

# Service for the Lord's Day

*Today, when we look for Christ in the powerful and the rich, among the superstar and celebrity, we will find Him seated at the children's table, knees squeezed painfully underneath, entertaining them with stories.*

## GATHERING

### WELCOME AND NEWS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### SHARING GOD'S PEACE

### PRELUDE “

INTROIT “O Most High” Man

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are witnesses.

**All: We are clear and decisive witnesses to the love God has poured into us.**

Leader: We are witnesses of God's abiding love.

**All: We are called to share the Sovereign's love with every person we meet.**

Leader: We are witnesses every day, to everyone we encounter.

**All: We are inspired to share the grace which has been breathed into our very souls.**

Leader: So, let us witness to our Enduring Triune God.

**All: We come this Lord's Day morning to witness to the True and Holy God. Let us Worship!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #426 “Blessed Assurance” ASSURANCE

### CALL TO CONFESSION

How often have we heard the good news of forgiveness and restoration? Yet, we are still reluctant to believe. God offers us new life, yet we are afraid to let go of the old. Let us confess our doubts and fears to the One who waits to make us whole. Let us pray together using the words in the bulletin, then silently, as we speak our confessions to our God.

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*We use a lot of words to speak with you, Gracious God, but do little to turn words into deeds. Instead of being of one heart and soul, we choose sides, and form groups, with folks just like us. Blessed with grace, we have trouble sharing it with those who need it the most. Please forgive us, O Lord. Forgive us, as we step out of our incompetence into your strength. Restore us once again, as we reveal our brokenness to you. Inspire us to try again to be what you have designed us to be. Amen. (A brief time of silence for personal confession to God)*

*\* All who are able may stand*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Beloved of God, hear the good news: God leads us out of the shadows to walk with purpose in the light of Christ! In his name, and his name only, we are forgiven!

**All: This is the word we have heard: our faithful God forgives our sins and raises us to new life. Thanks, great thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 734 Gloria Patri

## HEARING THE WORD

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Let us pray: Lord, we come together to hear your words of ancient Scripture. We ask you to open our minds and reveal more of who you are. Teach us, O Lord, as we listen for your message for us this day. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 79:1-9,13  
Pew Bible page 664

Leader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM “Balm in Gilead” Spiritual/Hayes

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.

There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometime I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain;

But then the Holy Spirit revives my souls again,

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.

There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

If you cannot preach like Peter,

If you cannot pray like Paul,

You can tell the love of Jesus, and say, “He died for all.”

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,

There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul,

To heal the sin-sick soul.

Lord heal my soul.

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 16:1-13  
Pew Bible page 96

Leader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “Jesus, the Odd” Rev. Candice Klein

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH -

***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. This we believe, Amen.*** - from The Apostles' Creed

OFFERTORY “He Shall Feed His Flock” Handel/Whitworth

\*PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
Doxology OLD 100<sup>th</sup>

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN #437 “Jesus Loves Me” JESUS LOVES ME

### CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of the People (*please tear off a piece of the bread or a wafer as it is passed to you. The lighter liquid is wine.*)

Prayer Following Communion

***Having listened to your ancient words, O Lord, now send us out to serve. May we be filled with the courage to follow wherever you lead us. May we continue to serve beside our generous Lord. Having been filled with the Spirit of justice, may we go out to stand with those who struggle. Then filled with the gifts from your Table, may we serve our Lord by bringing hope, love, justice and peace to all God's children. Amen.***

## SENDING

\*HYMN 95 “Praise Him! Praise Him!” JOYFUL SONG

### \*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION “Blessing” Dengler/Dengler

*Walk in the light of Jesus, piercing the darkness of the night.*

*Follow the radiant morning star that shines so clear and bright.*

*Walk in the light of Jesus; giving you hope to travel on,*

*Shedding its rays upon the path that leads you to the dawn.*

*Walk in the light. Walk in the light. Amen. Amen*

POSTLUDE “Postlude on ‘St. Kevin’ “ Sullivan/McDonald

**KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS:** Andy Anderson (Mike Anderson's father); Elizabeth Belard (Sharon Sides' daughter); Eugene Branham; Virginia Douglass; Jim Hawkins; Pat Hibbett; Rhett Hitchcock (grandson of Linda and Jim Suddarth); of Julia MacFarland; Harry Marsh; Thomas Powell (Susie Driver's nephew); Mildred Stanley (Tommy Boze's mother); Brim Stone

**THE HEARTH:** Joe Blackshear; Anna Gasser; Norma Jones

**THE MAPLES:** Frances Massey

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PLEASE SIGN** the "Attendance Register" so that we may have a record of your presence with us.

