

THAT IS WHY, FOR CHRIST'S SAKE,
I DELIGHT IN WEAKNESSES, IN INSULTS,
IN HARDSHIPS, IN PERSECUTIONS, IN DIFFICULTIES.
FOR WHEN I AM WEAK, THEN I AM STRONG.



Psalm 48:14

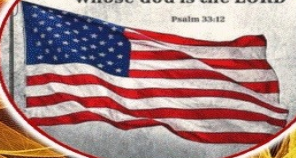
FOR THIS GOD IS OUR
GOD FOR EVER AND
EVER; HE WILL BE OUR
GUIDE EVEN TO THE END.



**THE
POWER
OF
WEAKNESS**

Blessed is the nation
whose God is the LORD

Psalm 33:12



July 7, 2024
8th Sunday of The Pentecost Season
Celebration of The Lord's Supper
Honoring the 4th of July

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Post Worship: Fellowship Hour

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Our accessible/family friendly restroom (equipped with changing table) is located at the back of the Fellowship Hall to the right of the kitchen.

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*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!*

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Something to Think and Pray About:

"Our strength grows out of our weakness." **-Ralph Waldo Emerson**

"Greatness lies not in being strong, but in the right use of strength." **-Henry Ward Beecher**

"Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet." **-Helen Keller**

GATHERING OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY

+ **Designates all who are able please stand.**

10:30 am - Ringing of the Church Bell

*In our desire to extend the welcome and love of Christ we want to call each other by name.
Please help us do so and take this time to fill out our "Registration of Attendance."*

Presentation of Flags and Honoring the 4th of July [see insert]

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prelude **"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"** Marianne Kim

+ Opening Hymn #96 [vs. 1,2] **"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"**

*Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven, Feed me till I want no more.
Feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.*

+ **Call To Worship & Prayer of Confession** (with Assurance of Pardon) (responsive)
[inspired by 2nd Corinthians 12:2-10]

Leader: Whether in body or in spirit, some of us have seen glimpses of Eternity; snapshots of Paradise (that can't be easily explained or understood).

PEOPLE: It's good for us to celebrate the wonders that others have experienced, but when it comes to our own successes -we'd do better to boast about our weaknesses.

Leader: This may seem foolish to worldly thinkers. Yet, we know that, whatever human skills or talents we possess, it isn't right to make others think better of us than what our words and actions prove.

PEOPLE: Forgive us then, Holy One, we humbly pray, when we become too proud; if we think we're superior to others (regardless of any accomplishments we might have achieved).

Leader: Instead, help us to appreciate our failures. Teach us that our "thorns in the flesh" keep us from becoming pompous -that we have no right or reason to look down on others.

PEOPLE: Then, we will embrace the words YOU spoke to Paul. We will come to understand that YOUR grace is sufficient for us; that real, holy power is made perfect in weakness.

Leader: So, let us rejoice all the more gladly due to our weaknesses -that the power of Christ might dwell in us.

ALL: *May we be content with insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities (for the sake of Christ), for whenever we are weak, then we are strong; AMEN!*

+ Sung Response #9 “**Glory Be to the Father**” (Gloria Patri)

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

GATHERING AROUND THE RESURRECTING WORD OF GOD

The Christian Scriptures (New Testament)

The Gospel According to Mark 6:1-13

Children’s Message

(Children up to grade 6 are dismissed for Sunday School. Confirmation age children and above are to stay in worship, unless they are requested to help in Sunday school.)

Communion Meditation:

**“Power in Weakness
(Don’t Judge a Book...)”**

+ Hymn of Response & Preparation #749 [vs. 1,2] “**Here, O My Lord, I See Thee**”

*Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
Here would I touch and handle things unseen;
Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.*

*Here would I feed upon the bread of God;
Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heaven;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load;
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.*

Gathering at The Lord’s Table

Words of Institution and Prayer of Consecration

Invitation and Distribution of The Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer

(using “sins” and “those who sin against us”)

Sharing and Responding to Our Stories-Of and Needs-for Resurrection

Prayers of The People (Joys and Concerns)

Prayer Response #90 [vs. 1] “**Seek Ye First**”

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!*

Bringing our Gifts and Thanksgiving Before The LORD

Call to Offering

Offertory “**Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us**” Dale Wood

+ Offertory Response #7 “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.*

+ Prayer of Dedication ^[inspired by Psalm 48] (responsive)

Leader: Great are YOU, LORD, and greatly to be praised! From the holy places where YOU dwell to the most high and beautiful mountains of all Creation.

PEOPLE: So, we share our resources with a desire to proclaim what a Great Defender YOU are; to let everyone know (North, South, East, and West) that YOU care for those who seek YOU.

Leader: Use our offerings, then, we ask, so even the “kings” of the earth would know of YOUR Power and Steadfast Love.

PEOPLE: From our places of worship, we want our lives and tithes to praise YOUR Name -even to the ends of the earth.

Leader: May our living and giving support YOUR victory. Let what we share tell of YOUR Righteous Ways and Judgements (that they would help-to-heal divided people).

PEOPLE: With time, talents, and treasures, we seek to take stock of all YOU have given to bless YOUR faithful followers.

Leader: We long to inform future generations that YOU are our GOD -forever and ever!

ALL: YOU are our Guide. Help us to steward these things wisely and well; AMEN!

PROCLAIMING THE HOPE OF RESURRECTION TO THE WORLD

Charge and Benediction (Challenge & Blessing)

Sending Hymn #625 [vs. 1-2] “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

Sent forth by God’s blessing, Our true faith confessing,

The people of God from His dwelling take leave.

The service is ended; O now be extended

The fruits of our worship in all who believe.

The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,

Shall blossom in action for God and for all.

His grace did invite us; His love shall unite us

To work for God’s kingdom and answer His call.

With praise and thanksgiving To God ever living,

The tasks of our everyday life we will face,

Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,

Embracing His children of each tribe and race.

With Your feast You feed us; With Your light now lead us.

Unite us as one in this life that we share.

Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving

Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

Postlude “He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought” Dale Wood

COMING NEXT WEEK:

9th Week of The Pentecost Season

VBS Wrap-Up Sunday

Monthly Youth Service Sunday & Noisy Offering

Theme/Message: “Never Alone”

Focus Text: Matthew 28:18-20 (with Ephesians 1:3-14 and Psalm 24)