

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 14, 2025

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship Luke 15:1-10

L: Have you come here to grumble?

P: No! We are here to rejoice!

L: Oh. Are you lost?

P: No! We are found!

L: Okay, I see. Do you seek a welcome at this table?

P: Yes! We are here to let go of the past and begin fresh.

L: We are here to celebrate the joy of heaven.

P: We are here to feast with Christ, our Lord!

L: Wonderful! You are in the right place.

P: You are welcome here.

L: Let’s worship God together!

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn 483 (red) *Lead On, O King Eternal*

Call to Confession 1 Timothy 1:15

L: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

P: With confidence born out of faith in Christ’s power to save and deliver us, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession Psalm 51:1-10

God of loving kindness, have mercy on us. According to Your multitude of tender mercies, blot out our transgressions, thoroughly wash us from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin.

We know our transgressions, our sin, our evil done against You as we distort Your love and corrupt Your creation. From the moment of our conception we have worked to separate ourselves from Your love.

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach us wisdom, purge and clean our hearts, put Your Spirit anew within us. Let us hear joy and gladness so that our ragged bones might rejoice with You. *Silent Confession*

Assurance of Pardon 1 Timothy 1:14-16

L: Hear the good news: With utmost patience, Christ offers mercy so that we may thrive in eternal life.

In Christ’s name, we are forgiven!

P: Thanks be to God! May the grace of our Lord overflow for us with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

*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

Prayer of Illumination

Children’s Time

Old Testament Reading Psalm 51:1-10

Anthem *God Is In His Holy Temple*

New Testament Reading Luke 15:1-10

Sermon *Let’s Party!* Dr. David Cagle

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*Hymn 326 (red) *Softly and Tenderly*

*Affirmation of Faith The Confession of 1967

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among His own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women. But His complete obedience led Him into conflict with His people.

His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected Him and demanded His death. In giving Himself freely for them, He took upon Himself the judgment under which everyone stands convicted. God raised Him from the dead, vindicating Him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all.

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 201 (red)

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

SENDING OUT IN GOD'S NAME

*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude

*Please stand, as able

Prayer Concerns: Alexander Elliott, grandson of Tommy Wilson; Robert Hilton, son of Susan Morgan; Carol Manley, sister-in-law of Martha Richardson; Brian Mitchell; Misty Smith; Art and Margaret Thompson; Kennette Watkins, daughter-in-law of Neal and Trudy Watkins

Flowers are given by Jim and Debbie Butler to the glory of God and in loving memory of our fathers, Pete Hunt and Ed Butler.

Children's Church and Nursery attendants today are Pam Satterfield and Kason Jurczyk. If you are willing to serve on a rotating schedule, call or text Karen Allen at 910.995.2001. We will have an activity planned for you prior to your Sunday.

Friendsday Wednesday returns this week with a menu of: hot dogs and all the trimmings. Dinner starts at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Next Sunday is Ramen Day. Remember to bring noodles for Our Daily Bread.

John Earl will be our guest minister for the next two Sundays.

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