



*Last Supper, 2009. Artist: Swanson, John August\**

## ***Service for the Lord's Day***

**August 3, 2025**

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

### ***Gathering Around the Word of Worship***

**Gathering Music**

Ruth Brown

**Striking of the Hour**

**Prelude**

Here, Lord, We Meet Thee

Bertha R. Frick

**Welcome**

*We Rise in Spirit and in Body*

**Call to Worship** (responsive)

based on Psalm 107

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those God redeemed from trouble.

**They cried to the Lord in their trouble, and God delivered them from their distress.**

Let us thank the Lord for God's steadfast love!

**For God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things. Praise the Lord!**

**Opening Hymn 35**

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

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## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Adoration and Confession (unison)

**Merciful God, we praise you for your grace and steadfast love. Through the risen Christ, you have broken the power of sin and evil. Yet we still live in the graves of forgetfulness, anxiety, and fear. We have failed to love you as we should. We have neglected to love our neighbor. In fact, we have even failed to love ourselves. Release us from the tombs that terrify us so we can see your image in one another and in your good creation. Truly, free us from the chains of self-hatred so we can see ourselves as your children. Amen.**

*A Silence is observed for Personal Confession*

### Confessional Hymn

KYRIE

*Lord, have mercy upon us,  
Christ, have mercy upon us,  
Lord, have mercy upon us*

### Declaration of Good News (responsive)

The mercy of the Lord is sure. In Christ, we are forgiven and set free from the chains that bind us so that we can be God's people. Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**The mercy of the Lord is sure. Thanks be to God!**

### Passing of the Peace of Christ (responsive)

God is the Lord of life and reconciliation. The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

## Children Are Welcome to Attend Children's Church at the Side Sanctuary Doors

### *Hearing the Word*

*All Sit*

### Prayer for Illumination (unison)

**O God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that the scripture we are about to hear will become God's Word for us today. And having received your word, may it guide and inform our acts of mercy day by day. Amen.**

### Old Testament Reading (responsive)

Psalm 49:1-10

Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world, both low and high, rich and poor together. My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.

**Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me, those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches?**

Truly, no ransom avails for one's life, there is no price one can give to God for it. For the ransom of life is costly, and can never suffice, that one should live on for ever and never see the grave.

**When we look at the wise, they die; fool and dolt perish together and leave their wealth to others.**

**Anthem Solo***Like as a Father*

Luigi Cherubini

Mack Overfelt, Soprano 1   Johnna Smith, Soprano 2   Keelin Murrell, Soprano 3

**Gospel Reading**

Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

**Sermon***Treasured People*

Kyle Otterbein

***Responding to the Word****All Stand***Response Hymn 847***Our Hope, Our Life*

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**Affirmation of Faith (unison)***from A Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

*All Sit***Offering***Call to Offering***Offertory***Open Your Heart*

Bertha R. Frick

*All Stand***Doxology**

DOXOLOGY

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

**Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)**

O God, we give you thanks and praise for all your good gifts. As we return our offerings to you, may they serve as a witness to your love, peace, and justice at work in the world, renewing the face of the earth. Amen.

*All Sit*

***Sealing the Word in the Sacrament***

**The Lord's Supper**

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (responsive)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Life up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

...Therefore, we join our voices with the saints and all creation to proclaim your praise...

**SANCTUS**

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*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.*

**Communion Anthem**     *Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant Us Peace)*     arr. Barbara Wallace  
Mack Overfelt, Soprano 1   Johnna Smith, Soprano 2   Keelin Murrell, Soprano 3

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

*A Moment of Silence*

*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*

***Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World***

*All Stand*

**Closing Hymn 716**

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

**BEACH SPRING**

## Benediction

### Postlude

### Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Harold DeCou

<sup>1</sup>Elements of today's liturgy were adapted from liturgy written by the Rev. Roger Gench.

<sup>2</sup>ARTIST'S NOTE: I am inspired by a person's ability to share food with others and the community that grows from this sharing. I see, in the Last Supper, a scene in which the sacred embraces the ordinary. Our daily bread becomes holy when it is shared. The fruit of our labor becomes the fruit of the Spirit when it is shared. "We cannot love God unless we love each other," says Dorothy Day, "and to love each other we must know each other in the breaking of bread and we are not alone anymore. Heaven is a banquet and life is a banquet, too, even with a crust, where there is companionship. Love comes with community."

With this vision of a feast of companionship and sharing in my mind and heart, I began drawing scenes of a group around a circular table. Over the years, I kept drawing and developing other sketches of the Last Supper, but I kept returning to this initial image. At a round table there is no hierarchy of seating. No one can be seated at the "head of the table". It is a welcome table. No one can be excluded from the conversation. Jesus is at the table as both host and companion. The circular table draws us all into the scene, giving the viewer a feeling of being included in the meal. We are all participating in this supper. "There are so many hungry people that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread." --Mahatma Gandhi

The theme of my serigraph is community, and what it means to share a meal together. It is a celebration of those times in our lives and in history when, as Antoine de Saint-Exupery said, "We have learned to see in bread an instrument of community.....the flavor of bread shared has no equal" .I have chosen to create an illuminated narrative border of seventy-eight miniature scenes to emphasize the labor of those who grow and prepare the food. It is important for me, in this celebration of a feast of sharing and companionship, to explore where our food comes from, to depict the communal nature between those at the table and those who make the meal possible. Even a simple meal of bread and wine requires the labor of planters, growers, pickers, bakers, winemakers, and so many others.

