

“What must I do to inherit eternal life?”

Luke 10:25b



Grace Presbyterian Church

Fort Wayne, IN

July 13, 2025

The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Community Worship on Zoom – Live Stream/Replay on Facebook

Sunday Service – July 13, 2025

How can we pray for you? Let us know in the Zoom/Facebook Chat!

*We invite you to join in the liturgy by speaking the parts in ***BOLD*** with us from your homes!*

10:15 – Zoom Meeting Starts ~ ~ ~ 10:20 – Facebook Live Stream Starts

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth.

10:30 – Live Prelude Starts *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me* arr. by Logan

Welcome

Call to Worship — *from “Homiletics – July 2001*

In the midst of meaninglessness,

You call us to meaning, O God.

In the midst of divisiveness,

You call us to community through Christ.

Out of our brokenness,

You call us to wholeness and new life in the Spirit.

In praise and thanksgiving, let us worship God.

Opening Hymn #14 *“For the Beauty of the Earth”*

Call to Confession —

As Christ called the disciples to follow him in the way of the Gospel, Christ calls us to follow him in the way of healing and reconciliation through the confession of our sin. Responding to Christ's calling of blessing, let us join in confessing before our merciful God.

Prayer of Confession —

God of compassion: with shepherding love, you search our hearts and discern the content of our minds. You know our needs because you have chosen to know us. We confess that we don't take the time to know our neighbors who are near or far. Filled with our own concerns, we have been slow to walk a mile in our neighbors' shoes or to consider the burdens our neighbors might be carrying. We make judgments about our neighbors without taking the time to hear their stories or share their pains. God of shepherding love, forgive us for filling our lives with ourselves to the point that we have no room for those you have commanded us to love. Lead us in the way of community and shared life blessed by Christ's example of compassion. Amen.

Time for silent confession

Assurance of Pardon —

Hear the good news of the Gospel. Our gracious God searches our hearts to know our need for healing and grace. Our merciful God discerns the content of our minds to speak the words of new life and peace. Our loving God forgives the sins that we confess and the sins we refuse to believe are in our souls. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Passing the Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The Peace and Love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you!

Please take a moment to greet your neighbor and others with the peace of Christ.

Time for Music & Meditation

Prayer for Illumination

Let us Pray: God of all people and nations: we turn our hearts and minds to the Word you would speak to us in the scripture. By your Spirit speaking in these words, help us to know you more fully and to understand our place in your family more completely. Be present to us in this moment and fill us with wonder and joy. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading: Hebrew Bible Reading – Deuteronomy 30:9-14 p.320

9 Then the Lord your God will make you most prosperous in all the work of your hands and in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your land. The Lord will again delight in you and make you prosperous, just as he delighted in your ancestors, 10 if you obey the Lord your God and keep his commands and decrees that are written in this Book of the Law and turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

11 Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. 12 It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, “Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?” 13 Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, “Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?” 14 No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it.

Scripture Reading: Gospel Reading — Luke 10:25-37

p.1612

25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

26 “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

27 He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

28 “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

30 In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii and

gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

36 “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

37 The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”

Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

Sermon

Who is My Neighbor?

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.

Hymn of Response #203 “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

Prayers of the People & 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.

Call to Offering

As we have worshipped our God by singing hymns and praying, we also worship our God by giving our hearts and treasures to the work of God's Kingdom. Let us continue our worship of our God by presenting our offerings to God.

Offertory

Come to the Table by Nystrom

Doxology #606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayer of Dedication — *from Homiletics - July 2004*

Let us pray. Let our offerings, gracious God, be a sign of our longing to lead lives worthy of the Lord, pleasing to him. May they continue to bear fruit in every good work, and may we come more fully into the knowledge of God. **Amen**

Announcements

Closing Hymn #317 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

Char and Benediction

Postlude

Heal Our Land by Brooks

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Just Neighbor Meals: Our next Just Neighbors meal week is July 13-18. Please contact Betsy to pick your best evening to take a meal for about 20 folks.

Foundations First Resource Store: Foundations First is hosting their annual Resource Story. The store offers gently used items for free to those who need them in our community. In particular, they are collection school supplies. Anything a pupil might need would be a welcome addition. If you have anything, please bring them to Grace or contact Betsy Kachmar. The deadline for this is July 18th.

Session Meets Next Sunday: Session's summer break is over and meets next Sunday, July 20th. **If you are responsible for a report please send it to the office.** If you're not sure if you sent a report from your last meeting, please check with Justin to see if he has it.

The Church Office will be Closed Monday, July 28th:

Summer Hymn Sing: Our annual Hymn Sing is back! We'll be singing our favorite songs on August 10th. To make it happen, we need your help. If you have a selection you'd like in the service, please fill out a Hymn Form in the narthex. There is a basket where you can leave the filled out document.

Birthdays

Katelyn Monnier - July 13

Teri Seitz - July 17

Anniversaries

Tyler & Courtney Bowers

July 13, 2009

ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS

To connect to our worship services on Zoom, follow these instructions to watch or listen. You can connect at 10:15 for fellowship; the service starts at 10:30.

Option 1: Automatically Join the Meeting

Follow the link in the email sent every week. This is by far the easiest way to connect to the live video.

Option 2: Manually Join the Meeting

You can download Zoom from <https://www.zoom.us>.

After you have installed the program/app, click on “Join” and enter this information:

Meeting ID: 9712063468 ***Password:*** 030414

Option 3: Call in to Listen (Audio Only)

On Sunday Morning, you can call to listen to the service. After you call, it will ask you to enter the Meeting ID and Password Below:

Phone Number: (301) 715-8592 ***Meeting ID:*** 9712063468 ***Password:*** 030414

For the Beauty of the Earth 14

1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the glo-ry of the skies,
 2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,
 4 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
 5 For thy-self, best gift di-vine to the world so free-ly given;

for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys-tic har-mo-ny link-ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

TEXT: Folliot Sandford Pierpoint, 1864, alt.
 MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; abr. William Henry Monk, 1861; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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Glory Be to the Father

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Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Refrain Capo 3: (D) F (A7) C7

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show

(D) F (D/F#) F/A (Em7) Gm7 (A7) C7 (D) F Fine

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

(D) F (Bm) Dm (Em) Gm (A) C

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and
 3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'

(D) F (Bm) Dm (Em7) Gm7 (A7) C7 (D) F to Refrain

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 race; neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 feet; this is the way we should live like you.

Considering that this text comes from a part of the world where Christianity is not the primary religion gives these simple but powerful words even more depth and meaning. The tune name recalls the district in the Northern Region of Ghana where this tune was collected.

TEXT: Tom Colvin, 1969, rev. 1997, alt.
 MUSIC: Ghanaian folk melody; adapt. Tom Colvin, 1963; arr. Jane Marshall, 1982
 Text and Music © 1969 Hope Publishing Company
 Music Arr. © 1982 Hope Publishing Company

CHEREPONI
 7.7.9 with refrain

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures

here be-low; praise *him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise

Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

*Or "God"

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

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317 In Christ There Is No East or West

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet

south or north, but one great fel - low -
 mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
 race may be. All chil - dren of the
 south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This setting expands and enhances the thematic inclusiveness of an early 20th-century text by adapting the melody of a traditional spiritual to carry these words. This 1940 pairing marked the first use of African American musical material in a mainline North American hymnal.

TEXT: John Oxenham, 1908; alt.

MUSIC: African American spiritual; *Jubilee Songs*, 1884; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1940

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(alternate tune: ST. PETER, 318)