



# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 3, 2025

## Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Large-print bulletins are available at both entrances to the sanctuary.

Activity bags & bulletins for kids are available in the narthex.

**\*Indicates those who are able may stand.**



All hymns today are in the **RED Hymnal**,  
***The Worshiping Church***, unless otherwise noted.



*The Chancel flowers today are given by Ro and Jeff Hudson,  
in loving memory of Rose Marie & John Yurkow;  
and given by the Russo family, in loving memory of John Degnan.*



Welcome & Announcements

Joys & Concerns

Prelude

*Mike Rugge, Organist*

### We Come Into God's Presence

**Call to Worship** (L—Leader / P—People)

*Psalm 111*

**P: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;**

L: All who practice, have great understanding.

**P: I give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.**

L: Great are the works of the Lord.

**P: Full of honor and majesty are God's works.**

L: Holy and awesome is God's name.

**P: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;**

L: All who practice, have great understanding.

**P: Let us worship God!**

\*Gathering Hymn: *Congregational Selection* (Red Hymnal Only)

*Polly Mitchell, Hymn Leader*

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SUNDAY SUMMER WORSHIP @ 9:30AM  
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Rev. Eliza C. Jaremko, Pastor  
Dr. Chris Thomas, Director of Music † Mike Rugge, Organist



## **We Prepare to Hear God's Word**

### **Prayer of Confession** (unison)

**God of justice and love, we confess to you and to each other that we have not offered food to the hungry. We have not satisfied the needs of the afflicted. We have spoken evil of others and pointed fingers in blame. We have turned away from you and our community, pursuing instead our own self-interests. Forgive us, God, so that we may be renewed to be true disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Silent Confession

### **Assurance of Pardon**

**L:** Brothers and Sisters, anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

**P:** **The old life has gone, and a new life has begun.**

**L:** Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

**P:** **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\*Gloria Patri

### **\*Affirmation of Faith:**

*The Confession of 1967*

**P:** **We believe that God created the world of space and time to be the sphere of his dealings with humankind.**

**L:** In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith, the majesty and mystery of its Creator.

**P:** **We believe that God has created us for personal relationships, in which we may respond to the love of our Creator.**

**L:** Life is a gift to be received with gratitude.

**P:** **Life is a task to be pursued with courage. Amen.**

## **We Read and Proclaim God's Word**

Time with Our Children:

*Game: Clue*

\*Hymn: "God Moves in a Mysterious Way"

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**First Old Testament Lesson:** 2 Samuel 12:1-6

(OT, p.285)

### **Hymn of Preparation: "Listen to the Word that God Has Spoken"**

Listen to the Word that God has spoken;

Listen to the One who is close at hand;

Listen to the voice that began creation;

Listen even if you don't understand.

**Sermon:** “King David, on the Roof, with the Army”

*Rev. Eliza C. Jaremko*

**Second Old Testament Lesson:** 2 Samuel 11:1-17,26 (OT, p.284)  
2 Samuel 12:7-14 (OT, p.285)

## **We Respond to God's Word**

### **Invitation to the Offering**

Offertory: “Fur Elise”

*by Beethoven*

*Fred Heuser (Guitar) & Mike Rugge (Piano)*

\*Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\*Prayer of Dedication



*Please note that all bread provided for the Eucharist is gluten-free.*

### **Holy Communion**

**L:** The Lord be with you.

**P:** **And also with you.**

**L:** Lift up your hearts.

**P:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**L:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**P:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Communion

### **Prayer After Communion**

**We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament, you have given your Son who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. Strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks. We pray this in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray together, 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 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.**

## We Go to Live God's Word

\*Sending Hymn: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

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**Benediction** (unison)

**May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent one from the other.**

L: Our worship together has ended.

P: **Now our service begins.**

Postlude



### PRAYER CONCERNS



*Please keep these people in your prayers this week:*

- Adin Borden
- Sally Burrough
- Nancy & Bob Celebre
- Donna & John Duca
- Joe & Marie Guerra
- Sandy Langford
- Pat Masi
- Evelyn Miraglia
- Carmen Muni
- Lois Noyes
- Shirley Renshaw
- Dottie Rheinbold
- Michael Sabolcik
- Ken Sichel
- Lynn & Tom Spina
- Deborah Blackiston,  
Harlan Blackiston's wife
- Lauren DeCorte, Sue Hawco's daughter
- Marlowe Muni, Kim & Carmen's grandson
- Harriet, friend of the Spinass
- Steve, friend of Tony Logandro
- Patricia Sheffler, former CPC member
- Anne Winch, Dawson Winch's sister
- Bonnie Scribner, Wayne Scribner's wife
- The Berkelbach family, Karen Mazak's daughter & son-in-law
- Meegan Hussain, friend of the Heusers
- Carol & Dick Boyle, sister & brother-in-law of Candace Lowden
- Barb Maylath, former CPC member
- Rev. Daniel Park, friend of the Heusers
- Jack Holland, 5 year-old son of friends of the Andrews
- Will Baberick, Polly Mitchell's son

*pray without ceasing*

1 Thessalonians 5:17



#### Deacons

Melanie Diven  
Kelly Evans

#### Nursery

Kam Evans  
Maria Masi

#### LiveStream

Korey Owens  
Erin Gallagher

#### Counters

Cheryl Hauske  
Tony Masi

**Communion:** Carmen Muni

**Sunday, August 3**

9:30am - Worship (Sanctuary & on FB)

**Tues 8/5 - Thur 8/7**

Office Hours may fluctuate as Mary's schedule will vary during this time.

**THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRES...**

**Wednesday, Aug 6**

11:00am - Adult Bible Study, Zoom  
6:30pm - Care & Membership Meeting,  
in the parlor

## **Scripture Verses for Today's Service**

### **First Old Testament Lesson: 2 Samuel 12:1-6 (NRSV)**

<sup>1</sup>And the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. <sup>2</sup>The rich man had very many flocks and herds, <sup>3</sup>but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb that he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare and drink from his cup and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. <sup>4</sup>Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." <sup>5</sup>Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; <sup>6</sup>he shall restore the lamb fourfold because he did this thing and because he had no pity."

### **Second Old Testament Lesson: 2 Samuel 11:1-17, 26 (NRSV)**

#### *David Commits Adultery with Bathsheba*

<sup>1</sup>In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>It happened, late one afternoon when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. <sup>3</sup>David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." <sup>4</sup>So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. <sup>5</sup>The woman conceived, and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

<sup>6</sup>So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. <sup>7</sup>When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared and how the war was going. <sup>8</sup>Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. <sup>9</sup>But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord and did not go down to his house. <sup>10</sup>When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" <sup>11</sup>Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house to eat and to drink and to lie with my wife? As you live and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing."

*(continued)*

<sup>12</sup> Then David said to Uriah, “Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back.” So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, <sup>13</sup> David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk, and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

### *David Has Uriah Killed*

<sup>14</sup> In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. <sup>15</sup> In the letter he wrote, “Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die.” <sup>16</sup> As Joab kept watch over the city, he assigned Uriah to the place where he knew there were valiant warriors. <sup>17</sup> The men of the city came out and fought with Joab, and some of the servants of David among the people fell. Uriah the Hittite was killed as well.

<sup>26</sup> When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him.

## **2 Samuel 12:7-14 (NRSV)**

<sup>7</sup> Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; <sup>8</sup> I gave you your master’s house and your master’s wives into your bosom and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah, and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. <sup>9</sup> Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. <sup>10</sup> Now, therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. <sup>11</sup> Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house, and I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in broad daylight. <sup>12</sup> For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and in broad daylight.” <sup>13</sup> David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.” Nathan said to David, “Now the Lord has put away your sin; you shall not die. <sup>14</sup> Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the Lord, the child born to you shall die.”

# God Moves in a Mysterious Way 73

"You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Jn. 13:7



1. God moves in a mys - te - rious way his won - ders to per - form;
2. Deep in un - fath - om - a - ble mines of nev - er - fail - ing skill,
3. You fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take; the clouds you so much dread
4. His pur - pos - es will rip - en fast, un - fold - ing ev - ery hour;
5. Blind un - be - lief is sure to err and scan his work in vain:



he plants his foot-steps in the sea, and rides up - on the storm.  
he trea - sures up his bright de - signs and works his sov - ereign will.  
are big with mer - cy and shall break in bless - ings on your head.  
the bud may have a bit - ter taste, but sweet will be the flower.  
God is his own in - ter - pret - er, and he will make it plain.



WORDS: William Cowper, 1774, alt.

MUSIC: *Scottish Psalter*, 1615; ham. Thomas Ravenscroft, 1621, alt.

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# O God, Our Help in Ages Past 78

*Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Ps. 90:1*

Descant

6. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,

1. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
 2. Un - der the shad - ow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,  
 4. A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;

be thou our guide while life shall last, and our e - ter - nal home.

our shel - ter from the storm-y blast, and our e - ter - nal home!  
 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
 short as the watch that ends the night, be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
 bears all its years away,  
 they fly, forgotten, as a dream  
 dies at the opening day.

6. O God, our help in ages past,  
 our hope for years to come,  
 be thou our guide while life shall last,  
 and our eternal home!



# Church Announcements



## Updates to our Memorial Garden

Our Memorial Garden has reached it's completion with the installation of the irrigation system and the beautiful memorial bench. The bench was donated by Karen Mazak's late father, Tony, in memory of his beloved wife, and Karen's mother, Violet. Many thanks to our

Trustees and Candace Lowden for coordinating all the contractors, dates, and meetings to help us arrive at this beautiful space for our congregants & community.

## Bathroom Renovations Underway!

The first floor bathrooms (near the Green St. entrance) are currently being renovated. The construction is anticipated to continue until the end of the summer. Please use the Parlor bathroom during the renovation process.

Check out the progress so far in your e-News!



## Summertime School Supplies Collection

The due date is HERE — for the Mission Committee's school supply collection! Items should be brought in today and placed in Room 2 or in the parlor Mission cabinet. The supplies will go to Haddon Heights, Barrington, Lawnside, & Sharp (Collingswood) Elementary Schools.



## Summer Celebration at IHOC's Serenity House

All are invited to IHOC's Summer Celebration at their newly renovated Serenity House located at 802 Station Avenue in Haddon Heights.

**Sunday, August 17 — 2:00–6:00 PM**

- ✓ Catered Picnic Barbecue
- ✓ Steel Drum Band
- ✓ Lawn Games
- ✓ ... and plenty of fun!



***Please RSVP by August 9 via text message to 856-906-7890.***



**AUGUST  
Collection:  
Peanut  
Butter &  
Jelly!**



## 2025-2026 Church Directory

**Coming in September!**

Please check your contact info in our current church directory and contact the office if anything needs to be corrected or updated!



**King David,  
on the Roof,  
with the Army**

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# Summer Sermon Series

# FAITH ON BOARD

## WHERE GAMES MEET GOD

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**GOD**  
JULY 27

**Faith's  
SWEET  
Adventures**  
July 20

**your LIFE**  
JULY 13  
God's way

**START**  
JULY 13