SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
14th Sunday after Pentecost
August 29, 2021
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Time for quiet prayer and meditation . . .
"Be still and know that I am God."

We Come Before God in Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "The Gift of Love" arr. Tucker
Handbell Quartet

* Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord!
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
People: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.
Leader: Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.
People: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!
(Psalm 111:1-3, 9)

* Hymn "Come, Thou Fount" No. 475

* Prayer of Confession (unison)

Good and gracious God,
we know that we get stuck in our ways.
We would rather take the comfortable path than the challenging road.
We are more focused on the way we've always done things
than on becoming the people you have called us to be.
We trust in the world's wisdom instead of your grace,
and are reluctant to let Jesus lead us.

Forgive us, God of grace.
Pour out your mercy upon us
so that we may live in a way that is pleasing to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon

* Gloria Patri

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

God Gives to Us Through His Word

Scripture Lesson Psalm 104:24-34, 36b

L: O Lord how manifold are your works!
In wisdom have you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
P: Here is the sea, great and wide,
which teems with creatures innumerable,
living things both small and great.
L: These all look to you,
to give them their food in due season.
P: When you give it to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
L: When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.
P: **When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,**
and you renew the face of the ground.
L: May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works,
who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke!
P: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
L: May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the Lord.
P: Bless the Lord, O my soul!
Praise the Lord!

Anthem "Be Still" arr. McDonald
Adult Choir (11:00 a.m.)

Scripture Lesson Ezekiel 37:1-14

Sermon "O Dry Bones, Hear the Word of the Lord" Dr. Gravely

* Hymn "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" No. 286

We Respond to God's Word

* 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.

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Call to Prayer "If You Believe and I Believe" arr. Bell
Adult Choir (11:00 a.m.)

Prayers of the People 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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Morning Has Broken" arr. Blake

* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication No. 606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Hymn "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" No. 182

* Charge and Benediction

* Benediction Response "Make Us Holy, Make Us Whole"

In your love, make us whole. May we rest in your compassion.
Calm the lost, weary soul in the warmth of your love.
May your peace fill our hearts. May we know the love of Jesus.
By your grace, you console. Make us holy, make us whole.

* Postlude "Fanfare of Praise" arr. Krug

** Congregation Stands*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please write your request, tear off this form, fold, and place in the offering plate.

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Name and date: (optional)

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(These are kept confidential!)

The Tuesday Morning Prayer Group meets each week at 10:00 a.m. to pray for the EPC family and any other special needs.

WELCOME TO VISITORS

If you are visiting today, we would like you to know that it is a privilege to have you with us. It is our hope that you will find a warm welcome and an atmosphere to worship God.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my father, John Wallis, given by Jean Smith.

NEW INFORMATION???
New phone number? New email address? Any changes in your family's information?

To keep the church's records current, fill out the form below and return it in the offering plate, or call/email the office.

Name: _____

New Information: _____

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Wonderful Wednesday
Meal Reservation

September 1

Pizza, Salad, & Dessert

Prepared by: Domino's
Robert Sams

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Family Name

# of meals _____

$5 per plate

Reservation deadline is by 12:00 noon on Mondays!!! You may call the church office at 859-4220 or sign up online.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS TODAY

9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Ellen Young	Charlene Brock

CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS TODAY

9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Ginna Lister	Krissy & Matt Davidson

SAFE PLACE MONITOR
David Owen

AUGUST GREETERS

9:00 a,m,	10:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Kathy Lyles	Carolyn Brice	John Dockery
Phil Lyles		Jean Smith

AUGUST USHERS

Elizabeth Weaver, Head
Mary Crittendon, Asst.
Marian Dawkins
Chuck Dawkins
David Weaver
Eddie Crittendon

MEMBER NEWS

We give thanks to God for His servant, Sally Hansen, who died on August 18, 2021, and we express Christian love and sympathy to her family.

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