**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

 *\* Indicates, please stand if able.*

13th Sunday after Pentecost September 4, 2022. 9 am.

 Liturgist: Daniel Brauner

WELCOME, PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST, & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\***CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God is like a potter who shapes and forms our lives.

**P: We have been called to be faithful to God’s intention.**

L: God seeks for us to be vessels of compassion and service.

**P: We have been given multiple opportunities to witness to God’s love.**

L: Come, let us worship the Creator who has given us life.

**P: Let us send our praises to God who knows us totally and loves us. AMEN.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

**God For Us, we call You Father, God Alongside Us, we call You Jesus, God Within Us, we call You Holy Spirit. You are the Eternal Mystery That enables, enfolds, and enlivens all things, Even us and even me. Every name falls short of your Goodness and Greatness. We can only see who You are in what is. We ask for such perfect seeing. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.** - Richard Rohr

**\***OPENING HYMN***“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”*** #127

CHILDREN’S TIME Roxie Hostrawser

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgiving God, we have messed up in so many ways. You gave us a wonderful world, filled with beauty, power, and majesty, and we have ravaged it - tearing away at its gifts with our own greed and cowardice. We have not treated this world or one another with compassionate love. We have turned our backs on situations of need in which we could have been instruments of help, healing, and peace. We have neglected service to others and have focused our lives on accumulating things and status. We have chased after false gods - greed, power, fame. You are the potter, O Lord. You fashioned us, but we focused on developing our flaws rather than working with our strengths. Please forgive us, Lord. Refashion us to be your people, celebrating your love in service to others. For we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. AMEN**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God’s loving choice for you is peace and hope. God has fashioned you to be God’s people. Rejoice! For God is with you, reaching out to heal and care for you. AMEN.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(In Unison)*

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.

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS

Let us be generous in our giving, that others may see in us the transforming power of God. Let us be lavish in our gifts, that others may draw life from the bounty of God’s blessings.

**\***DOXOLOGY *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* #95

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Psalm 23:1-6

HYMN OF PRAISE ***“You Are My Hiding Place”***  #2055

MESSAGE **“Your Rod and Your Staff, They Comfort Me”** Rev. Shon

HYMN OF PREPARATION **“Gentle Shepherd”** #3096

HOLY COMMUNION #13-15

 ***El Shaddai*** *sung by Amanda Lang*

CLOSING HYMN ***Only Trust Him*** #337

**\***BENEDICTION Rev. Shon

POSTLUDE Matthew Schluntz

**Bible Verse Today:** Psalm 23:1-3 (English Standard Version)

 *“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.* *He makes me lie down in green pastures.*

 *He leads me beside the still waters; He restores my soul. He leads me in the paths of*

 *righteousness for his name’s sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow*

 *of death, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.”*

**SCRIPTURE: Psalm 23:1-6** (International Standard Version)

**1**The Lord is the one who is shepherding me; I lack nothing.
**2**He causes me to lie down in pastures of green grass;
  he guides me beside quiet waters.
**3**He revives my life; he leads me in pathways that are righteous
  for the sake of his name.

**4**Even when I walk through a valley of deep darkness,
  I will not be afraid because you are with me.
 Your rod and your staff—they comfort me.
**5**You prepare a table before me, even in the presence of my enemies.
 You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
**6**Truly, goodness and gracious love will pursue me all the days of my life,

 and I will remain in the Lord’s Temple forever.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**PRAYER FAMILIES:** Pray for all those who need healing, or have health issues. Specifically,

pray for Karen Dolsey, Madyson Schultz, Nancy Iuliano. Also continue to pray for those in in

our church, Ukraine and other areas of the world where people are suffering.

**FRESH EXPRESSIONS**: Begins Sept 11th at 4:00pm, at 514 Forrest Street. All are welcome.

 **UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH:** September 12, Monday, at 5pm, UWF will meet for Fall

 Fellowship at the Lunda Park Large Shelter. Bring your personal supper and beverage.

 Program to follow with Suzanne and Ella Goldsmith sharing Mother-Daughter Camp

 experiences. All women are invited.

 **CHOIR REHEARSAL**: **That’s right! Choir is back!** Led by Amanda Lang, Music Director,

 choir rehearsal will begin Wednesday September 7th from 6:15-7:15pm. Bell Choir rehearsal

 will be from 7:15pm-8:15pm. Come join us for a time of praise to the Lord.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONNECTIONS:** Begins Sept 14th at 5pm. All are invited. Pastor and Esther will serve.

**SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY**: Topic: Prayer, from Sept. 11th, 7 Sundays, 10:30 am-11am.

 **DISCIPLESHIP CLASS 101:** Sept. 17, Sat. 9 am–1 pm. Lunch provided. Contact the office.

 **DISCIPLESHIP CLASS 201:** from Oct. 13, 4 Thursdays, at 6pm-7pm. Ask the office.

 **PRAYER WORKSHOP:** October 1st, Sat. 9 am–2 pm. Lunch provided. Contact the office.

 **SCRIP CARDS:** When you are thinking of ideas for gift giving or personal use, consider Scrip

cards**.** Stop at the gathering area on Sundays or call Marcia at 715-284-3346.

 **USHERS/GREETERS:** Sally Laubach & Luane Meyer

 **THIS WEEK AT THE CHURCH: Monday:** Office Closed

 **Wednesday:** Prayer Meeting 10:00am

 Dinner for Confirmation Class 6:00pm

 Youth Meet & Greet 6:30pm

 **Saturday:** United Methodist Men 8:00am **Black River Falls**

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"To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by proclaiming

the good news of God's grace and by exemplifying Jesus' command to love God and

neighbor, thus seeking the fulfillment of God's reign and realm in the world."

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