# June 22nd, 2025 2nd after Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday and Transfer of Membership Sunday

**Thought to ponder:** "And the sign said, "The words of the prophets are written on the subway walls; and tenement halls; and whispered in the sounds of silence""— Paul Simon

#### Welcome

Announcements, Life & Work of the Church Prelude:

#### Passing the Peace:

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you

### **Acknowledgement of the Territories:**

## **Lighting of the Christ Candle:**

### **Call to Worship:**

One: As a deer longs for flowing streams, so we long for you, O God. As the plants turn toward the sun, so we turn to you, O God. As the tide ebbs and flows, so we move with you, O God.

All: Hope in God! Again, we worship the Holy One, our help and our God.

One: When tears are our constant companion, when our souls become weary, when we feel forgotten or alone, we may ask the question, "Where is God?"

All: Trust in God! Again, we honor the Present One, our strength and our God.

One: Deep calls to deep. The steadfast love of God surrounds us. The Spirit of Truth leads us to everlasting joy.

All: Rejoice in God. Again, we praise the Living One, our source and our God.

#### Hymn: VU #766

#### As The Deer Pants For the Water

As the deer pants for the water, So my soul longs after you; You alone are my heart's desire And I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield, To you alone may my spirit yield; You alone are my heart's desire, And I long to worship you!

I want you more than gold or silver, Only you can satisfy; You alone are the real joy-giver And the apple of my eye.

#### Refrain

You're my friend and you are my brother, Even though you are a king; I love you more than any other So much more than anything!

Refrain.

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## **Gathering Prayer:**

God in whom we take refuge, we seek you as the calm in the storm, the path in the wilderness, and the order in the chaos. Renew our strength with a vision of your kin(g)dom made real and expanding before us. Encourage us with a word of possibility and an encounter with your presence. Enliven us as we pray, sing, laugh, cry, witness, listen, ponder, and imagine in your midst and in our own way. We come to you with our full selves knowing you offer us the fullness of your being. May we find hope and challenge, joy and rest, peace and power as we immerse ourselves in you and glorify your name. Amen.

Time for Young at Heart: You can run...

Hymn: VU #412 This Is the Day

This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our God has made; We will rejoice, we will rejoice, And be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day, this is the day That our God has made.

Open to us, open to us your gates O God, your gates, O God; We will go in, we will go in, To your holy place, to your holy place.

Open to us your gates O God, We will go in to your holy place, Open to us, open to us your gates, O God.

You are our God, you are our God
We will praise your name,
We will praise your name;
We will give thanks,
We will give thanks,
For your faithfulness,
For your faithfulness.
You are our God,
we will praise your name,
We will give thanks
for your faithfulness.
You are our God, You are our God,
We will praise your name.

This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our God has made; We will rejoice, we will rejoice, And be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day, this is the day That our God has made.

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# Prayer of Illumination: Scripture:

**1 Kings 19:1-15a** Elijah experiences God in the sound of silence

Psalm 42 and 43 As a Deer Longs for the Water

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# Ministry of Music with Congregation:

**The Blessing** (Kari Jobe CCLI#7147007)

The Lord bless you, and keep you, Make his face shine upon you And be gracious to you. The Lord turn his face toward you And give you peace.

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A--men, a --men, a---men. A--men, a --men, a---men.

The Lord bless you, and keep you, Make his face shine upon you And be gracious to you. The Lord turn his face toward you And give you peace.

The Lord bless you, and keep you, Make his face shine upon you And be gracious to you. The Lord turn his face toward you And give you peace.

A--men, a --men, a---men. A--men, a --men, a---men.

"May his favour be upon you and a thousand generations

and your family and your children and their children and their children.".

"May his favour be upon you and a thousand generations and your family and your children and their children and their children".

"May his presence go before you and behind you And beside you, all around you and within you. He is with you, he is with you".

"May his presence go before you and behind you And beside you, all around you and within you. He is with you, he is with you".

"In the morning, in the evening, In your coming and your going, In your weeping and rejoicing. He is for you, he is for you."

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He is for you...... A--men, a --men, a---men. A--men, a --men, a---men. Confirmation:

Scripture: Matthew 28: 16-20 Go Make Disciples!

**Statement of Purpose** 

Presentation of Candidates for Renewal of Faith by Confirmation:

Abbie Corcoran
Daniel Carmicheal
Wanda Jewer-Northrup

Profession of Faith and Promises by the Candidates:

Profession of Faith and Promise by the Congregation:

We will continue to support you, walk with you, and grow with you on this journey of faith. With God's help, we will live out our baptism as a loving community in Jesus Christ: nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer, and encouraging one another in God's work.

#### VU# 918 <u>A New Creed</u>

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus,

the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Laying on of Hands Abbie Corcoran

Daniel Carmicheal Wanda Jewer-Northrup

**Commissioning:** 

**Presentation of Bible & Certificate** 

# **Transfer of Membership:**

Gordon Phippen Karen Phippen Janice Hoyt Kevin Darbyson Janet McKinley

# **Presentation of Certificates**

Hymn: MV #161

I Have Called You by Your Name
I have called you by your name,
you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you
now to shine.
I will not abandon you;
all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen;
you are mine.

I will help you learn my name as you go;
Read it written in my people, help them grow.
Pour the water in my name, speak the word your soul can claim, Offer Jesus' body given long ago.

I know you will need my touch as you go; Feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow. Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of doubt, Hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.

I have given you a name, it is mine; I have given you my Spirit as a sign. With my wonder in your soul, Make my wounded children whole, Go and tell my precious people they are mine.

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#### **Prayers of the People**

One: God of the earth and all its peoples,

All: Let your light shine!

### The 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 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

# Invitation to Generosity: Prayer of Dedication:

Generous God, through these offerings may ministry be nurtured, love shared, people encouraged, and glory be given to your name. Amen. Hymn: VU #575

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

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#### **Benediction:**

Sung Benediction: MV #214

May God's Sheltering Wings

May God's sheltering wings, Her gathering wings protect you. May God's nurturing arms Her cradling arms sustain you, And hold you in her love, And hold you in her love.

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# **Announcements**

June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 Confirmation Sunday

Reader for this week: Daniel Reader for next week: Lee

Greeter this week: Muriel and John Greeter next week: Donna Hall Tellers this week: Kevin and Janice Tellers next week: Linda and Sharon

A/V this week: Al A/V next week: John

**Sunday** 9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom

10:00 Confirmation Sunday Service;

followed by a time of cake and lemonade.

Monday to Thursday: VBS 9 - noon

Next Sunday 9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom

10:00 Service

**Good News and Caring Corner:** If you have some good news you want shared with the congregation, let us know and we'll pass it on. If there is someone you think should have a card from the caring corner for whatever reason, please see the attendant in the corner, or call the office.

**Offering Envelopes** are available at the office or on the table in the entryway. If you are using them for the first time, be sure to have your name and address on the first one so we can get you your tax receipt at the end of the year.

**Grocery Cards:** We will be available (as we are able) before and after church for you to purchase cards and cards are available for purchase in the office during regular business hours.

Contact information: Please keep your contact information and addresses updated so we can get information out to you. An inaccurate address may lead to delays for tax receipts. Thanks.

A reminder that you may be on our video presentation as we are broadcasting our services on Facebook.

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If you know of anyone needing help, please contact the office or Rev. Jenn Brown.