

September 21, 2025

Creation Time 2 in the season of Pentecost

Thought to ponder: *"A person is whole only when they take into account their shadow."*

– Djuna Barnes

Welcome**Announcements, Life & Work of the Church****Prelude: All The Earth****Passing the Peace:**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Acknowledgement of the Territories:**Lighting of the Christ Candle:****Call to Worship:**

One: Praise the Lord! From the rising of the sun until its setting, for the name of God deserves our praise!

All: Who is like our God...

One: Praise God, who sees all things and remembers the poor and those in need.

All: For God raises the lowly and levels the exalted.

One: Praise God, who is just and mighty, who repairs and redeems.

All: For God pours out love and justice, compassion and conviction, hope and salvation. Praise the Holy One!

Hymn: MV #27 Creator God You Gave Us Life

Creator God you gave us life,
Your image formed within our souls,
Yet through the mist of time and space
We search for that which makes us whole.

**Through hands that paint
majestic skies**

**And voices chanting melody,
With words that reach
beyond the page
We comprehend your mystery.**

In ev'ry flow'r and ev'ry tree
We see your great diversity,
Yet greater still we see your love,
Expressed in our humanity.

Refrain

When with our hearts, our hands our minds,
We share our gifts with all the world,
Our spirits soar beyond the veil,
To touch the very face of God.

Refrain

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Gathering Prayer:

**God, you are our source, guide and
goal: for you have made us in your
image and set us in a world full of
beauty; although you dwell in
heavenly light, you have come to be
among us, full of grace and truth; and
coming in wind and flame to work
your wonders in our midst. Gracious
God, awaken us from sleep that we**

may worship you in spirit and in truth:
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Time for Young at Heart: Sharing is Best

Hymn: Dare to Dance 2x

Dare to dance with dreamers,
sing their song.
Dare to dance their stories,
sing out strong.
Dare to dance with freedom
your whole life long.
Dare to dance again.

Prayer of Illumination:

Scripture:

Luke 16:1–13 The parable of the dishonest manager

Ministry of Music: Way Maker (from TLUS)

Reflection: hmmm....

Hymn: MV #65 When We Are Tested vs 1,3,4
 When we are tested and wrestle alone,
 Famished for bread when
 the world offers stone,
 Nourish us, God, by
 your word and your way,
 Food that sustains us
 by night and by day.

**When we are tempted
to barter our souls,
Trading the truth for
the pow'r to control,
Teach us to worship
and praise only you,
Seeking your will in
the work that we do.**

**When we have struggled
and searched through the night,
Sorting and sifting
the wrong from the right,
Saviour, surround us
with circles of care,
Angels of healing,
of hope, and of prayer.**

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Prayers of the People

One: God, speak to us a word of hope
All: Embrace us with your love.

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:

**We bring our gifts to you, O God, in
gratitude for all you give us. Bless
them and make them a source of
healing for a world in need, for the
sake of Jesus Christ, who sends us out
in love. Amen.**

Hymn: VU #701

What Does the Lord Require of You

**What does the Lord require of you?
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What does the Lord require of you?**

**Justice, kindness,
walk humbly with your God.
Justice, kindness,
walk humbly with your God.**

**To seek justice, and love kindness,
And walk humbly with your God.
To seek justice, and love kindness,
And walk humbly with your God.**

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Benediction:**Sung Benediction: TLUS #4*****Glory to The Creator***

**Glory to the Creator,
And the Christ and the Spirit so near,
As it was from the start
So it shall be forever one God,
Always here.**

**Glory to the Creator,
And the Christ and the Spirit so near,
As it was from the start
So it shall be forever one God,
Always here,
One God, always here,
One God, always here.**

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Announcements

**September 21st, 2025 15th Sunday after
Pentecost**

Reader for this week: Elaine

Reader for next week: Daniel

Greeter this week: Muriel and John

Greeter next week: Donna

Tellers this week: Susan and Lori

Tellers next week: Paul and Shirley

A/V this week: John

A/V next week: Al

Sunday

9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom

10:00 Service

Wednesday

6:00 Choir Rehearsal

6:30 Bible study

Friday

6:30 Youth Group

Next Sunday

9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom

10:00 Sunday Service –

Coffee and conversation after the service.

If you have any reusable shopping bags that you have accumulated and no longer require or wonder what to do with them, please bring them into the church so we can get them to the Salvation Army, or take them there directly. Thank you for your continued support.

Orange Shirt Sunday, blessing of the Animals
 Sept. 28: Wear an orange shirt to the service and at 1pm we will have a blessing of the animals in the parking lot.

Themed Supper Wednesday October 1st, 2025 at 5pm, at the Millstream Recreational Centre Dining With The Stars there will be 40 Advanced tickets sold at \$20.00 each, also takeouts available on a PreOrder basis. Potato salad plate, ham, beans, cheese and rolls with strawberry shortcake for dessert so come join us for an evening of entertainment. All proceeds will go to our year end outreach projects. Contacts for tickets are Donna Stevens 433-1434 or Sally Carhart 433-5064. Thanking you in advance.

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.

Bible study: Bible study sessions will begin on September 24th and continue the last Wednesday of each month. 6:30 drop in.

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.

Join in or listen to any of the Zoom calls via Internet using the link:
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/179750852?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/179750852?pwd=7lAYtPHcGTE)
pwd=7lAYtPHcGTE

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