As in many of my other works, the sacred is expressed in the ordinary acts we do, in the care we that we put into each of the daily activities that sustain us, our loved ones and our community.



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## Announcements

**USHERS:** Polen and Thomison families

**COMMUNION SERVERS:** Rachel Crocker, J.B. Hines, and Larry Warden

**COMMUNION PREPARERS AND CLEANUP:** Jean Harris

**COLLEGIATE ENSEMBLE** Blake Miller, Keelin Murrell, Mack Overfelt, Jeremiah Simpson, and Johnna Smith

**LAY READER:** Sheila Reeves

**MEDIA PERSONNEL:** Sarah Parkerson

**NURSERY:** Alisia Simmons, Yamilet Bruno Sanchez

**LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY AUG 10:** Genesis 15:1–6; Psalm 33:12–22; Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16; Luke 12:32–40

### TODAY

**DEACON OF THE WEEK** this week will be Sally Calkins. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

### OTHER NEWS

**FALL GIVEAWAY** Cecelia Memorial is now accepting donations for their fall giveaway. The tentative date for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall giveaway is August 30<sup>th</sup> at Cecelia Memorial Presbyterian Church, 716 College Street, Bowling Green, Kentucky! They are in need of school items and clothing for young men and women. Also, if you have gently used sports or music items that you would like to pass on, we will accept them as well. There is a great need this year for clothing and shoes. Please contact Lovelyn at [lovelynab@yahoo.com](mailto:lovelynab@yahoo.com); [ceceliamemorial1234@outlook.com](mailto:ceceliamemorial1234@outlook.com), text or call 619-368-2103 for drop off location. Thank you so much for whatever help you can give. Lovelyn.

**SUNSET JAZZ THIS SATURDAY** August 9, 6:00-9:00 p.m. with concert starting at 7:00 p.m.– featuring **Jazz West**. The Peggy and Larry Pack concert series is partnering again with Traveler's Cellar Winery located off Fuqua Road in Rockfield. We are excited to offer another great night of jazz, food, and refreshments at this beautiful venue. Bring lawn chairs and a lot of friends as we reach out to our community. Food trucks will be available from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

**SAVE THE DATE** The Pig Pickin' takes place Sunday, August 17, with the worship service at **10:00 a.m.** and the picnic lunch immediately afterward. Please bring a dessert or side dish. As always, we thank the Beard family for hosting our event! Join us at **1061 Garvin Lane**, Bowling Green, KY 42101. There will not be any activities at the church this Sunday!

**LAY READERS NEEDED FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER** A signup page is online for lay readers in the coming weeks. If you are willing to serve one Sunday, please scan the QR code to visit this link and sign up for a date. Lay reader information will be emailed on the Friday prior to the date. Thank you!



**NEWSLETTER FOLDERS/SEALERS** A signup page is online for upcoming months for Newsletter folders/sealers. If you are willing to volunteer to help in the office with this task, scan the QR code to visit this link and sign up for a date, contact Robin by phone at 270-843-4707, or email at [info@bgpres.org](mailto:info@bgpres.org).



## WELCOME VISITORS!

We invite you to pick up visitor's information on your way out, either in the narthex or on the table on the right in the downstairs entrance hall. Ushers will be standing by to help you find them. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by the minister, officers, and congregation.

**Clerk of Session:** Debbie Trickey    **Treasurer:** Steve Moore

**Elders:** Class of 2025- Karol Kirby Ahmed, Buzz English, Pamela Napier, Julia Roberts, Julie Wedge; Class of 2026- Pam Bratcher, Rachel Crocker, J.B. Hines, Susan Howard, Mike Kanan; Class of 2027-Sam Evans, Nathan Love, Susan Thomison, Debbie Trickey, Larry Warden  
**Deacons:** Class of 2025- Barbara Brindle, Teri Polen, Ernie Small, Dan Stelling, Fred Trickey; Class of 2026- Phil Burkeen, Kim Ferguson, Kathy Higgins, Brianna Trickey; Class of 2027-Trudy Burkeen, Georgeanna Capito, Sally Calkins, Nancy Carwell, Evan Goad, Frederica Kernohan

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### Calendar

#### Sunday, Aug 3

8:30 a.m. Fellowship  
10:30 a.m. Worship

#### Monday, Aug 4

9:00 a.m. GOD/DOG is Love

#### Tuesday, Aug 5

9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga  
11:00 a.m. Special Care

#### Wednesday, Aug 6

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group

#### Friday, Aug 8

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Group

#### Saturday, Aug 9

6:00 p.m. Sunset Jazz

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