

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Are Welcome Here: For your comfort, listening devices are available by the front doors of the church. Large print bulletins are available at both entrances. Please see a Deacon if you need assistance.

Coffee Hour: Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for Coffee Hour following service today.

We are pleased to **welcome Rev. Martha Bays** back to our pulpit this morning, standing in for Rev. David Buchan.

Thanks to Hannah Geiling and Kayleigh Junz for their gift of music at today's service.

Women's Ministry News: Please join us **Tuesday, August 6 for a night of fellowship.** We will meet in the Taylor Room from 6-8pm. Please bring a snack or dish to share and RSVP to Nicole at coleylh@gmail.com.

Our Women's Ministry Book Club will meet again on Tuesday, September 3 at 7pm. We will meet in the Taylor Room and discuss *More Than You Know* by Nan Rossiter, who will also be joining us for our discussion! Please RSVP to Nicole at coleylh@gmail.com.

BYOB&B –Bring your own Bible, your own brew and join others for fellowship and discussion on August 14th @ 6:00 PM in the Taylor Room. Questions? Call or text Hannah Albright: 203.240.2014.

Lunch & Learns - October 3rd, November 6th, and December 4th.

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Today's Service

Deacons on Duty	Cary Westfall & Debbie Poole
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“No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.”



August 4, 2024

WELCOME & CALL TO MINISTRY

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let God's praise be heard in the midst of the congregation.

People: Shout praise to the Lord of hosts!

Leader: Let God's praise be whispered in the spirits of the people.

People: We praise you for the many ways you have loved and guided us.

Leader: Let God's praise be proclaimed wherever we are.

All: May we praise God in all that we do and say.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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.

HYMN*

We Come as Guests Invited #386

good news of your love, and share your life-affirming hope. Amen.

Church School children will process to the Parish House during this time.

INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER

Living God, we begin our worship with gratitude for life and all the good things that come from your hand. We thank you for Jesus and his love. We thank you for the rolling hills and this valley. You give us peace and the strength to meet the challenges of our day. In this hour may we know your joy. Draw us into your presence. Speak your word to each one of us this morning. We ask this in Jesus' name who taught us to pray, saying:

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Choral Response

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION AND PEACE

Leader: Beloved, this is the joyful feast of the people of God.

People: The children of God come from east and west, and from north and south and sit at the table in the realm of God.

Leader: Behold how good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters live together in unity.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

*The Deacons will serve communion. Gluten free crackers are in the center cup.
Please hold the bread and juice until we partake as a group.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give you thanks, Almighty God, for the gift of our Savior's presence in the joy and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who have received Christ's gifts, that we may faithfully proclaim the

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 78:23-29

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Call to Offering

Offertory

Laudamus Te/W.A. Mozart

Song of Presentation*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offering Prayer*

Almighty God, we bring gifts to our church, so that our lives and our gifts will be a blessing to others. May our lives and our church reflect your presence in the world through your holy and ever-present Spirit. Amen.

HYMN*

Fill My Cup, Lord #351

SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:24-35

Choral Response

SERMON

Just Show Up
Rev. Martha Bays

Choral Response

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN*

All Creatures of Our God and King #22

BENEDICTION* - spoken and sung.

POSTLUDE

**All are invited to stand in body or spirit*