

**June 4, 2023**  
**Sacrament of Holy Communion**  
**Trinity / Recognition Sunday**

**Bumper Sticker Faith**

*Is what we say really what we believe?*

During the months of June and July, we will be looking at the wisdom and folly in what we (or others) say about what we believe – a faith that is sometimes so over-simplified that it fits on a bumper sticker.

Today's Bumper Sticker Faith message is: "God Helps Those who Help Themselves."

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDES**

*I Love the Lord  
With This Bread and Wine*

*James Southbridge  
Paul Taylor*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER CONCERNS AND REQUESTS**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP #544**

*Bless the Lord*                      *Bless the Lord (Taizé)*  
***Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.***  
***Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.***

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**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We gather to worship the God of all creation,

**All: Who crafted the seas and mountains, and yet cares for each of us.**

One: We gather to worship the God of all mystery,

**All: Who rejoices in our being, and invites us to join the cosmic dance!**

One: To the Lord our God, Alpha and Omega,

**All: Be all glory and honor forever. Amen.**

**\*OPENING SONG #459**

*O Word of God Incarnate*  
*(verse 1)*

*Munich*

***O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high, O Truth unchanged,  
unchanging, O Light of our dark sky: we praise you for the radiance  
that from the hallowed page, a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from  
age to age.***

*(verse 2)*

***The church from you, dear Savior, received this gift divine; and still that  
light is lifted on all the earth to shine. It is the chart and compass that,  
all life's voyage through, amid the rocks and quicksands still guides, O  
Christ, to you.***

\*Please stand as you are able.

*(verse 3)*

***O make your church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold to bear before the nations your true light, as of old; O teach your wandering pilgrims by this our path to trace, till, clouds and storms thus ended, we see you face to face.***

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

One: We are created in God's image, and we are called good, but too often our actions distort that image and fail to reflect goodness in this world. Let us return to who we were made to be as we confess together:

### **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Majestic God, you have called us to live in peace, but we turn to conflict and hatred. You yearn for us to work together, but we keep finding reasons to be divided. You desire for us to be loving neighbors, but we continue to dismiss the others' worth. Forgive us and show us a better way to be your people, your body, and your church.**

*(Moment of Silent Prayer)*

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: God knows who we were made to be and has been waiting to help restore us to ourselves, to each other, to community.

**All: We are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### **\*SONG OF RESPONSE #469**

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying      Children Praying*  
***Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place. Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.***

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### **\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

One: Holy Spirit, you have breathed life into us. Christ our Savior, you have embraced us in your love. God our Mother, you have filled us with your grace. The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## **WORD**

### **UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Holy, Holy, Holy One, guide us by the Spirit of truth to hear the Word of life you speak, and to give all glory, honor, and praise to your threefold name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

*Mark 10:35-45*

<sup>35</sup> James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." <sup>36</sup> And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup> And they said to him, "Appoint us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." <sup>38</sup> But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to

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drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" <sup>39</sup> They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized, <sup>40</sup> but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to appoint, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

<sup>41</sup> When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup> So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup> But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many."

### **CHORAL ANTHEM**

*Walk by Faith*

*Rainey / arr. by Williams*

*Solos (in order by singing order): Don Sullivan, Chip Steele, Ron Cechner,  
Beth Krause, Sue Doughman, Barb Anderson, Tanya Fouts*

### **MESSAGE**

*"Not to be Served, But to Serve"*

*Rev. Dr. John Wahl*

### **UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Adapted from the Confession of 1967)**

**Jesus Christ is God with humankind. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another. Amen.**

### **WITNESS**

### **RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES / VOLUNTEERS**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **CALL TO OFFERING**

*We take this time to reflect and recognize all contributions of time, talent, and treasure. A basket is available in the narthex for making monetary donations.*

### **OFFERTORY**

*A Litany for Peace*

*Edward Broughton*

### **\*SONG OF RESPONSE #647**

*Give Thanks*

*Give Thanks*

***Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" Give thanks.***

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### **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING / WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP**

**UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Blessed are you, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe, for you have satisfied our souls with this feast of your grace. Keep us faithful in your service until your realm of glory comes; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**\*SENDING SONG #727**

*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant      The Servant Song  
(verse 1)*

***Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.***

*(verse 2)*

***We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on the road. We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.***

*(verse 3)*

***I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear. I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.***

*(verse 4)*

***I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.***

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**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*Blessing*

*Rickard*

**POSTLUDE**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Robert J. Hughes*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Vacation Bible School**



Valley invites you to join us for Vacation Bible School

**Tuesday, June 27 to Friday, June 30,  
9:30 a.m. to Noon**

See the May Valley Voice or Church website to sign up. Registration forms are available in the Narthex.

