GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

** Please rise in body or spirit*

Welcome and Announcements
We welcome you to worship this day. If you are with us in person or watching on your device, know that you are fully present in the sight of God.

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

Moment for Mission Vikki Smith

Opening Prayer Laura DeVries

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Prelude *For the Fruit of All Creation* Edwin Childs

Choral Introit *Heaven is Singing for Joy* Pablo Sosa

***Call to Worship (Responsive)** Laura DeVries

In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.
Christ dwells among us and is one with us.
Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.
He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.
Come now, all who thirst,
and drink the water of life.
Come now, all who hunger,
and be filled with good things.
Come now, all who seek,
and be warmed by the fire of love.

***Hymn** *For the Fruit of All Creation* #36

Prayer for New Beginnings (Unison) Laura DeVries

Mighty God, we do not yet see the glory you plan for all humankind, but in faith we do see Jesus. We thank you for the humility and holiness in which he lived and died. We praise you that he freed us from our sin, that he comforts and strengthens us through our struggles, and that he gives us courage to follow him. For this, we now join with all creation and shout for joy: Holy, holy, holy are you, Lord! 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 Laura Devries

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading Psalm 25: 1-9 Laura DeVries

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord! Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

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

Word in Music *Unto Thee, O Lord* Virgil Ford

Gospel Reading Matthew 21: 33-34

Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce.

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Sermon *They Do Not Own It* Rev. Don Morris

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn** *O God, Who Gives Us Life* #53

***Affirmation of Faith (Unison)** **From Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A's 54-55**

I believe that the Son of God, through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member. The communion of saints— believers one and all—as members of this community, share in Christ and in all his treasures and gifts. Each member should consider it a duty to use these gifts readily and cheerfully for the service and enrichment of the other members.

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

…using the prayer you taught 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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

The willingness to give is a sign of life. The fruit tree gives of its fruit, and we know it is alive. When it no longer gives, we know real life has gone out of it. The heart that hoards the blessings of God is no longer alive with spiritual power. To give is to live.

Offertory *O God, Who Gives Us Life* Gordon Phillips

***Doxology** #606

***Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**

God of life, we pray that our unity will be seen not only in what we believe but also in how we work together to be salt and light in this world. May our gifts today be a sign for each other and the world, that we pledge to work together in your name for the healing of this broken and hurting world. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***Hymn** *Go in Grace and Make Disciples* #296

***Blessing**

May the God who makes everything holy and whole, make you holy and whole, put you together— spirit, soul, and body— and keep you fit for the coming of our Master, Jesus Christ. The One who called you is completely dependable. If he said it, he will do it! **Amen.**

Postlude *Trumpeting in B Flat Major* James Melby

Those Serving Today
Rev. Don Morris, Guest Pastor
Laura DeVries, Liturgist
Louise Spry, Greeter
Paul Vincent, Technology
Rachel Gragson, Organist
and Choir Director

Those Serving 10/04/26
Rev. Sam Jones, Pastor
Vikki Smith, Liturgist
Peggy West, Greeter
Paul Vincent, Technology
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and Choir Director

Prayer Concerns

Family and friends of Kathy Traywick, Tony Stimatz in the death of his mother, Family and friends of Stacey Brickhouse; Mary Midgett in the loss of her brother, Dawn Kidd, Joe Medlin, Deb Kuntzelman, Julie Foster, Tom Traywick, Charles Gregg, Larry and Dianne Roby, Dylan DeVries, Brad and Kathy Post, Bette Lou Campbell, Joe Gibbs and Sam Gibbs, Norman Lawrence.

This Week

Wednesday - Tai Chi/Qigong 9:00 am (in fellowship hall)
Wednesday – Choir Practice 4:30 pm
Thursday - Painting Pals 1:00-4:00 pm (in fellowship hall)
Sunday – World Communion Sunday October 4
Sunday – Noisy Coin Collection

Announcements

Welcome – We are glad you are here.

Guest Minister – We welcome back to the pulpit Reverend Don Morris. Don will be leading us through worship today while Jeff is away.

Church Office – The church office will be closed this week while Jeff and Janet are away. If you have an urgent need, please contact your Shepherd or one of the elders.

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.

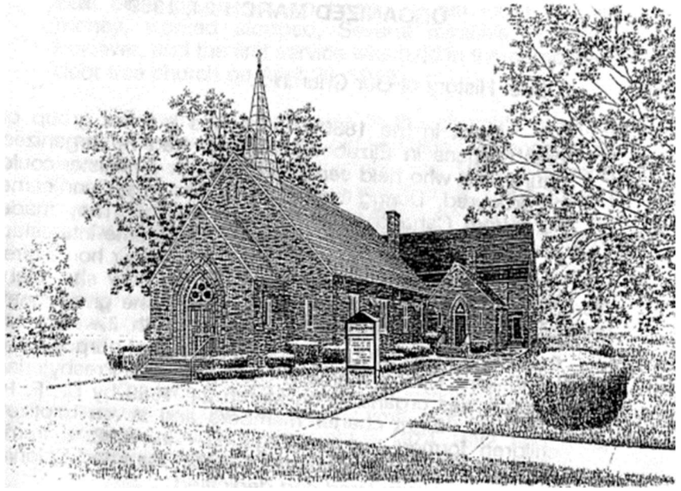
We are collecting any calendars and utensil packets from any carry-out meals you do not need. A basket is in the fellowship hall by the outside door to collect these.

In Sympathy – We remember those who have lost loved ones and friends this past week. Tony Stimatz in the death of his mother, Mary Midgett in the death of her brother, and Tom Traywick in the death of Kathy. We also remember Stacey Brickhouse who was active in the CMPC youth programs and was a member.

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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