Worship for the Lord’s Day
8th Sunday After Pentecost
July 23, 2023
9:30 am

Prelude
Surely the Presence
Lanny Wolfe

Words of Welcome
Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

Lighting of the Christ Candle

*Opening Word
Amy Hall

One: We come. We wait.
All: We long. We hope.
One: We suffer. We pray.
All: We rejoice. We sing.
One: We know we are children of God.
All: We wait for Christ to set all things right.

*Hymn 401
Here in This Place
GATHER US IN

Call to Confession
Amy

One: There is goodness within us that grows like fresh wheat. There is also sin within us that chokes that wheat like weeds. Let us bring all of who we are to God, who can separate out what is good, so that we are not overcome with evil.
Prayer of Confession

All: Ever-present God, there is no place where you are not with us. You see us at our worst and at our best. There is much we would hide from you —
the ways we harm your creation,
the ways we mistreat others,
the ways we turn away when we should turn toward you.
Even as you know us, forgive us. Guide our thoughts, our words, our actions, that you may delight in us as we delight in you.

Assurance of God’s Grace

One: Siblings in Christ, hear the good news:
God knows us and forgives us and leads us in the way of everlasting life.
All: Through Christ Jesus we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Sung Response 582  
*GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

*Sung Response 175 v 1  
*LAFFERTY

Time with Youngest Children

Kristin Duy

Prayer for Inspiration

Amy

Scripture Reading  
Genesis 28:10-19a
One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

Scripture Reading  
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24  
Beth
One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon  
Search Me, Know Me  
Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

*Hymn 28  
*You Are Before Me, Lord  
SURSUM CORDA (Smith)
Offering Our Gifts to God

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

For the Beauty of the Earth
Liz Monson, Handbell soloist

*Doxology* words 607, tune 606
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication*  

Church Tidings

Joys & Concerns

God’s People Pray

Lord’s Prayer (using “sins”)  
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 sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us;  
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 Insert v 1, 4-6  
Glory, Glory Hallelujah

*Charge and Blessing*

*Postlude  
Come, Thou Almighty King  
arr. Cindy Berry

* Please rise in spirit or body  
All speak emboldened type

USHERS: Jancie Bouchard, Steve Bouchard  
ONLINE WORSHIP HOST: Kathy Florence  
LITURGIST: Amy Hall  
AV: Pat Garner, Sam Dammers
Glory, Glory Hallelujah

Exod. 15:20; Gen. 28:12; Ps. 81:6

African-American spiritual

1 Glory, glory hallelujah, since I laid my burdens down.
2 I feel better, so much better, since I laid my burdens down.
3 Feel like shouting “Hallelujah!” since I laid my burdens down.
4 I am dancing Miriam’s dance now, since I laid my burdens down.
5 I am climbing Jacob’s ladder, since I laid my burdens down.
6 Every round goes higher and higher, since I laid my burdens down.

Despite their physical captivity, the enslaved of antebellum America often found an inward freedom through their faith in Jesus the liberator. This liberation, which permitted them to sing rejoicingly, anticipated their eventual physical emancipation.

Tune: GLORY, GLORY 8.7.8.7.

Arr. Joyce Finch Johnson, 1992

African-American spiritual
Next Sunday in Worship, July 30
9th Sunday After Pentecost
9:30 am

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
1 Kings 3:5-12

Discerning Taste

Household Prayer: Morning
In whatever shelter I wake this morning
I know this place is holy because you meet me here.
As I wash my body and prepare for the day,
I remember baptismal waters and the claim upon my life.
Wherever darkness looms, Sovereign God,
traffic in mercy this day.
Traffic in mercy this day. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening
As darkness spreads over the land,
I trust that you move in it.
As I yield the night to sleep and dreams,
I pray you would remake me
into a servant bold,
for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

Seeking Deacons & Elders
Are you or someone you know called to serve our church? The Nominating Committee is looking for 6 people to serve as elders (being leaders of the local church and beyond) and 6 deacons (serving those in need within the local church and beyond). The commitment is for 3 years. Please help us by identifying someone we should consider, including yourself. If we contact you about serving, please consider the request prayerfully before giving us your answer. Contact anyone on the committee for more information or to suggest a name.

Pat Garner (chair, pgarner923@hotmail.com), Amy Hall, Ann Jaltuch, Gloria Tatar, Fred Veenbaas, Barb Webster, Wendy Wilhelm, Rev. Beth Freese Dammers (staff)
This week at CPC:

Sunday, July 23
9:30 am — Worship

Monday, July 24
7:00 pm — Worship & Music; Chapel / Hybrid

Tuesday, July 25
1:30 pm — Staff Meeting; Chapel / Hybrid
7:00 pm — A & P; Chapel / Hybrid

Wednesday, July 26
7:00 pm — VBS Training

Thursday, July 27

Friday, July 28

Saturday, July 29

Sunday, July 30
9:30 am — Worship

SOME PIG. HUMBLE. RADIANT.

