



**We will tell to the coming generation  
the glorious deeds of the Lord  
and his might  
and the wonders that he has done.**

*Psalm 78:4*

July 21, 2024

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Order of Worship

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

*Where you see an asterisk (\*), please rise in body or spirit.*

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC (10:30) — “Berceuse” — Louis Vierne

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### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE — Prelude on “Germany” (“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”)

— Charles Callahan

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### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: People of God, run to our welcoming God.

People: **Holy One, you never pass us by.**

Leader: People of God, proclaim our love for the God of Love.

People: **Beloved One, you hear our voices; you answer our cries and receive our praise.**

Leader: People of God, sing God's good news to the world.

People: **Empowering One, you give us power to be signs of the kingdom of heaven.**

### \*OPENING PRAYER

\*OPENING HYMN #367 — “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

## WE CONFESS OUR SINS

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever-present, ever-listening, and ever-empowering God, we often fall short when responding to your love. You promise us blessings, yet we often laugh in cynicism and disbelief. You always love us, yet we often act distant and even hostile. You empower us to be your loving presence, yet we often seek this power for ourselves. We call upon you now, knowing that you hear our voices and our supplications. We call upon you in this place, knowing that no accomplishment is too wonderful for you to accomplish. For there is no limit to your love for all people, and there is no end to your mercy.

**SILENT CONFESSION and KYRIE — #551**

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.  
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**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*THE GLORIA — #583**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!  
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**HYMN #453 — “Open Your Ears, O Faithful People”** (10:30 only; remain seated)

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Psalm 78:4-7 — pg. 537 in OT**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — Matthew 9:35-38 — pg. 9 in NT**

**MESSAGE — “Looking for all the right things in all the wrong places”**

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*APOSTLES' CREED** (p. 17 in *Glory to God*—10:30 only)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## OFFERING

**Offertory (8:30) — “Yisrael v’oraita” (“Open Your Ears, O Faithful People”)**

— **John Ferguson**

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**(10:30) — “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” — Lloyd Larson**

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**\*Doxology — #607**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**WE DEPART IN JOY TO SERVE**

**\*SENDING HYMN #343 — “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION — All-Church Prayer (see insert)**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION (10:30 only; #546, v 1)**

**Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each,  
your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. O refresh us, O refresh us,  
traveling through this wilderness.**

**POSTLUDE — Toccata — Théodore Dubois**

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The Rev. Sandra Stogsdill Nichols, *Pastor*

Patrick Yancey, *Commissioned Associate Pastor*

The Rev. Dr. Neil Weatherhogg, *Pastor Emeritus*

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Dr. Dina Pannabecker Evans, *Organist*

Dr. Cynthia Neufeld Smith, *Assistant Organist*

Norma Pettijohn, *Organist Emeritus*

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