

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 27, 2023

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: People of God, look about you and see the faces of those we know and love.

People: Neighbors and friends - sisters and brothers - a community of kindred hearts.

Leader: People of God, look about and see the faces of those we hardly know.

People: Strangers, sojourners, forgotten friends, the ones who need an outstretched hand.

Leader: People of God, look about you and see all the images of God assembled here.

People: In me, in you, in each of us, God's spirit shines for all to see.

Leader: People of God, welcome home.

All: Let us worship God together!

*HYMN 14 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

DIX

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O loving God, to turn from You is to fall.
To turn toward You is to rise,
And to stand before You is to abide forever.
Forgive our sin, Merciful God.
Grant us, Gracious God, in our futures your help.
In all our uncertainties your guidance,
In all our dangers your protection,
In all our failings your correction,
And in all our sorrows your peace,**

Silent Prayers

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

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*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen. (Sing 3 times)
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

THE WORD

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43: 1-3

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43: 18-19

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Do You Perceive It"

Rev. Margie Stansell

OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

The Lord's My Shepherd

CRIMOND

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER AFTER THE OFFERING

*HYMN 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

SCHUTTE

THE SENDING

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*May the love of God go with you from this place.
May your hours and days show forth His praise.*

**Rise in body or spirit.*

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Leading in worship today:

Guest Pastor: Rev. Margie Boyd Stansell

Interim Musicians: Marna Dodson and Katie Whitehouse

Elder of the Month: Drew Campbell

Announcements

WELCOME VISITORS! If you are worshipping here for the first time today, Welcome! We are glad to have you join in our worship service.

SUNDAY SERVICE: Sunday service is at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary. It is also on Facebook Live Stream.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH AND TEENS: Middle and High School youth are invited to a conversation about scripture beginning in the youth room at 10:00.

NURSERY: Young children are invited to go to the nursery after the children's sermon. Activity bags are available in the narthex.

GUEST PASTOR: Margie Stansell will be leading our service today.

GAME NIGHT: Game Night will be Friday, September 1st at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Kyle Colley will give instructions on how to play the game of pinochle.

BIBLICAL POTLUCK: Plans are ongoing for a Biblical Potluck. If you have ideas and/or recipes please contact Martha Rich.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

Communion - Every first Sunday of the month.

Choir Practice - Every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Back Porch Bible Study - Sundays from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. at the home of Martha Rich. For more information call Martha at 770-851-6852.

Game Night: Every first Friday of the month at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Session Meeting - The fourth Sunday of every month after worship service.

Women's Breakfast - Every Thursday at 8:00 a.m. at Mountain Perks except for the second Thursday of each month when the location will be decided on.

Men's Breakfast - Every Thursday at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Daily Change Offering - Every second Sunday of each month.

Presbyterian Women - The second Tuesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. You can come early, bring your lunch and have fellowship.

Coffee & Fellowship - Every first Sunday after worship service.

Food Pantry - Every Monday 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and every Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

Giving Spoon - Every Monday 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and every Thursday 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

AA Meetings - Monday at noon, Tuesday 5:30 p.m., Thursday at noon, and Saturday at 7:00 p.m.



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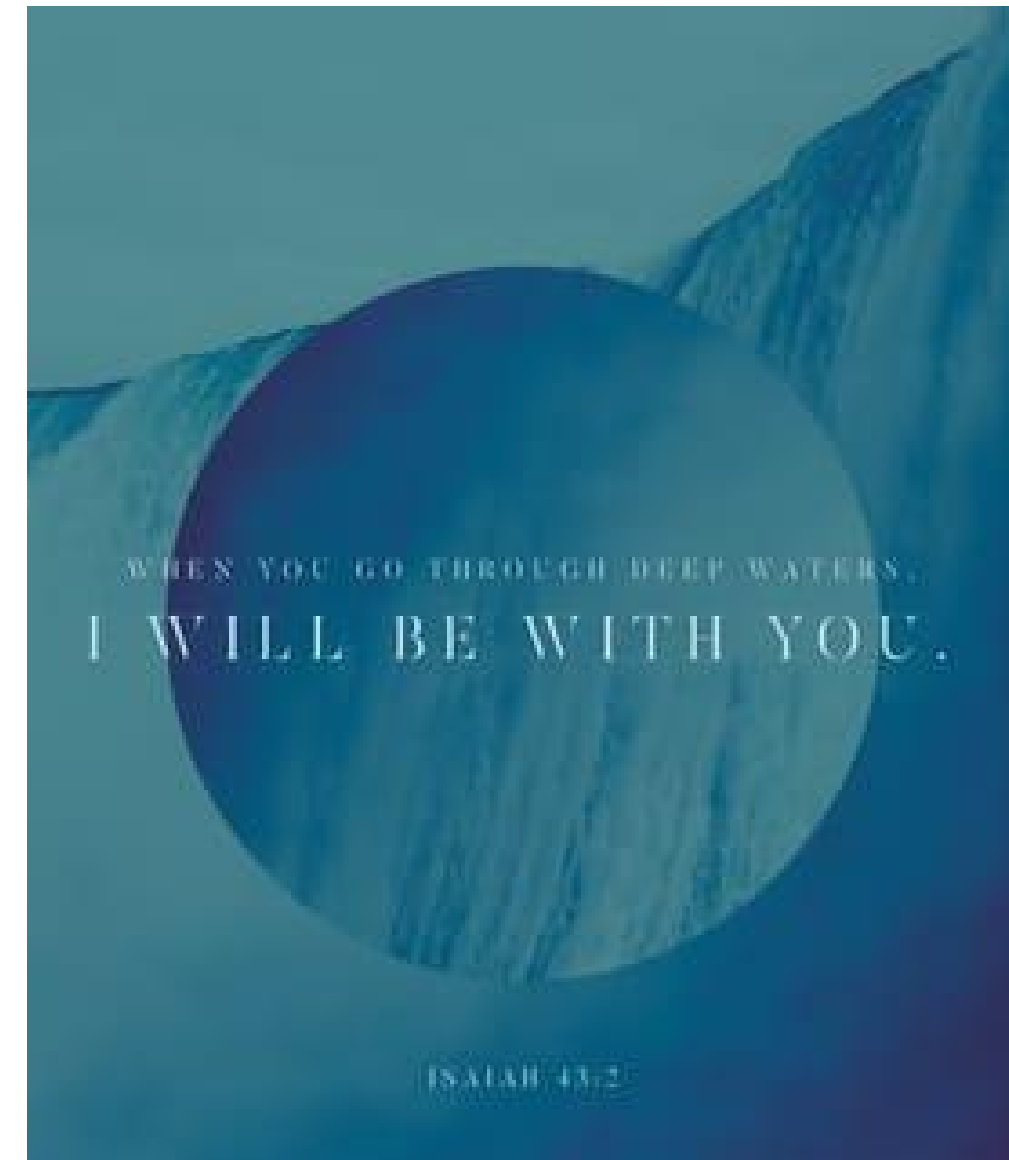
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We seek to follow Jesus Christ as we . . .

Engage and encourage one another in worship and fellowship

Learn together as we grow in discipleship and

Reach out in love.