.m. Fellowship, Sunday School
- 11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
- 12:15 p.m. Deacon Meeting

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LECTIONARY READINGS

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

M: 2 Samuel 11:2-26, Revelation 3:1-6, Psalm 17

T: 2 Samuel 11:27b— 12:15, Revelation 3:7-13, Psalm 17

W: Jeremiah 17:5-18, Matthew 12:22-32, Psalm 17

Th: Ezekiel 24:1-14, 2 Corinthians 12:11-21, Psalm 119:33-40

F: Ezekiel 24:15-27, Romans 10:15b-21, Psalm 119:33-40

S: Ezekiel 33:1-6, Matthew 23:29-36, Psalm 119:33-40

S: Ezekiel 33:7-11, Psalm 119:33-40, Romans 13:8-14, Matthew 18:15-20

FAITHFUL RESPONSE

Offerings last week: **\$14,246**

Offerings year to date: **\$614,137**

SERMON NOTES

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