

Sunday, August 3, 2025  
8th Sunday after Pentecost

DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and  
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of  
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) F (Bm) Dm

end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly  
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es  
grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G) B $\flat$  (D) F (A) C

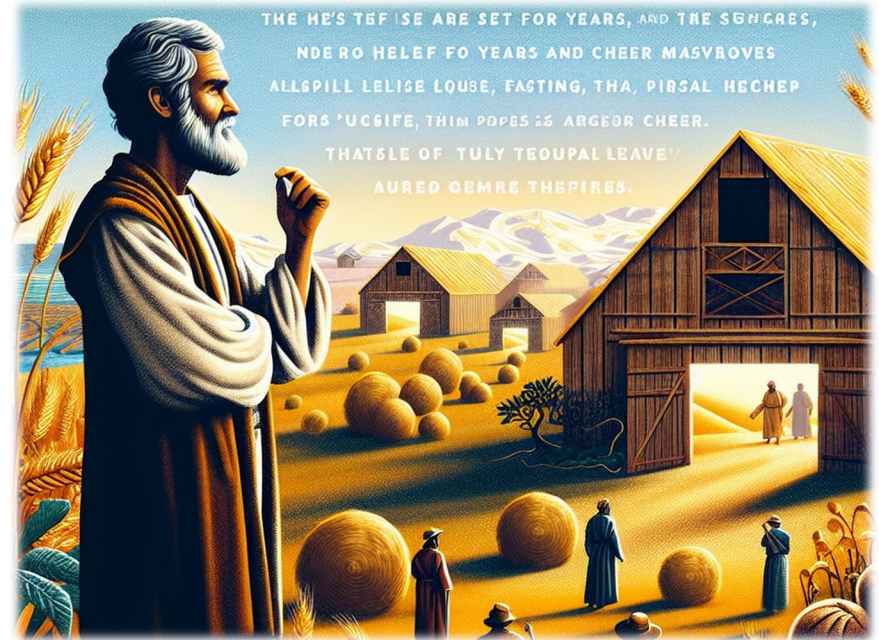
cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn  
joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly  
spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm) Dm (F#m) Am (Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$  (A) C (D) F

to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall  
la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,  
shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$  (D) F

rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.



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# Order of Worship: Sunday, August 3, 2025

## 8th Sunday after Pentecost

**We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds:** 18 "Forget the former things; 19 Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." These verses speak of God initiating a new phase or work, a fresh start, and encourages believers to recognize and embrace this new beginning. *Isaiah 43:18-19*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

### Call to Worship:

Elder Mabel Rogers

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,  
for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,  
those God redeemed from trouble;

They cried to the Lord in their trouble,  
and God delivered them from their distress.

Let us thank the Lord for God's steadfast love,  
For God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

### Choral Introit "Jesus is Lord of All"

**\* Hymn: " We Give Thee But Thine Own"**

**# 620**

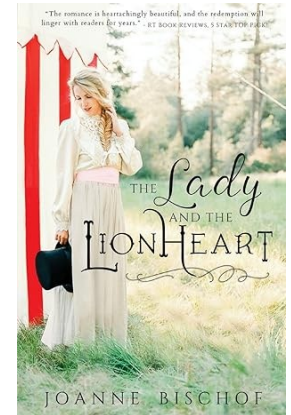
1st two verses in hymnal, then additional:

3. The captive to release,  
to God the lost to bring,  
to teach the way of life and peace:  
it is a Christ-like thing.

4. And we believe thy word,  
though dim our faith may be;

## SAVE THE DATE

Our next book club meeting  
will be **Tuesday, August 19**  
**at 11:30.** The book selection  
is "The Lady and the  
Lionheart" by Joanne Bischof



Our next game night will be sometime in  
**September, date TBA**

### Book study: Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers

The book study on  
"Presbyterian Questions,  
Presbyterian Answers," will be  
meeting on **Monday, August 4**  
**at 4:30** in the Fellowship Hall.  
They have been enlightening  
discussions so far. We are  
learning a lot about what it  
means to be Presbyterian.  
Come and join us anytime! We  
will be discussing what we as  
Presbyterians believe about the  
Bible.

