

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE *Ye Holy Angels Bright* arr. by F. Ritter
Belinda Vair – Accompanist/Choir Director

*Thank You To The Deacon's
For Providing Us With This Morning's Coffee Hour/Birthday Celebration*



*October Sixth is World Communion Sunday
and a Special Offering for Peace and Global Witness Will Be Taken.*



September 29, 2024

10:30am

*indicates to please stand if you are able

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thomas Ruehle

SEPTEMBERS MISSION OF THE MONTH

Crop Walk/Church World Service

PRELUDE *Wayfaring Stranger*

arr. by Mark Hayes

Belinda Vair – Accompanist/Choir Director

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

In this time set apart for worship, the Holy Spirit invites us:

Draw near to God,

who is steady and sure.

Draw near to God,

who welcomes those often overlooked.

Draw near to God,

who draws us together, threads woven in a shared fabric of faith.

Let us worship the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN #84 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* (See Insert)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You told us, O Lord, that whoever wants to be first
must be last and servant of all.**

Oh, how we long to be first, O God:

to climb every ladder, frame every achievement,

get every promotion, and obtain every glory.

Oh, how we long to be first, O God,

and oh, how we dread being last.

Forgive us, O humble Christ,

and by your forgiveness, teach us.

Teach us to reframe our priorities.

Teach us to be servants first,

and to let our lives flow from a heart of faith.

Let us take a moment of Silent Confession and personal reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, forgiveness comes from God, who does not count our sin against us.

For God has reconciled us through Christ, and entrusts to us the message of reconciliation. Believe the gospel! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

* 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.

DEACON'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Helen Thompson

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 50:1-5 (Pew Bible Page #680)

Walter Lane

SHARING 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.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.

Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANTHEM *Family of Christ*

D. Besig/N. Price

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 3:13-17 (Pew Bible Page #3)

Walter Lane

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. R.W. Williams

*CLOSING HYMN #526 *For All the Saints* (See Insert)