CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

August 31, 2025 Proper 17

*Those who are able, please stand.

Please silence cell phones.

Please sign the blue friendship pad at the end of the pew.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Chiming Of The Hour

(Prepare your hearts for worship)

Welcome

One: "The Lord be with you."

All: "And also with you."

*Call to Worship (Hebrews 13)

One: God calls us to service, rather than honor.

All: God call us to love the unknown, rather than the

familiar.

One: We come to this time of worship, trusting in the grace of

Jesus Christ,

All: who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

*Hymn 634 *"To God Be the Glory"*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Prayer of Confession (Luke 14, Jeremiah 2, Psalm 81)

All: Merciful God, forgive us for we exalt ourselves and mock the humble. We choose to believe we are self-sufficient rather than trust in your strength.

Open us to your spirit, that we might serve all people without regard to the outcome, devoting ourselves to your honor alone.

(silent confession)

One: God rejoices when we repent and return, offering us finest wheat and honey from the rock to sustain us in new life.

Rejoice! For you have been reconciled to God and to one another. With joy, seek the honor of God's service.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri Hymn #581

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Anthem

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Psalm 112 p. 532 Epistle: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 p. 213 Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14 p. 72

Sermon Rev. J. David Jordan

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to Discipleship

Prayer

Affirmation of Faith: (The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again, he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of The People and 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 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.

Offertory

*Doxology Hymn #606

Prayer of Dedication

All: God of grace, we give thanks for your faithfulness to us, we give thanks for your hope in us, we rejoice in the knowledge of your unending grace.

In the light of your mercy, and confident in your love, we dedicate these offerings, and ourselves, to you.

Amen.

*Hymn 670

"From the Rising of the Sun"
RISING SUN

SENT FORTH TO SERVE

Announcements

*Charge and Blessing

*Chorus

"Bind us together, Lord; bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord; bind us together, Lord; bind us together with love. There is only one God, there is only one King, and there is only one body; that is why we sing. Bind us together, Lord; bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord; bind us together, Lord; bind us together, Lord; bind us together with love."

Please greet each other as you leave with these words: "Grace to you."

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, September 2

10:00 a.m. Ladies of Grace Bible study will begin this Tuesday, September 2nd at 10:00. We will be studying *Life* Lessons from James by Max Lucado. We'll talk about the introduction and first chapter.

Sunday, September 7

11:00 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting to elect Elders and

Deacons.

Wednesdays

7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal

Sundays

Sunday Bible study is taking a summer break until Labor Day. When we return, we will study Philippians – more information forthcoming.

Liturgist: Gene Seese

Ushers: Jerry and Susan Atkins, Bob and Peggy Thornton **Refreshments:** Joe Fortune, Kay Parrish, and Barbara Quintrell

Elders: Chuck Achuff, Frank Banks, Joe Fortune, Betty Powell,

Shirley Schmelzinger, and Lynette Steritz

Clerk of Session: Dan Schmelzinger

Deacons: Jerry Atkins, Jane Miller, Barbara Quintrell, Dan Scott,

Christine Seese, and Priscilla Taylor

Nominating Committee: Andy Clemons, Bonnie Fry, Christy Jordan, Betty, Powell, Barbara Quintrell, Mary Ann

Sheehy, and Nathan Steritz

Welcome to Grace Presbyterian Church! Grace is a church for the community, and all of God's people are welcome here.

In Our Prayers: John and Susan Adams (Marsha Loftin), Anna (Kristi Deutz), Jason Atkins (Jerry), Susan Atkins, Frank Ball, Ruth Ann Ball, the Barnes Family - Carey and his son Baron (Mary Ann Sheehy), Anna Claire Beavers (Marsha), Sarah Ellen Beavers (Marsha Loftin), Bill and Sandy (Dan Scott), Gretchen Blackwell, Emily Bond (Jared Dixon), Carmen, Cathy (Kristi Deutz), Lisa Conn, Trey Courtney, Jessica and Michael Couture's family (Margie), Patricia Crain (Ruth Ann Ball), Darren (Chris Yarbrough), Karen Davenport, Joan and Randy Davis, Mary Delasota (Bob Thornton), Mike Eason (Joey), Marvin Fuller (Kelly), Quincey Gamble (Marsha Loftin), Jim Hambright, Patrick Hawkins family (Shirley), Clara, Hogan (Shirley), Margaret Hunt (Jim Hambright), Irena (Gretchen Blackwell), Robert Ivy, Jenna (Reece Neidlinger), John Joh, Cindy Johnson (Amanda Herrit), Doug Jones (Margie O'Byrne), Judy (Marsha), Julia (Kristi Deutz), Justin (Carmen), Cliff Kelley (Andy), Cynthia Kodua, Shelby Lee, Linda (Jaycey), Martha's Family (Dan Scott), Marty (Sherry), Reed Maurer, Anna McQuilken (Kristi Deutz), John Murray (Betty Banks), Eric Nelson (Katie), Mrs. Nichols (Lynette), Margie O'Byrne, Betty Powell, Mandy Power, Brenda Reagans (Kristie), Kathy Silvio (Marsha Loftin), Nancy Smiley (Ruth Ann Ball), Jacob Stone (Nancy McCue), Susan (Ruth Ann Ball), Colleen Taylor, Ben Thorsheim (Chris), Mitch Thompson (Peter Stasi), Ti (Shirley Schmelzinger), Viviana Torres, the family of John Trammel (Emma Teems), Carol Watkins, Bill and Sherry Weeks, Sandra White, Wilma & her husband (Sandy), Desi Witten (Richard), Anonymous leukemia patient

Assisted Living: Sandy Grimes

Sympathy: The family of Zoe Putnam, the family of Joan Ronsiek, the Family of Jane Stuckey

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