

August 20, 2023
12th Sunday after Pentecost



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Monday-Thursday: 9:30 am to 2:30 pm
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St. Timothy Mission Statement
Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to: seek God, follow Christ, serve and love our neighbor.

Worship is also available via Live Stream just before 10:30 am or later in the afternoon as a video. Just use this link for both options:
<https://video.sttimothycusa.org>

Welcome!

PRELUDE

“Amazing Grace”

INTROIT

“Here I Am Lord”

Tim Ayers

PASTORAL WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 85:8-13

God speaks peace to the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.

Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear God.

Where God dwells, steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Faithfulness springs up from the ground and righteousness looks down from the sky.

God gives what is good and we respond with abundant praise!

HYMN

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you call us to step out in faith, trusting in you for all things. We respond to your command but then sink in doubt and fear. We hide from the challenges of bold discipleship. We are not able to fulfill your commandments, for our purposes are never in full accord with yours. Forgive us, we pray, when we confess with our lips but do not believe in our hearts. Help us to practice our faith in all circumstances. Lift us out of sin into the arms of your mercy. Though we are distracted by noise all around, allow us to hear your voice even when it is the sound of sheer silence. We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus is Lord! God raised him from the dead and we are saved through him. This is the good news we believe in our hearts and confess with our mouths: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Amen and Alleluia!

RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri”

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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.

A MOMENT FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet, and a Light unto my path.

People: Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet, and a Light unto my path.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 56: 1,6-8

SPECIAL MUSIC "The Lily of the Valley" Fry/Hayes

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Matt Johnson

GOSPEL READING Matthew 11:25-30

INTERACTIVE SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam
"What I Learned"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried, he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Doxology # 625
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, we thank you for your call and claim upon our lives. Because there is so much more we can become, and so much more we can do, we pray that our faith will increase; that our practice of generosity will be enlarged; and that our joy in believing will encourage others as we share with them the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN "Fill My Cup, Lord" see insert

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

This morning we will be receiving Communion in the pews. An usher will come to your pew to distribute the elements. Eat the bread individually when you are ready. Then wait until everyone has been served the cup and we will drink together as a congregation. Prefilled individual cups will also be available.

THE CELEBRATION

The Invitation

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

The Bread

The Cup

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.

HYMN "Peace Like a River" see insert

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING AND BLESSING

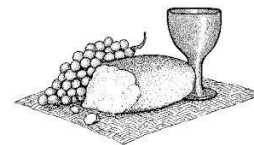
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CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and Keep you Forever,
Grant you Peace, Perfect Peace, Courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see God's face and God's grace Forever,
May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and Keep you Forever.*

POSTLUDE

** Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 2*



Sunday, August 20th
Following Along in Worship

1. Who is your favorite person in the bible? Why do you like them so much?

2. Jesus showed that he cared about people by loving them. What can you do to show others that you care about them?

3. What was the Time for the Children about today?
 - a. Jesus is super-duper!
 - b. This year is so weird!
 - c. Rest!

4. List two things Jesus can help you find rest from:

5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel will teach from Matthew 11:25-30. Circle all that are true about this passage:
 - a. The wise and learned know everything
 - b. Some thing have been hidden from the learned
 - c. Children know things adults have forgotten
 - d. The only way to the Father is through Detroit
 - e. The only way to the Father is through Jesus
 - f. If we are weary, let's come to Jesus!
 - g. If we come to Jesus, he will give us
 - i. A party
 - ii. Rest
 - iii. Refreshment
 - iv. Renewal

Serving in Worship This Morning

Greeter:	Carol Prevost
Ushers:	Youth
Worship Assistant:	Kathey Turnbull
Communion Servers:	Karlane Belaire, Carol Prevost
Keyboard:	Linda Delezenne
Technology:	Tina Puntigam
Safety Officer:	Ron Martin
Tellers:	Paula Boegner, Kim Gaines
Fellowship Hour:	Bring your favorite Mexican dish

Weekly Bible Studies

Adult Sunday Bible Study – approximately 12:15 pm

We are studying Genesis. All are welcome!

Zoom Bible Study – 12:00 pm on Monday

We are studying a comparison of the Gospels.

This is the link address to join: <https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org>

Adult Weekly Bible Study, Thursday – 9:30 am

Our study is on the passage that Pastor Joel will be preaching on August 27 – Matthew 16:13-20.



Chancel Flowers



In honor of our 25th Anniversary and Dave's Birthday,
Beth & Dave Olko

Celebrating



Birthday:

August 14
August 15
August 17

Dave Olko
Chris Korne
Lexi Barsch

Anniversaries:

August 14	Dave & Beth Olko (25 years)
August 20	John & Ali Burkart (1 year)
August 23	Rich and Karlane Belaire (54 years)

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

Sunday, September 10 – Rally Day

Saturday, November 11 – Friendship Club

Wednesday evenings, July thru August – Campfire

Worship



Do you have someone that is in need of prayer? Put their name on a prayer ribbon and tie it to the fence out front. Write your concerns and worries and give them to God. Give Him thanks and praises. The prayer ribbons are a spiritual and awesome sight to see fluttering in the wind. Ribbons are on the table in the main entry.



