



Thankful, 1894. Artist: Tanner, Henry Ossawa, 1859-1937.¹

Service for the Lord's Day

July 27, 2025

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Around the Word of Worship

Gathering Music

Mike Kanan

Striking of the Hour

Prelude

This Little Light of Mine

THIS JOY/arr. E. T. Childs

Welcome

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship (responsive)

based on Psalms 9 and 33

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of your wonderful deeds.

I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.

Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

We worship you in faith, hope, and love!

Opening Hymn 624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (unison)

Merciful God, we praise you for your grace and steadfast love. Yet we confess that though we pray the Lord's Prayer each week, even daily, we do not always walk the walk. We pray that your kingdom will come and your will be done, but we are reluctant to do the work of justice and mercy that characterize your kingdom. We ask for our daily bread and then hoard as much as we can. We ask you to forgive us as we have forgiven others, but we are quick to anger and slow to forgive. Loving God, have mercy on us and forgive us our sin. Help us to seek your will for our lives and walk in the way of Jesus Christ; in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silence is observed for Personal Confession

Confessional Anthem

KYRIE

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

Declaration of Good News (responsive)

For freedom Christ has set us free. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Passing the Peace of Christ (responsive)

In freedom we share the peace of Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

A Time with Young Christians (children welcomed to the front of the sanctuary)

Hearing the Word

All Sit

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Almighty God, your Word is our comfort in distress. It holds your promises that give us life. Give us ears to hear your hope and call. In the name of Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, we pray. Amen.

Old Testament Reading (responsive)

Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down towards your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;

For you have exalted your name and your word above everything. On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD. For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

The LORD will fulfil his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures for ever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Anthem Solo

His Eye is On the Sparrow
Keelin Murrell, soprano

C.H. Gabriel/arr. L. Zannineli

Gospel Reading

Luke 11:1-13

[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. 'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Sermon

Prayer Lesson

Rev. Kyle Otterbein

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 175

See Ye First

LAFFERTY

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

from *The Brief Statement of Faith*

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

All Sit

Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory

Jesus, Draw Me Close

Rick Founds

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)

Generous God, we give thanks for your grace and provision in our lives. We know that every good and perfect gift comes from you. With glad and generous hearts, we give back what rightfully belongs to you. May these offerings be used to bless our community and the world. Amen.

All Sit

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (prayed through twice)

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 314 *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness* **CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT**

Benediction

Postlude

Spirit Song

John Wimbe

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¹Note: Elements of today's liturgy have been adapted from liturgy written by Philip K. Gladden

²Henry Ossawa Tanner was the first internationally acclaimed African American artist. His art reflects the influence of the AME church, his father, and his own views on race and education. In this painting, he counters common African American stereotypes of his day, which often offensively misrepresented African Americans and their belief systems.

While many mainstream churchgoers believed the African American faith to be overly emotional and expressive, this painting stands in stark contrast to those kinds of caricatures. This piece shows an older gentleman with (perhaps) his grandson praying before a meal. In their impoverished state, they have their heads bowed in a dignified pose as they participate in a common daily ritual. It is a simple, yet effective display of two devoted subjects giving thanks for that which they do possess.

The Art Bridges Foundation owns the artwork.

See https://artbridgesfoundation.org/search?instant_search%5Bquery%5D=Henry%20Tanner/

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USHERS: Hines and Kernohan families

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

LAY READER: A Davenport Family Member

MEDIA PERSONNEL/SEXTON: Laura Parkerson

NURSERY: Alisia Simmons, Yamilet Bruno Sanchez

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY AUGUST 3: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–23; Psalm 49:1–12; Colossians 3:1–11; Luke 12:13–21.

TODAY

DEACONS OF THE WEEK this week will be Phil and Trudy Burkeen. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

BUCK IN A BASKET for today will go to support the Habitat for Humanity. Buck in a Basket Offering is a twice a month opportunity to consider contributing during the offering for a particular mission not included in our regular budget.

TODAY'S SOLOIST Keelin Murrell has been a Collegiate Ensemble member since December of 2024. She is a rising senior Music Education major at WKU where she is a member of the select WKY Chorale. Keelin was named Female Performer of the Semester at WKU in the fall of 2024. In the spring semester she performed the title role of Dido in WKU's production of *Dido and Aeneas*. Upon acceptance by audition, she has participated in the Opera Lucca (Italy) program where she studied Italian, performed various opera scenes, and was cast in their production of Puccini's *Sour Angelica*. We're glad to have Keelin with us. God's speed on an outstanding and successful senior year.

OTHER NEWS

NEW OFFICERS-ELECT ELDERS AND DEACONS Please join in welcoming and praying for these officers-elect as they prepare for their ordination and installation which will come later in August. We are grateful for their willingness to serve. The congregation elected the following people for service as elders and deacons:

Elders

Claire Ellington (2026)

Julia Roberts (2028)

Clark Carthrae (2028)

Buzz English (2028)

Julie Wedge (2028)

Deacons

Margaret Stein (2028)

Laura Parkerson (2026)

Jan Morgan (2028)

Sharon Hendrix (2028)

SAVE THE DATE August 9, 6:00-9:00 p.m. with concert starting at 7:00 p.m.– **Sunset Jazz** 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!

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

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.



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, July 27

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

Monday, July 28

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

Tuesday, July 29

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

Wednesday, July 30

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group

Friday, August 1

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

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