GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

** Please rise in body or spirit*

Welcome and Announcements

Visitors, please fill out the connection card in the pew so we can send you a note

Opening Prayer Vikki Smith

God, in love you made us and by love you have redeemed us. May your love for us bear fruit in our forgiveness of others, that in this life we may know your all-embracing compassion and receive the joy of fellowship. Amen.

Prelude *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive* Kenneth Koschke

Choral Introit *We Give Thanks Unto Thee* Marty Haugen

***Call to Worship (Responsive)** Vikki Smith

Give praise to God!
Praise the Lord, for it is God who saves. . . .
It is God who forgives. . . .
It is God who delivers. . . .
Give thanks and praise to the Lord!

***Hymn** *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive* #444

Prayer for New Beginnings (Unison) Vikki Smith

Gracious and loving God, thank you for this day. Strengthen my resolve to love and show mercy throughout the day. Lead my feet to your holy dwelling place, and guide the work I have to do for today. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace (Responsive)**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

***Congregational Response** *In My Life* #468 v.1,4

In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In my life, Lord, be glorified today,
In your world, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination Vikki Smith

Holy God, your Word is strong and leads our feet to your holy dwelling place. Strengthen and guide us with your Word through the power of your Holy Spirit; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Psalm 114: 1-8 Vikki Smith

When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language, Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel his dominion. The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back. The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs. Why is it, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back? O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs? Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob, who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Word in Music *We Will Praise You* Praetorius/Wagner

Gospel Reading Matthew 18: 21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason, the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So, the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So, my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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Sermon Rev. Jeff Sockwell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn** *Help Us Accept Each Other* #754

***Affirmation of Faith (Unison)** the Confession of Belhar

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ. We believe that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. We believe that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker. We believe that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Prayers of the People / Lord's Prayer (Responsive)

…through Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who taught us this prayer:
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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive* David Lasky

***Doxology** #606

***Prayer of Dedication**

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***Hymn** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* #65

***Blessing**

May the Creator who made the light, the Christ who is the light, and the Spirit who ignites the light within abide with you and all creation now and always. Amen.

Postlude *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* Paul Manz

Those Serving Today
Rev. Jeff Sockwell, Pastor
Vikki Smith, Liturgist
Deb Kuntzelman, Greeter
Paul Vincent, Technology
Rachel Gragson, Organist
and Choir Director

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Prayer Concerns

Dawn Kidd, Joe Medlin, Deb Kuntzelman, Julie Foster, Tom and Kathy Traywick, Charles Gregg, Larry and Dianne Roby, Dylan DeVries, Brad and Kathy Post, Mary Midgett, Bette Lou Campbell, Joe Gibbs and Sam Gibbs, Norman Lawrence.

This Week

Wednesday - Tai Chi/Qigong 9:00 am (in fellowship hall)
Wednesday – Celtic Spirituality 10:30 am (in the parlor)
Thursday - Painting Pals 1:00-4:00 pm (in fellowship hall)
Sunday September 20 – Called Session meeting to receive new members 11:10 am (in the parlor)
Sunday September 20 - Stated Session Meeting following worship

Announcements

Welcome – We are glad you are here.

Celtic Spirituality – Jeff will continue the course on Celtic Spirituality on Wednesday September 16 at 10:30 am in the parlor.

New Member Sunday – We will receive new members Sunday September 20. If you would like to talk about joining Cann, please contact Jeff to set up a time to talk.

Blessing Box – This month we celebrate 3 years of supporting our neighbors with items in the Blessing Box. The most needed items for September are canned soup, peanut butter, and canned chicken.

We are collecting any calendars and utensil packets from any carry-out meals you do not need. A basket is in the fellowship hall by the outside door to collect these.

August Financial information:

Offering received	Offering needed:
August: $5005	August: $10,514

September Birthdays

September 8 – Elissa Myers
September 9 – Ife Berry
September 11 – Lativia Allen
September 13 – Deb Kuntzelman
September 26 – Bette Lou Campbell
September 29 – Amy Morris
September 29 – Vikki Smith

Cann Memorial Presbyterian Church

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 13, 2026
11:30 am



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