Fellowship Hour is such a nice time to gather with everyone after service. Once a month, we are asking you to bring a specific food category if you are able. This is the current list:

- August 27th is your favorite Brunch!
- September 3 – Favorite Chinese Food



Tim Chanko is at it again. He is performing in “The Adams Family” at the Village Theater. Dates: September 15-17 & 22-24, Friday & Saturday at 7:30 pm, Sunday’s at 3:00 pm. There is a postcard on the wall in the Narthex which has all the information needed to purchase a ticket.



Say Cheese! It’s time for a new photo directory. This time we are trying something fun and different. Take a selfie while on vacation or while you are relaxing at home. Maybe in front of your favorite flowers or with your pet. Use your imagination. Close-up photos are better, we want to see your face(s). E-mail the photo to the church. If you need help we will take the photo for you. Any questions talk to Mary or Dennis.

thank you

Faith Circle thanks everyone for their generosity for the eighteen backpacks that were delivered to The Oakland County **Foster Closet** which offers support services, supplies, and aid to children in the foster care system and to those in crisis situations.



Memorial Garden Engraved Bricks

Order forms for engraved bricks are on the bulletin board. If you want to order a brick to memorialize someone you have loved, please fill out the form and submit it to the church office or to Karlane Belaire. The cost for each brick is \$35.00; please write "Brick" on the info line on the check. For your information, someone has already ordered a brick for Linda Osborne and Marilyn Taulbee.

Sunday, September 3 – *Short* Congregational and *short* Corporation Meeting to get approval for a loan and financial secretaries.



The food pantry will no longer be accepting donations of food, toiletries or personal products. We have had few people over the last few years asking for help. Those in need are receiving assistance from several other community resources. The Mission and Outreach Committee will have occasional drives that will benefit an organization.



Campfire Worship
 Wednesday evenings in July and August
 Time: 7:00 pm

- Plan on some testimonials
- Plan on bible discussion
- Enjoy singing with a new campfire book

Found on Facebook...

A lady went to the Pastor and said ... "I won't be attending Church anymore."
 He said, "May I ask why??"
 She said, "I see people on their cell phones during the service, some are gossiping, some just ain't living right, they are all just hypocrites."
 The Pastor got silent and he said, "Ok... But can I ask you to do something for me before you make your final decision?"
 She said, "What's that?"
 He said, "Take a glass of water and walk around the Church 2 times and don't let any water fall out the glass."
 She said, "Yes I can do that."
 She came back and said "It's done."
 He asked her 3 questions:
 1. Did you see anybody on their phone?
 2. Did you see anybody gossiping?
 3. Was anybody living wrong?
 She said, "I didn't see anything because I was so focused on this glass, so the water wouldn't fall."
 He told her, "When you come to Church, you should be just that focused on God , so that you don't fall. That's why Jesus said 'Follow me.' He did not say follow Christians. Don't let your relationship with God be determined by how others relate with God. Let it be determined by how focused YOU are on God."

Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday	10:30 AM	Family Worship
8/20	11:30 AM	<i>Fellowship Hour</i>
	12:15 PM	Adult Bible Study
Monday	12:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
8/21		https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org
	6:30 PM	Deacons
Tuesday	6:45 & 8:15 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
8/22		202-926-1029 - access code 235645
	9:00 AM	STARS
Wednesday		
8/23		
Thursday	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
8/24		
Friday	6:00 PM	Special Olympics Cheerleading
8/25		
Saturday		
8/26		
Sunday	10:30 AM	Family Worship
8/27		https://video.sttimothyPCUSA.org
	11:30 AM	<i>Fellowship Hour</i>
	12:15 PM	Adult Bible Study

Pastor Joel and Tina,



Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

*Brethren, we have met to worship
And adore the Lord our God;
Will you pray with all your power,
While we try to preach the Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit
Of the Holy One comes down;
Brethren, pray, and holy manna
Will be showered all around.*

*Let us love our God supremely,
Let us love each other too;
Let us love and pray for sinners
Till our God makes all things new.
Then He'll call us home to heaven,
At His table we'll sit down;
Christ will gird Himself and serve us
With sweet manna all around.*

Fill My Cup, Lord

*Like the woman at the well I was seeking
For things that could not satisfy;
And then I heard my Savior speaking:
"Draw from My well that never shall run dry."
Fill my cup, Lord—I lift it up, Lord!
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul;
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more—
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!*

*There are millions in this world who are craving
The pleasures earthly things afford;
But none can match the wondrous treasure
That I find in Jesus Christ, my Lord.
Fill my cup, Lord—I lift it up, Lord!
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul;
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more—
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!
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*So, my brother, if the things this world gave you
Leave hungers that won't pass away,
My blessed Lord can come and save you,
If you kneel to Him and humbly pray:
Fill my cup, Lord—I lift it up, Lord!
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul;
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more—
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!*

Peace Like a River

*I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.*

*I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.*

*I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.*

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