

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 29, 2025

10:00 am

* all who are able are invited to rise in body or spirit.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP*

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

And also with you.

*Come, people of God, and follow the One who sets a face
toward freedom.*

**We come, seeking life beyond fear,
life beyond hesitation.**

*The Holy One is our portion and our strength,
our path and our peace.*

We will not be shaken—for Love is always before us.

*Let us choose the way of the Spirit, the way of justice, joy, and
gentleness.*

**With hearts open and feet ready,
we come to worship the Living God.**

HYMN* *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

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PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

**Gracious God,
you have called us into freedom—
freedom to serve, to love, to live by your Spirit.
Yet we confess that we resist your way.**

**We are quick to anger, slow to forgive.
We are tangled in envy, weighed down by pride.
We choose safety over justice,
comfort over compassion.
Forgive us, O God.
Uproot what does not bear your fruit, and
cultivate in us a harvest of gentleness, joy, and
love that we might set our face toward the cross,
to the way of life found in following Jesus
by the power of your Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

[You are invited to exchange signs of peace with one another.]

RESPONSE TO PARDON*

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

A TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

FIRST TESTAMENT 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 Alex Aning

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Emily Davis, Marya Katz

"Invocation"

SECOND TESTAMENT

Galatians 5.1, 13-25

Alex Aning

GOSPEL

Luke 9.51-62

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Wes Jamison, OCC

"No Turning Back"

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE*

(Inspired by the Confession of Belhar and the Lectionary)

**We believe in God,
who calls prophets and people to faithful witness,
who does not abandon us in the wilderness,
but speaks again and again—
calling us to justice, leading us toward life.
In the presence of God, we find our refuge;
in God's grace, we find our path and portion.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
who set his face toward freedom and did not turn back,
who proclaimed release to those held captives
and love for those regarded as the least among us,
who calls us to follow—not in comfort, but in courage.
Christ is our peace,
breaking down the walls of hostility
and building up the beloved community.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who bears fruit in us when we live by love—
love that is patient, kind, joyful, and free.
The Spirit unites us across every barrier
and invites us into reconciliation with God and
one another.**

**We believe that the church is called to embody this unity—
to live as a witness to God’s justice and mercy,
to reject all fear and division,
and to follow wherever Christ leads,
with hands open and hearts undivided.**

**Thanks be to the Triune God—
Source, Savior, and Spirit—
who was, and is, and is to come.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / 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 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.

HYMN* *"Guide My Feet"* 741 (all verses)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE* Congregation

**Go in peace, and the peace of God on this day be blest.
Go in peace, with the grace of God, giving trav'ler's rest.
I will hold you in my heart; Jesus loves you best.
Go in peace, and the grace of God,
grant you trav'ler's rest.**

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN