

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 14, 2022

9:30 a.m.

Prelude - "Gigue" Douglas Wagner, Psalm 149:3 "Let them praise His name in the dance."

Call to Worship

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

The hour is coming, and now is when true worshipers will worship with the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him, bless his name!

Opening Hymn No. 92** - For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony,
linking sense to sound and sight;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thy church, that evermore

lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best Gift Divine,
to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth, and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

Invocation

Give us O Lord, steadfast hearts, which no unworthy thought can drag downward, unconquered hearts, which no tribulation can wear out, upright hearts, which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside. Bestow upon us also, O lord our God, understanding to know you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you, and a faithfulness that may finally embrace you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anthem - If You Search with All Your Heart - Craig Courtney

Scripture Reading - Psalm 107: 1-9; 43 (NIV)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story—
those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,
those he gathered from the lands,
from east and west, from north and south.[a]

Some wandered in desert wastelands,
finding no way to a city where they could settle.

They were hungry and thirsty,
and their lives ebbed away.

Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.

He led them by a straight way
to a city where they could settle.

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love
and his wonderful deeds for mankind,
for he satisfies the thirsty
and fills the hungry with good things.

Let the one who is wise heed these things
and ponder the loving deeds of the Lord.

PROCLAMATION

The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages

God's Word for Young Disciples

Sermon - GGG- Grateful for God's Goodness

Pastor Mike Ward

Hymn of Response No. 87** - What Gift Can We Bring

What gift can we bring, what present, what token?
What words can convey it-- the joy of this day?
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
what song can we offer in honor and praise?

Give thanks for the Past, for those who had vision,
who planted and watered so dreams could come
true.

Give thanks for the Now, for study, for worship,
for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.

Give thanks for Tomorrow, full of surprises,
for knowing whatever Tomorrow may bring,
God gives us his word that always, forever,
we rest in his keeping and live in his love.

This gift we now bring, this present, this token,
these words can convey it-- the joy of this day!
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
this song we now offer in honor and praise!

Discipleship Moment

Offertory - "As the Deer" arr. Douglas Wagner, Psalm 42:1-2, "As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after thee."

Doxology

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.

Prayers of the People 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

The people of God are sent forth to serve others and witness to their faith.

Closing Hymn No.98** - To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
(Refrain)

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.
(Refrain)

Benediction and Choral Response** - (Hymn No. 666)

Shalom to you now, shalom my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

Postlude - "Fanfare on Agincourt Hymn" (Deo Gracias), Charles Callahan



The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God and are given

In honor of our children and grandchildren by Ron and Peggy Manson;

In honor of her family and friends by Isabel Lindsay.

Service Music: Summer Choir

Music: One License A-731491

****Please rise as you are able. Please silence all cell phones and other electronic equipment. Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available in the narthex. CDs of the service are available by signing up at the Welcome Center.**

CHURCH NOTES

Blessing of the Backpacks: Bring your backpacks, iPads, tablets, or any other items to church **next Sunday, August 21!** As fall begins and children and teachers return to school, a flood of mixed emotions fills our hearts. Relief and gratitude from parents, apprehension and anxiety for students entering new rooms with new things to learn from new teachers, hope for positive outcomes, even concerns for the safety of our teachers and students. Where better to take all these mixed emotions than to God in worship and prayer!

Teacher Training: On Sunday, August 21, from 10:30 am to noon we will have training for all those who will be serving in the teaching ministries of our church. That will be followed with a safe sanctuary training for those who need to take or retake it. Please make every attempt to attend.

Classes Being Offered: Registration is open for the following classes in the fall:

Disciple Like Jesus	Sundays from 9:30 to 10:45 am
Ministry By Strengths	Sundays from 5:45 to 7 pm
Financial Peace	Sundays from 4 to 6 pm

These classes all begin on Sunday, September 11. Childcare is available upon request at sign up for the evening classes. For more information, please contact Pastor Karol at Ext. 218.

Youth Activities: Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to participate in our youth group and Epworth Choir. The fun begins on Sunday, August 28 with choir rehearsal and a family meeting at 4 pm followed by a snack supper and “messy games.” There will be a meeting for Confirmation students and their families on Sunday, September 11, at 9:45. Please contact Jen McKenna at epworthyouth2@gmail.com for more information.

Family Promise: Glendora House Food Bank needs our help each and every month. We are committed to send peanut butter, jelly of all flavors, ramen noodles (not in cups) and Velveeta Shells and Cheese (not in cups) and our cupboards are getting bare. If you are able to help, please put your donations in the Family Promise bin by the church library. Glendora House holds up to 46 people max (10 families) so the need is great.

Habitat for Humanity: First Church will again participate in building a home with Habitat for Humanity of Summit County. The home will be built in Cuyahoga Falls on Germaine St. We are able to have 7 volunteers on each of our volunteer dates which are: September 7, October 8, November 5, and December 17. Habitat requires that all volunteers be 18 to be at a job site. If you are interested in participating in this mission, please contact Kim Kerr at 330-606-7736 or email her at kdk3rr@gmail.com with your name, phone number, email address and t-shirt size.

Women’s Bible Study: We’re back! All the ladies of the church and the community are invited to join us for a six week Bible Study beginning the first week of October. There are two opportunities for the same study: Tuesdays from 7 - 9 p.m. and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. - noon. This session will be “The Christ-Centered Woman - Finding Balance in a World of Extremes”, which is based on Ephesians 3. The cost of the book is \$18. Please call Kathy Kuzas at Ext. 212 to register. The deadline is Monday, September 13.

Financial Report:

	June <u>Income</u>	Year to date <u>Income</u>
Actual	\$46,723	\$414,854
Budget	\$47,890	\$432,898
Over/(Under)	(\$1,167)	(\$18,044)

Next Steps

Gratitude = _____

Redeemed = _____

When we show our gratitude to God we are confessing our _____ on him.

When we show our gratitude to God we acknowledge that He has power to _____ us.

When we show our gratitude to God we admit that our life is _____ because of him.

_____ is a learning experience.

Gratitude is an _____ formed in good times, but _____ in bad times.

Questions for reflection:

Sometimes divine love includes judgement. But the judgement of God is love. What do you think might be the only way that we can be rejected or separated from that divine love? Would God be rejecting us, or would we be rejecting God?

It is easy to praise God when things are going well. When you are hurting or things are not going well, can you be thankful to God

Questions for discussion:

What does today's passage teach us?

Why should the redeemed tell their story?

What does this passage tell us about the character of God?

How can we develop an attitude of gratitude?

Memory verse:

1 " Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever." (NIV)

Readings for next week:

Psalm 119: 74-81 Jeremiah 1: 4-10 Hebrews 12: 18-29 Luke 13: 10-17

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