

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Service for the Lord's Day
September 7, 2025 – 11:00 am**

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

Communion

Gordon Young

PRAYER IN PREPARATION

***Call to Worship**

Sisters and brothers,
we have been raised with Christ to new life,
**freed from every fear,
and granted every grace.**

With songs of praise, let us worship God.

***HYMN 25**

The Lord, Our God, How Excellent

WINCHESTER OLD

#1 Oh Lord, our God, how excellent, how glorious is your name. Your majesty surrounds the earth, and children sing fame.

#2 The heavens shout your handiwork; we stand beneath in awe, to think the One who made all things should care for us at all.

#3 Yet you have made us less than gods, surpassing all but you, with heart and mind, with strength and will, to search for what is true.

#4 Into our hands you've placed all things: the earth, the sea, each place we're called to probe for secret gifts and venture into space.

#5 O Lord, our God, how excellent, how glorious is your name, majestic in your holiness. We sing and praise your fame.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession

Holy God,

**you lavish us with good gifts,
yet we persist in seeking after that
which robs us of abundant life.**

**We hold fast to our anxieties
and give in to our greed;
we desire the very things that harm us.**

**Forgive us, purify us,
and sustain us by the strength of your Holy Spirit,
we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

***Act of Praise – Gloria Patri** p. 581

***PASSING THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN**

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philemon 1-21
pp. 203-204 in pew Bibles

PSALM READING

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
pp. 545-546 in pew Bibles

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 18:1-11
p. 677 in pew Bibles

SERMON

“Reformed, Always Reforming”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***HYMN 494**

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

QUEBEC

#1 Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of all, from the best bliss that earth imparts we turn, unfilled, to heed thy call.

#2 Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; thou savest those that on thee call; to them that seek thee thou art good, to them that find thee, all in all.

#3 We taste thee, O thou living bread, and long to feast upon thee still; we drink of thee, the fountainhead, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.

#4 Our restless spirits yearn for thee, where'er our changeful lot is cast, glad when thy gracious smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.

#5 O Jesus, ever with us stay; make all our moments calm and bright. O chase the night of sin away; shed o'er the world thy holy light.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

APOSTLES 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 Ghost, 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 on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Psalm 34

James Moore

***Doxology**

p. 606

***Prayer of Dedication**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The minister continues the thanksgiving

Christ has died,

Christ has risen,

Christ will come again.

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 450**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

#1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

#2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my
power.

#3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

#4 High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

PROCESSION

"This movement symbolizes taking the Light of Christ out into the world"

***BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

Taste and See

James Moore

The Liturgist today is Joan Scarborough

Prayer List

- Roy Scarborough
- Deryle Perryman, Jimmy's friend
- Prayers for Marci Mills and Sage
- The James Langford Family
- The people of the Middle East
- The people of Ukraine

Announcements & Events

- We are in great need of funds for the snack pack ministry. Especially hygiene items: soap, mouthwash, and razors. Please consider giving a one-time increase to your donation.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, September 7 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:15 AM Sunday School – Jer. 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Luke 14:25-33

11:00 AM Worship with communion in-person or Facebook Live

Sunday, September 14 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:15 AM Sunday School – Jer. 4:11-12, 22-28; 1 Tim. 1:12-17; Ps. 14; Luke 15:1-10

11:00 AM Worship in-person or Facebook Live