**SERVING AT WORSHIP:** Head Usher: Chuck Deck; Liturgist: Linda Boze ; Nursery: Peggy Patterson and Dianne Cothran

**THE FLOWERS** this morning are dedicated to the Glory of God and given in honor of The Rev. Michael Winters, my Associate and greatly loved colleague from 1982-1986 now retired, by Charles Moffatt.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE:** Beginning just after Labor Day, some of our young people will gather to participate in a Confirmation Class. Often, in the Reform Tradition, we baptize infants or young children. A covenant is made on behalf of those children to learn about God, Christianity, the church, and their participation in all that. The covenant is between the parents or guardians, the members of the church, and God. When the children are older, they have the opportunity to learn for themselves *and confirm* what it means to have a personal faith, to be a disciple of Christ, and how to be a contributing member of the church.

Classes will be held from 8:45 – 9:30 on Sunday mornings in the Library, beginning on September 8th. Kids from 11 – 16 years old are welcome. Together, with their mentor, confirmands will learn some church history, some spiritual language, some discipleship possibilities, and will be offered the opportunity to join the church. Please pray for these young people. One day soon, the church will be in their hands.

**SCHOOL IS IN SESSION.** Many families struggle to be able to provide supplies for their children. Project JOY is an effort to assist families in Appalachia. Closer home, the Rescue Mission in Nashville also works with families who need supplies. And, right here in Gallatin, there are homeless children who need our help. There is a display on the wall downstairs that includes fliers of needed supplies. Take one (or more) and be a helper! Donations can be dropped off in the church office. Should you choose to give money, we will shop. Designate which organization you choose.

**CHURCH FAMILY RETREAT** at NaCoMe will be September 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. There is a sign-up sheet outside the church office. Please let us know of your interest so we can plan accordingly. The study book, *It's Complicated* by Jack Haberer, has been ordered and will be available for \$15.00. Questions? Contact Dianne Cothran.

**GROCERY CARTS:** The month of September we are collecting for...

**Gallatin CARES:** Peanut Butter, Jelly, Cereals, Canned Fruits

**HomeSafe:** Cleaning products, laundry detergent, toilet paper, paper towels, bathroom cleaner, diapers sizes 4,5, and 6, mac and cheese

Please bring your items and put them in the grocery carts in the downstairs lobby.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT TOGETHER:** Our Wednesday night dinners have begun. ~~Please see your insert for reservations.~~

## SESSION

Class of 2019	Class of 2020	Class of 2021
Robert Blakey	Chuck Deck	Jennifer Anderson
Carrie Mabrey	Sharon Sides	Liz Ferrell
Kenneth Thomson	Bill Hamby	Ann Thurman
Bob Young		

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: MON.-THURS. 9:30-4:30 FRI. 9:30-1:00**

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9:00am Sunday School  
10:00 Worship

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

10:00am Bible Study  
10:30 Meals on Wheels

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

5:30pm WNT Dinner  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

10:30am Meals on Wheels  
6:30 Boy Scouts

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

10:30am Meals on Wheels  
1:00pm Church Office Closes

## CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	The Rev. Candice L. Klein
Pastor Emeritus	The Rev. Dr. Charles L. Moffatt
Administrator	Carol Stewart
Organist/Choirmaster	Robert Thurman
Children's Ministry Coordinator	Dianne Cothran
Financials	Marie Hintemeyer
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*We are a Christ-centered family committed to serving God through worship, fellowship, and ministering to our community and the world.*

## 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 1, 2019 - 10:00 A.M.