

Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 29, 2025

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

Mary McDonald

Prelude

*Call to Worship

L: Jesus said, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of people.”

P: Lord, help us follow where You lead.

L: Jesus said, “If any wish to come after Me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Me.”

P: Lord, help us put You first and follow You.

L: Jesus said, “Whoever serves Me must follow Me, and where I am, there will My servant be also.”

P: Lord, help us follow You that we may serve You.

L: The peace of Christ be with all of you.

P: And also with you. Let us worship God.

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn 467 (blue)

How Great Thou Art

Call to Confession / Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, You claimed us as Your own in our baptisms and called us to be Your covenant people. We confess we do not live as people created in Your image, nor do we lead lives worthy of the calling to which we have been called. Jesus still calls, “Follow Me” and we offer excuses because we can’t do that. Jesus calls us to new life in the Spirit, and we cling to our old habits and tired traditions. Gracious God, forgive our sins. Open our ears and hearts to hear Jesus’ call and give us grace and strength to respond in faith and love. In Jesus’s name we pray. Amen. *Silent Confession*

Assurance of Pardon

Titus 3:4-7

L: When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, God saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to God’s mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit God poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by God’s grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

P: Thanks be to God!

*Congregational Response

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, Amen.

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

Children’s Time

*Hymn 326 (blue)

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Old Testament Lesson

Psalms 119:11-16

Anthem

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Lesson

John 1:43-51

Sermon

Nathaniel, a Learned Disciple

Selina Malherbe

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

from *A Declaration of Faith*

We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because He shares our humanity and has bound us to Himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge His rule. But His lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord. He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now He is Lord.

Prayers of the People followed by The Lord’s Prayer

Call for the Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

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

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 388 (blue)

O Jesus, I Have Promised

*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude

*Please stand, as able

Prayer Concerns: David Beggs, friend of Chris Shepherd; Matt DeMay, son of Merrie Dawkins; Alexander Elliott, grandson of Tommy Wilson; Robert Hilton, son of Susan Morgan; Brian Mitchell; Stephen Neal; Clyde Smith; Misty Smith; Art and Margaret Thompson; Cheyenne Thompson, friend of Michele Weatherly; Kennette Watkins, daughter-in-law of Neal and Trudy Watkins

We welcome Selina Malherbe back to the pulpit this morning and thank her for her faithful service to our congregation.

The church office will be closed Friday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

Plan to join us for worship next Sunday at 11:00am. Dr. David A. Cagle will be delivering our message.

Thank you to all of our Vacation Bible School volunteers.

Our housekeeper, Melanie is moving next month. If you would like to recommend someone to fill her spot on our staff, call Pam (910.331.0841) or Sondra (910.417.0103). We would be happy to consider them!

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