

19th Sunday after Pentecost

September 29th, 2024

10:00 AM

¹³ Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord.

James 5:13-20

PRELUDE

Susan Randall

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Your steadfast love, Lord, never ceases,

P: Your mercies never come to an end;

L: They are new every morning; so let us proclaim

P: Great is Your faithfulness. Great is Your love. Great is Your mercy. And greatly is Your name to be praised!

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMNS

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

No. 3

“In Christ Alone”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, You have gone to great lengths to redeem us by Your Son Jesus Christ. You invite us into a life of hope, joy, and freedom. And yet, we forget, Lord that You have sanctified us for greater things. We confess that we abandon You when our comfort is threatened. We admit that we get consumed with serving ourselves and our own interests. Have mercy on us. Father, cause us to turn our gaze squarely back on You. Forgive us and open our eyes and ears to a greater awareness of You, and to the adventure of living for Your glory each and every day. We pray this humbly in Christ’s Name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Believe the good news of the Gospel.

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*CONFESSION RESPONSE:

“Create In Me a Clean Heart”

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Give Me Jesus”

By: Susan Randall

*OFFERING RESPONSE:

“Doxology”

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL CHURCH RETREAT INFORMATION

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 81:10-12

ANTHEM

“You Already Know”

By: Susan Randall

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 25:14-30

SERMON

“Are You Buying into the Story?”

Michael Barton, CLP

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*HYMN

“By Faith”

POSTLUDE

Susan Randall

*Those who are able please stand.



Ushers:

Welcome Desk: Cora Murtha

Liturgist: Autumn Moore

Greeters: Lori McCann

Fellowship Hour: Rick & Carol McClean

Childcare: Kristen & Lydia Kwiatkowski

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday:	10 AM	Worship
	11 AM	Sunday School
	4:15 PM	Youth Group
	5 PM	Fishbone Dinner
Tuesday:	1 PM	Quilting
	6:30 PM	Deacon/Trustee Meetings
Wednesday:	6:30 PM	Choir
Friday:	10 AM	Women's Bible Study
	12-5 PM	Blood Drive

COMMUNION- Join us next Sunday for World Communion Sunday and Pastor Steve's first week back from sabbatical!

BLOOD DRIVE- We will be hosting a blood drive on Friday, October 4th from 12-5 PM at Meridian Firehall. You can signup at redcross.org to donate.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION- Will resume this Wednesday, Oct 2nd.

SAVE THE DATE- All Church Retreat at Crestfield Camp, November 15th-17th, join us as we focus on "Letting Go" Philippians 3:7-14, sign ups and more information coming soon.

TRUNK OR TREAT- We are looking for volunteers for Trunk or Treat on Saturday, Oct 19th from 4-6 PM. We need people to help with setup, cleanup, parking, kitchen, and donating cookies. Also, those to bring a decorated car and pass out candy! There is a signup sheet in the Narthex.

FISHBONE SIGNUP- We will be hosting a Fishbone dinner tonight and October 20th, along with a work and care project on Oct 10th & 11th. There are signup sheets in the rear narthex for volunteers and supplies.

HYGIENE KITS- We will be packing hygiene kits on Sunday, Oct 6th after worship. Please signup if you would like to help pack. Lunch will be provided.

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH- The month of October is "Pastor Appreciation" month. We take for granted the sacrifices our clergy and their families make to serve us on a daily basis. During October there will be boxes in the fellowship room outside of the office to collect cards or notes of thanks for Pastor Steve and Pastor Mike if you would like to express your gratitude.

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