**Presbyterian  
Questions,**

**Presbyterian  
Answers**

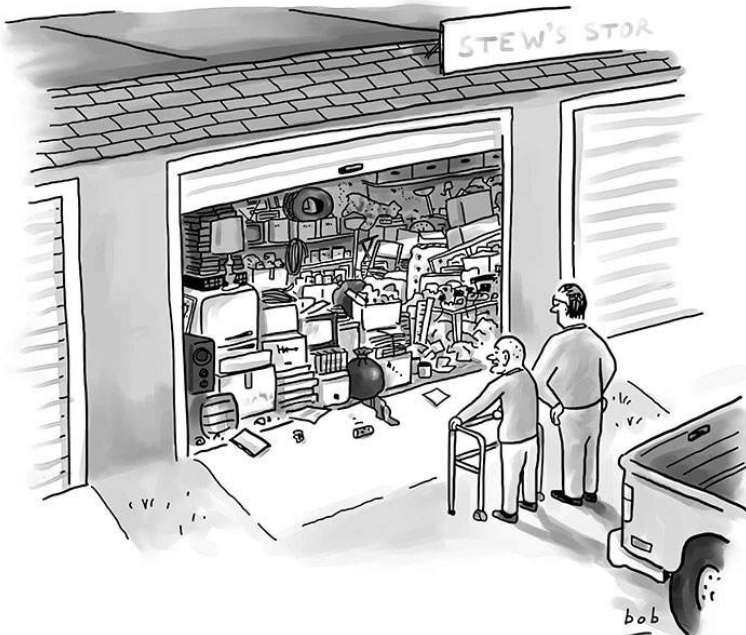
Revised Edition

**Donald K. McKim**

## PNC NEWS

The PNC has been busy meeting on a regular basis, and they are excited about their progress. Please keep this group in your prayers.

**Coming in September: A brand new sermons series and Bible study titled, "Wilderness Promise," both based on Pastor Debbie's recent conference Bible study at Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center. Stay tuned.**



*"One day Son all this will be yours."*

whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,  
we do it unto thee.

**\* Passing the Peace** - *Please turn to your neighbor and pass the peace of Christ*

## Call to Confession

**Prayer of Confession:** (unison)

Merciful God, we live in a society that focuses on gathering things. We collect, store, gather items, gadgets, even people. We focus our energies on our collections providing adequate room for them and yet we bar the door to the needs of others, of those who have little or nothing, of those for whom life has been a constant struggle. We are sorry for the ways in which we have failed you. Forgive us. Turn us around to look at the ways in which our wealth, both of substance and spirit, can be used for healing and hope. Enable us to be in ministry to those in need and to care for this world. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon:**

The mercy of the Lord is sure. In Christ, we are forgiven and set free from the chains that bind us so that we can be Your people.  
Thanks be to God!

**\* Gloria Patri** (unison) **#622**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory**

**\* Doxology** (unison) **#625**

## Prayer of Dedication

### Prayer for Illumination: (unison)

O God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that the scripture we are about to hear will become God's Word for us today. Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the church. Amen.

### 1st Scripture reading: Ephesians Hosea 11: 1-11

(Pp. 896-897 in pew Bible)

Elder Barbara Kipila

### 2nd Scripture reading Luke 12: 13-21

(p. 1031 in pew Bible)

Pastor Debbie Johnson

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### Sermon: "Stuff"

Pastor Debbie Johnson

### \* Hymn: "Bigger Barns"

(Tune is "Jesus, Lover of My Soul")

1. "Bigger barns are what I need!" So, a rich man said one day. "From my worries I'll be free when my wealth is stored away." "Fool!" God said, "Today you'll die! Will your wealth mean anything? All life's blessings really lie in my life that wealth can't bring."
2. "Bigger barns are what we need for our money, gadgets, more!" O Lord, we're tempted to believe having wealth, we'll be secure! Somewhere children cry for food or to have a doctor's care. Can our bigger barns be good when poor neighbors know despair?

