

celebration of christian worship

WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF GOD

Welcome and Sharing of the Peace Dr. Leonard Ezell

Prelude *Psalm XX* Benedetto Marcello
Melvin Hale, organ

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 103:8-13) Dr. Ezell

Leader: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.
He will not always accuse, nor will He harbor His anger forever;

Congregation: He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

Leader: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

Congregation: As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him.

*Hymn #295 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

*Invocation Dr. Ezell

Hymn #603 *Jesus Loves Me* CHINA
The children are invited forward for the children's sermon.

Children's Sermon Bobby Rayburn

WE LIFT OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

Prayers of the People (from Saint Francis of Assisi) Congregation
Sung by all # 385 *Hear our Prayer, O Lord*

Spoken by all:
**Lord, make me an instrument of Your Peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy**

Sung by all # 385 *Hear our Prayer, O Lord*

Spoken by all:
**O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we re-
ceive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born
to eternal life. Amen.**

Sung by all # 385 *Hear our Prayer, O Lord*

*Hymn of Reflection #500 *Just As I Am (vss. 1,3,5 & 6 only)* WOODWORTH

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*Offertory Prayer Linda Miller

Offertory *He is Exalted* arr. Lloyd Larson
Olivia Newcomb and Sean Whitson, duet; Lori Bade, piano

*Response Doxology #705 *Glory Be to the Father* 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.**

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading Genesis 50:15-21 Melissa Hall

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Choral Praise *The Meditations of My Heart* Elaine Hagenberg

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord.
O Lord my Rock, O Lord my strength, O Lord my God and Redeemer.

Sermon *God Meant it For Good* Dr. Ezell

*Hymn of Response #501 *I Am Resolved* RESOLUTION

*Benediction Bobby Rayburn
Go, now, as instruments of God's peace: where there is hatred, sow love;
where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy. And may love, pardon, faith, hope, light,
and joy be yours in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN.

*Postlude *Toccata on How Firm a Foundation* Gordon Young
Melvin Hale, piano

***The congregation is invited to stand.**

ministry opportunities

Sunday, September 17

- 9:15 A Sunday School
- 10:30 A Worship Service
- 4:00 P Belles and Beaux
- 5:30 P Youth
- 6:00 P Veritas Bible Study

Tuesday, September 19

- 9:30 A Yoga
- 10:00 A Quilting

Wednesday, September 20

- 9:30 A Bible Study with Dr. Ezell, Old Testament
- 5:00 P Quilt Class
- 6:30 P Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 22

- 9:30 A Yoga
- 11:30 A LLL Potluck

Sunday, September 24

- 9:15 A Sunday School
- 10:30 A Worship Service,
- 4:00 P Belles and Beaux
- 5:30 P Youth
- 6:00 P Veritas Bible Study

LLL Potluck... September 22, 11:30 a.m.. Entertainment will be the Johnson Sisters Gospel Singers. Please bring a side or dessert. Church will provide fried chicken. Sign up now!

Southeast Ministries... Southeast Ministries needs canned soup, grocery bags, cereal or any breakfast food. Bring boxes/items to any of the collection cans at all church entrances.

Family Gathering and Quarterly Business Meeting...

Sunday, October 15, following worship. The church will provide fried chicken and we are asking you to provide sides (last names J-z) and desserts (last names A-I) We will vote on the proposed 2024 budget. Contact the church office to sign up!

Great Rivers Fellowship... Learn more about our new Great Rivers Fellowship on their website greatriversfellowship.org

Veritas Sunday Night Bible Study... Sundays, 6-7 p.m., in the church small dining room. Looking for an evening Bible study that covers uncommon topics at a deeper level of conversation? You are invited to join Dr. Ezell for *Veritas* (Latin for "Truth"). Our requested first topic of study is *Heaven, Hell, and the Devil: A History of the Afterlife and its Gatekeepers*. More details to come!

Quarterly Business Statements... Quarterly Statements can be picked up outside the piano side on the table.

Volunteers Needed... If you have an interest in reading or leading a call to worship during worship services please contact the church office.

Save the Date... Saturday, October 28. BBQ Cook Off and Trunk or Treat!

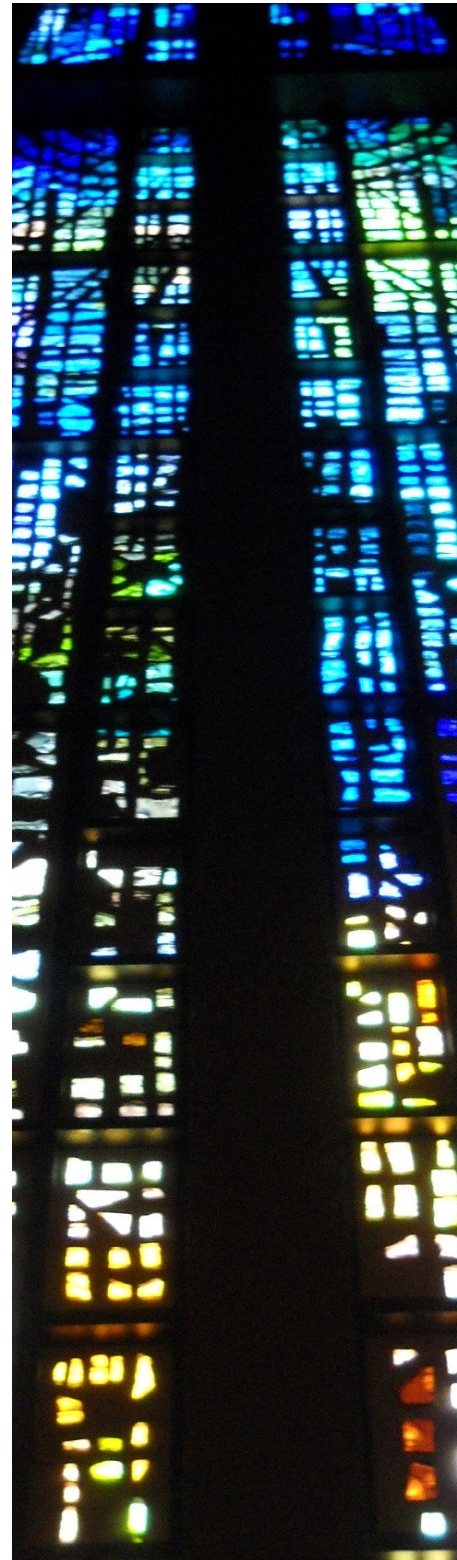
Extended Session Volunteers... We are asking for volunteers to help with extended session on Sunday mornings during service to help with our small children. We need 1-2 volunteers each Sunday to serve on a rotational basis. Contact the office to sign up!

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speaking kindly to them."*

Genesis 5:21

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