## Pass-it-on Resale Store



The **store will be open** on:

**Tuesday, June 20, 2023** (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

**Wednesday, June 21, 2023** (2 – 6 p.m.)

Pass-it-on is accepting donations. Please contact Brenda Wahl at 440-829-7841 or [passitonamissionoflove@gmail.com](mailto:passitonamissionoflove@gmail.com).

## CFPCC Food Bank Needs

Please consider donating the following items to help stock the shelves at Chagrin Falls Park Community Center:



**Paper towels, eggs, milk, bread, fresh fruit & vegetables, chicken, spaghetti sauce, sugar, flour.**

CFPCC is receiving donations at your car. Someone will come out and retrieve donations.

## Health and Safety Protocols

- When inside the church building, face coverings are optional based on personal comfort level.
- If you are not feeling well today, please stay home.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. Any changes to these protocols will be shared in advance of Sunday gatherings.

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Director of Music: Nancy Sullivan Liturgist: Beth Krause	Organist: John Kautzman Greeter: Gerry Chittock	

## Graduates



**Cameron Domaska** – grandson of Dick & Sue Doughman. Graduated from high school in Flagstaff, AZ. Cameron is headed into the U.S. Coast Guard this fall.

**Benjamin Gurd** – grandson of Alan & Ruth Gurd. Graduated from Kenston High School. Benjamin will be attending Honors College at University of Charleston, SC, this fall majoring in Biology.



## **Thespians**

Lynn Fagerholm, Jim Obman, John Wahl

## **Sound Engineers**

Ron Cechner, Jerry Moreno, Dave Rodenhausen

## **Video**

Jordan Fouts, Pete Krause, Cooper Timmons

## **Accompanist & Organist**

John Kautzman

## **Director**

Nancy Sullivan

## **Fellowship**

Barb Anderson, Gerry Chittock, Bernice Denham, Tanya Fouts, Beth Krause, Marilyn Rodenhausen, Chip Steele, Brenda Wahl

## **Worship Committee**

Jeanne DeLaney, Beth Krause, Jerry Moreno, Dave & Marilyn Rodenhausen, Don & Nancy Sullivan, Dusty Timmons

## **Pass-It-On**

Barb Anderson, Norma Bobbitt, Marilyn Bulanda, Henry & Heidi Cregar, Bernice Denham, Sue Doughman, Lynn & Beverly Fagerholm, Nancy Fenner, Tanya Fouts, Nancy Haig, Mary Hatch, Pat Levicky, Sena & Jai Mayers, Glenna Pool, Kathy Rohde, Lillian Smyser, Chip Steele, Aundra Stubbs, Nancy Sullivan, Lois Urban, Brenda Wahl

## **Community Meals / North Church Lunches**

Marilyn Bulanda; Gerry Chittock; Bernice Denham; Lynn, Mark & Beverly Fagerholm; Janet Graham; Mary Hatch; Bev Keough; Krause family; Jim Obman; Clare & David Pickering; Glenna Pool; Marilyn Rodenhausen; Lillian Smyser; Timmons Family; Lois Urban; AJ Wahl; Brenda Wahl

## **Spring Clean-Up**

Gerry Chittock, Sue Doughman, Mark & Lynn Fagerholm, Beth Krause, Jerry Moreno, Glenna Pool, Marilyn Rodenhausen, Dusty & Parker Timmons, Brenda Wahl

## **Money Counters**

Sharon Edds, Janet Graham, Donna Lucas, Beth Krause, Jim Obman, Dave Rodenhausen, Dusty Timmons, Lois Urban

## **Valley Voice / Office**

Jeanne DeLaney