

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PUBLIC WORSHIP
11:00 A.M.
Pastor Mark Douyard

LARGE PRINT hymnals available
NURSERY is available upon request during the Worship Service
SUNDAY SCHOOL is available for children up to 9 years old
*All who are able may stand

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: *"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"* – Dale Wood

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT:

Our mission is to provide a church home that serves our congregation and our community through praise, worship, and Christian outreach with a determination to live by God's Word and for God's glory.

SEPTEMBER MISSION: Collecting items for the residents in the Memory Unit at Berlin Nursing Home.

INTROIT: *"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"*

CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader/**People**)

The truly happy person does not follow wicked advice, does not stand with sinners, nor sit with the disrespectful.

The happy person delights in the law of the Lord and they recite the law day and night.

They are like a tree replanted by streams of water, which bears fruit at just the right time and whose leaves do not fade.

Whatever they do succeeds, for the Lord knows the way of the righteous but the way of the wicked will perish. (Psalm 1)

Let us worship God.

*HYMN: #372 (PRESBYTERIAN Hymnal) *"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. We sow seeds of conflict while you seek the harvest of peace. We argue about who is greatest while you welcome the last and the least. Forgive us, God of grace. Draw near to us this day with the wisdom of your Word, and teach us how to serve you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Moment of Silence)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Leader/**People**)

God hears our confession, rejoicing as we desire to amend our ways. God lifts us up from hopelessness to rejoice in the company of saints. God acknowledges the forces that separate us from Him, and brings us peace. Rejoice in the knowledge of our reconciliation and a life lived in the presence of God.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*SONG OF PRAISE: *You are the Lord, giver of mercy! You are the Christ, giver of mercy! You are the Lord, giver of mercy!*

CONCERNS and JOYS

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER: *(Traditional) Inside back cover of Hymnals*

*WORDS & GESTURES OF PEACE: *The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.*

THE PROCLAIMING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Loving God, fill us with your love and infuse us with your wisdom, so that we might hear and live your Word this day. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a (Pew Bible Page 230)

Liturgist

Wisdom from above is pure, peaceful, gentle; draw near to God

ANTHEM: *"Thy Holy Wings"* – Michael Burkhardt

Choir

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 9:30-37 (Pew Bible Page 45)

Liturgist

Jesus foretells his dying and rising; then he welcomes a little child

SERMON: *"Ambitious Disciples"*

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*HYMN: #339 (PRESBYTERIAN Hymnal) *"Be Thou My Vision"*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *(from a Brief Statement of Faith)*

"In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one true God, the Holy One of Israel, whom we alone worship and serve...We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully, God...We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love, God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community...We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life...With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Amen.

THE RESPONDING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

*SONG OF DEDICATION: *"Doxology"*

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen."

* OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)

We trust, O God, in your provision and loving kindness. Use these gifts and our lives that we might bear your fruit with praise and thanksgiving. We ask this in confidence of your mercy and love. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN: #447 (PRESBYTERIAN Hymnal) *"Lead On, O King Eternal"*

*CHARGE and BLESSING

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*CLOSING SONG:

Go now in peace. Never be afraid God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen. Amen. Amen.

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* POSTLUDE: *Voluntary VI, Movt.2: Corno* – John Stanley

Director of Music – Matthew Gillis