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In preparing our hearts for worship, we will be dimming the lights in the narthex, indicating a time to prepare ourselves for worship. Please enter the sanctuary quietly and in time to hear the welcome and announcements.

June 29, 2025

Third Sunday in Pentecost



Prayer of Preparation

Teach us your way, O Lord, that we may walk in your truth;
Give us an undivided heart to revere your name.
Psalm 86.11

We Enter into God's Presence

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Prelude

Fairest Lord Jesus

Brent Edstrom

Welcome / Greetings

Pastor Bruce Mulder

Signing of the Friendship Pad & Prayer Cards

*Call to Worship based on Psalm 91 and Romans 10

Liturgist

As we are called into worship today, it is sobering to remember that when God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus, most of the world did not recognize him and therefore did

not worship him. Today we ask for the faith that will open our eyes to see Jesus for who he is, that we might worship him in truth. People of God, behold and see your God!

We open our eyes to see his glory.

We open our ears to hear his wisdom.

We open our hands to offer him gifts.

We open our mouths to sing his praise.

We open our hearts to offer him our love.

Jesus Christ is Lord!

*Opening Hymn #720

Jesus Calls Us

**1. Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying, "Christian follow me."**

**2. Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."**

**3. In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."**

**4. Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
Give our hearts to thy obedience, serve and love thee best of all.**

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, we confess that we have elevated the things of this world above you. We have made idols of possessions and people and used your name for causes that are not consistent with you and your purposes. We have permitted our schedules to come first and have not taken the time to worship you. We have not always honored those who guided us in life. We have participated in systems that take life instead of give it. We have been unfaithful in our covenant relationships. We have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that which is not ours, and we have misrepresented others' intentions.

Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we fall short of your glory. Help us to learn to live together according to your ways through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance – Romans 5

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from Death through him!

We are forgiven; we are freed. Thanks be to God. Amen.

We Hear God's Word

Reading

Luke 9.51-62

Liturgist

Luke 9.51-62

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." And Jesus^[c] said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." And Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

O Lord Most Holy/Panis Angelicus
Soprano Soloist- Mary Carson

Franck- Scott

Sermon

"In the Face of the Cross"

Offertory & Collection of Prayer Cards

*Doxology #606

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

We Respond to God's Word

Prayer of the People, Thanksgiving, & The Lord's Prayer

Liturgist

We offer ourselves to you, O God, our Creator.

We offer our hands.

Use healing touch to comfort sisters, brothers, and children who are afraid.

We offer our eyes and ears.

May we see and hear the signs and stories of violence so that all may have someone with them in their pain and confusion.

We offer our hearts and our tears

as their hurt and sorrow echo within us.

May we be healed as we embrace each other.

We offer our anger.

Make it a passion for justice.

We offer all our skills.

Use our gifts to end violence.

We offer our faith, our hope, our love.

May our encounters with violence bring us closer to you and to each other.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ, who teaches us to pray

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.

We Follow God's Word into the World

*Hymn of Sending #721

Lord You Have Come to the Lakeshore

1. Lord, you have come to the lakeshore looking neither
For wealthy nor wise ones; you only asked me to follow humbly.
2. You know so well my possessions; my boat carries
No gold and no weapons; you will find there my nets and labor.
3. You need my hands, full of caring, through my labors
To give others rest and constant love that keeps on loving.
4. You, who have fished other oceans, ever longed for
By souls who are waiting, my loving friend, as thus you call me:

Refrain:

**O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
And while smiling have spoken my name;
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me.
By your side I will seek other seas**

Benediction

Pastor Bruce Mulder

Postlude

Crown Him with Many Crowns

arr. Jason Payne

50 Backpacks for Kids in Foster Care (Deadline: Sunday, July 6)

Heads up! Members and friends who love shopping for back-to-school items! This year we are committed to filling 50 backpacks for kids who are in foster care. On the bulletin board in the foyer, the Mission Team has a photo list of specific items that need to be purchased. If you would like to participate: (1) Take a tag with a photo; (2) Provide your name and phone number on the provided line; (3) Bring in the item/s with the tag/s attached and place in the bin below the bulletin board. Then, on Sunday, July 13, we'll pack the 50 backpacks together with all the items during fellowship time!

CARES Food Pantry

The number of people needing assistance in providing enough food for their family continues to grow. Between 750 and 800 households are served by CARES each month. Please take home a yellow CARES shopping list, found in the pews, and take it with you on your next shopping trip. We have provided a plastic bin in the Narthex for your generous donations. Thank you for remembering your neighbors.

Cereal for Summer Campaign (May 1 – July 6)

No child should go hungry. However, many kids who rely on receiving breakfast and lunch during the school year often face long summer days without enough to eat. Join our annual CEREAL FOR SUMMER CAMPAIGN and help us feed hungry children in our presbytery. The Mission Ministry will be accepting cereal donations from May 1 until July 6. See the marked containers in the Mission Cove in the foyer. Thank you again for your continuing generosity in supporting this effort.

DCDI's Garden and Nutrition Class (starting June 7)

Danika Community Development Inc (DCDI) was founded to support and promote initiatives that serve underserved populations in areas where they need support the most. FPCF also sponsors DCDI's Resume Writing & Practice Interview Workshop held a couple times per year at our church.

Once again this year, FPCF is sponsoring **DCDI's Garden and Nutrition Class, every Saturday, from 9:30 am – 11:30 am**. Sometimes we'll be in the classroom (Room 208/210) and sometimes in the garden. If you would like to volunteer to help, it's a great opportunity to build community with others we don't already know while learning something new. Even if you already know a lot about gardening, there is still much to learn from others. Let's grow veggies

with our neighbors! **If you have any questions, please contact Tom Neal, Sharon Cressman, or Colleen Tavor.**

Hospitality Time Schedule

You are invited to bring ONE food item on ONE Sunday each month. Your Sunday depends on the first letter of your last name. It would be greatly appreciated if you are also able to help with set-up or clean-up. Please note healthy options are welcome as well such as fruit, eggs, cheese & crackers, veggies etc. Here’s the upcoming schedule:

June 29: Last names beginning L-R

July 6: Last names beginning S-Z

July 13: Last names beginning A-D

July 20: Last names beginning E-K

July 27: Last names beginning L-R



QR Code for Donations!

If you ever forget to go to the ATM, or simply don’t carry cash on you, we’ve decided to include the church QR code for a more streamlined donation process. To donate, just scan the QR code and follow the prompt just scan the QR code and follow

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