These are the words in Charlotte's Web, high up in Zuckerman's barn. Charlotte's spider web tells of her feelings for a little pig named Wilbur, who simply wants a friend. They also express the love of a girl named Fern, who saved Wilbur's life when he was born the runt of his litter.

E. B. White's Newbery Honor Book is a tender novel of friendship, love, life, and death that has been enjoyed by generations. Whether you are 3 or 93 this book is perfect summer reading...so join us and read Charlotte's Web and enjoy some fun activities along the way!

Books available each Sunday in the narthex and in the church office. To cap off this fun summer reading adventure we will have a Charlotte's Web movie viewing party in September!

NURSERY CARE

The Nursery will be staffed one Sunday each month (Next on August 6). Families can drop off their little ones to be cared for by our volunteers. We use a pager system in case a parent is needed. The Nursery is located across from the church office on the main floor.

COMING SOON; live stream of the worship service in the Nursery!

SUMMER SUNDAYS

August 6

All kids 3 yrs - 5th grade are invited to participate in worship service during the summer. Click HERE to email Kristin if your child would like to participate!

WORSHIP BAGS

Each Sunday, worship bags will be available for families to use so that children of all ages are able to participate in worship. A variety of activities related to each week’s service will be included along with books and fidget busters! Bags will be available for pick up in the Narthex.

CARAVAN ENCOURAGEMENT CREW

Our Camp Courageous team needs your encouragement!! Bring a letter, a prayer, a poem, a picture, song lyrics, any piece of inspiration for our teams and we will share them during circle time each evening. You are invited to bring your inspiration piece to a basket in the narthex or email to susan.tindall@chcpc.org! Please send by August 3rd!
MEAL A MONTH COLLECTION

Food Pantries are in desperate need. Fill a bag with grocery items to be donated to Hinsdale Community Services. The suggested menu is:

- Cereal
- Mac & Cheese
- Rice or Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Canned Tuna or chicken
- Paper Products: Sandwich Bags, Plastic Wrap, Foil

Any non-perishable items will be most welcome! Pick up a bag in the narthex or use your own and return to CPC. Thank you for your generous donations.

COMPASSION CAMP; VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Changing the World with Loving Kindness
August 14 - 18
9am - 11:30 ~ Snack Included
4yrs - 5th grade

Cost: $60 for the first child/ $30 for each additional child
*reach out to Kristin Duy if you would like scholarship information

Through Compassion Camp: What Every Living Thing Needs, children will explore what all living things need to live—shelter, food, water, air, and community—and how they can have compassion for the living earth. Through awareness, gratitude, wonderment, and kinship, kids will consider how to become participants in the work of God’s creation.

A typical morning will include: Gathering and Music, Bible Story, Crafts & Activities, Movement & Games & Compassion in Action.

Simply scan the QR code to register your child.

NEWS OF THE AMOS GROUP

Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amos 5:24

The Social Justice Summer Read is back!
The book for 2023 is See No Stranger: A Memoir and Manifesto of Revolutionary Love, by Valarie Kaur. You can see more about the book on this flyer.

I (Gregg) am finding this book stimulating. Kaur’s writing is very personal and easily grasped. Here is a nugget from today’s reading: “When we cannot see that evil is driven by a person’s wounds, not their innate nature, we become terrified of each other. But the moment we see their wounds, they no longer have absolute power over us. I could not see the wound in them until I tended to the wound inside me.”

I hope that many of you will join us in reading and discussing this book. Please let Gregg Morton know if you are reading with us, so he can coordinate the discussion schedule.

We all read on our own and then have a discussion in September, probably with folks from other groups who are also reading it. There will be multiple date and time options for the discussion.

Please send your questions, ideas or comments to Gregg Morton.
SAVETHEDATE
Worship on the Lawn
Sunday August 27
9:30 am

The Worship & Music Committee is thrilled to offer Worship on the Lawn with a gospel theme this year! Special guest musician, Shantée Lewis, will lead and teach us gospel music, including some of our favorites as well as new inspired music. Bring your lawn chair to sit in the shade under the tent on the south lawn. The music will be amazing, the worship inspired and the beverages iced!!

Please note worship will not be livestreamed on this Sunday. Please let us know if you’d like a ride to church!

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