## Current Prayer Concerns:

Virginia Miller

Lydia Frasca,

Bob & Dee Lebo

William Steger

Marie McCallister-sister of Marty Cropper

Christine Ruskin-friend of Marty

Joe Nasatka-friend of Marty

Eric Richardson-friend of Lisa Bayles

Kent Mitchell-friend of the congregation

Amy Etheridge— Friend of Beth Fisher

Mark Payne— Friend of Beth Fisher

Larry Steele — Family of Dee Lebo

Pat and Ben Steele — Family of Dee Lebo

Jessica Colbert + Family — Family of Vicky Cairns

Beth Miller — Friend of the Hales

Chuck Shorley — Friend of the Hales

Scott Blank — Friend of the Hales

Chris Hazard — Brother of Ann Hales

Andy Hales — Son of Steve and Ann Hales

Margie Baugher Cramer — Friend of Buzzy Bayles

Paul Whitson

Dave Smith

The Friends and Family of Sandy Akers

Trip Kory

## Fellowship Hosts Coming Up:

Aug 10 Robin Quinn

Aug 17 Vicky Cairns

Aug 24 Karen Eberle

Aug 31 Ann Hales

Sep 7 Jonelle Jones

Sep 14 Barbara & Betsy Kipila

Sep 21 Jan Owens

## Calendar, Birthdays, and More ...

Sun	Aug	3	CRU weekly Prayer	7:00 PM
Mon	Aug	4	Book study	4:30 PM
Tue	Aug	5	CRU Student Banquet	4:00 PM
Tue	Aug	5	PNC Meeting	6:30 PM
Wed	Aug	6	Int Student Breakfast	7:30 AM
Wed	Aug	6	<b>NO</b> Choir Practice	6:00 PM
Fri	Aug	8	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM
Sat	Aug	9	Sligo By The Sea	9:00 AM

**Birthdays:** *Dan McKenty (8/8) Linda Phillips (8/8)*

### Flowers: flowers in the chancel vases are given

~ By Mabel, Debbie and Pearl in loving memory of our mother Emily Midgette and the celebration of her birthday with Jesus on August 9th, You taught us by example how a Christian lives their life, and for this we are grateful

*Pastor Debbie will now be taking all prayer requests..  
Email her at [djhj3675@gmail.com](mailto:djhj3675@gmail.com) or text her at 843-568-6480..*

### Fellowship Hour

a reminder that there will be no Fellowship time following worship today, We will resume next Sunday, August 10.

### Pastor Debbie's Info:

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Cell phone: (843) 568-6480

Always available by texting or calling.

3. God of love, we long to know what will make us truly blest. Jesus taught us long ago wealth won't give us peace or rest. You are our security! Safe in you, we serve, O Lord. May we find we're rich indeed when we're sharing with the poor.

*Biblical Reference: Luke 12:13-21*

*Tune: Joseph Parry, 1879 ("Jesus, Lover of My Soul"; "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night") Text: Copyright © 2001 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. All rights reserved.*

## The Nicene Creed (Unison)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Invitation to the Lord's Table

## Great Thanksgiving

Let us lift up our 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.**

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for you gather us up in your arms and hold us like a child to your cheek, healing us, even before we know it.....

## Words of Institution

### Communion of the People

The body of Christ broken for you.

The blood of Christ poured out for you.

Prayer after communion and the Lord's Prayer  
(unison)

\* Hymn: "God, Whose Giving Knows No  
Ending" (Back of bulletin)

## Charge

## Benediction

## Response:

## Postlude: "Three-Fold Amen"

*Liturgy credit: Book of Confessions; <https://laughingbird.net>;*

*The Rev. Dr. Roger Gench for the Presbyterian Outlook;*

*Ministry Matters; Hymnary; Worship blog.*

*Music license: CCLI-#1650329.*

## International Student Breakfast

We served breakfast for **71** students  
this past Wednesday!

Thank you to all who prepped, baked,  
cooked, served, and cleaned! We are the  
hands and feet of Christ; how awesome  
to share and reflect God's love and grace.

Thank you for all who help!

## Samaritan Shelter

Sunday August 17, we will be collecting our  
"3rd Sunday" household items for Samaritan  
House, a project which we are continuing to  
support. Please remember to shop for  
Samaritan House when you go to the grocery  
store and bring your items on Sunday,

August 17.

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Beginning August 1st the following prices will be in  
effect.

Chancel vases.....will stay at \$30.00 a vase

basket of flowers.....\$40.00

3 roses in a vase.....\$ 24.50

Thank you,  
Marty Cropper