

Rev. Barbara Pence

10:15 am Worship Service

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GREETING

If able, please rise in body or in spirit.

With God on our side, we find compassion, grace, and mercy for one another. Blessed be the Holy One!

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Please be seated

Sovereign God, we often forget important truths and lessons the past offers us, devalue the relationships brought to us, and misuse the power given to us. Help us to live in truth, with integrity, and for peace. May love and compassion guide us in all our actions and interactions. Amen.

Body of Christ, in the words of Romans 12:2, “Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.” Receive the grace of God and the power of being

Ever-present God, who is at the side of every creature in creation. Renew our lives through your Word so that we may discern and do your will, what is good and acceptable and perfect. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.

SERMON: "Ripples from Faithfulness" - Rev. Andrew Hostetter

If able, please rise in body or in spirit.

They Did Not Build in Vain

Please be seated.

(Please date, sign, and pass the pew pad to your neighbors)

Prayers of Intercession

Our Creator/Mother/Father/Spirit, 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.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY
Children of God, present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. As an act of worship, let us now return to God our offering.

OFFERTORY
If able, please rise in body or in spirit.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Gracious God, thank you for your blessings. Increase in us generosity, compassion, and courage to tend to the children of the world, providing for their needs and being a source of your good news. With thanksgiving, we pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn #544 The Church’s One Foundation

BENEDICTION
Beloved, God calls us to use our power wisely and in the service of those the world has disempowered. May God bless you with the courage to notice injustices in the world and the perseverance to keep showing up with God and one another as we empower one another to set the world aright. Amen.

Postlude

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**Head Ushers for August are Amanda Duffy and Tara Howell**  
**Today’s Ushers are Herb Volk and Ethel Dietrich**  
**Altar Guild representatives for August are Ethel Dietrich and Doris Lindmeier**

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**2026 Consistory**  
Elders: Ron Grace, Tara Howell, Doris Lindmeier, Karen Peterson  
Deacons: Amanda Duffy (President), Cindy Grace, Lance Ide, Erin Rush, Evie Starkey, Angela Stofflet (Secretary), Herb Volk (V. President)  
Jen Flexer (Treasurer)

This morning we welcome the Rev. Andrew Hostetter and Jackie Manbeck from God’s Precious Children.



**Tuition Sponsorship Program (TSP)**  
TSP is a program dedicated to connecting sponsors with destitute children who need an education in Bong County, Liberia. TSP not only pays a child’s tuition fees, but creates a supportive relationship between donor and student. Sponsors can choose to support a child for a single year, or can support them until high school graduation.

Each year, sponsors receive an updated photo and profile with details of your students’ favorite hobbies, favorite school subjects, prayer requests, and a letter. Sometimes your student is not able to write a letter because of lack of material, or their letter came in after we left the country.

Tuition for each student is paid once yearly by our sponsors, and the cost varies based on grade level and school.

# Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above 56

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -  
2 What God's al - might - y power has made, in mer - cy he is  
3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy  
4 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly name give God the praise and

a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our  
keep - ing; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his eye is nev -  
hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness and came with peace  
glo - ry. Let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the won -

sal - va - tion. My soul with com - fort rich he fills, and  
er - sleep - ing. And where he rules in king - ly might, there  
to cheer us. For this we thank and praise the Lord, who  
drous sto - ry. Cast ev - ery i - dol from its throne; the

ev - ery grief he gent - ly stills: to God all praise and glo - ry!  
all is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!  
is by one and all a - dored: to God all praise and glo - ry!  
Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry!

WORDS: Johann J. Schütz (1640-1690); tr. Frances Cox (1812-1897) MIT FREUDEN ZART  
MUSIC: Bohemian Brethren's Kirchengesänge, Berlin, 1566; harm. Heinrich Reimann (1850-1906) 8.7.8.7.8.8.7.

# They Did Not Build in Vain 542

1 They did not build in vain who found - ed here a church as  
2 They built up - on the rock that is the ris - en Lord, the  
3 Those who have loved this place, a cloud of wit - ness - es, sur -  
4 Though the hor - i - zon's bend con - ceals the way a - head, the  
5 Here is our meet - ing place, where doubt finds grounds of faith, where

wit - ness to God's love a - mid a world of pain, for still, to  
one foun - da - tion laid which stands each earth - ly shock; that, Spir - it  
round and urge us on as we now run our race, and so we  
foot - prints on the road show Christ waits at the end; in him a -  
hurt finds heal - ing love, our pen - i - tence your grace; where bridg - ing

those who wish to see, this place pro - claims God's mys - ter - y.  
filled, we here might raise, as liv - ing tem - ples, prayer and praise.  
lay a - side each sin in our de - sire to strive and win.  
lone our faith shall stand who waits for us at God's right hand.  
time to e - ter - ni - ty is God the ho - ly Trin - i - ty.

WORDS: Alan Luff (1928- ) DARWALL'S 148th  
MUSIC: John Darwall (1731-1789) 6.6.6.6.8.8.  
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544 The Church’s One Foundation

Musical score for "The Church's One Foundation". The score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has five staves of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The second system has two staves of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The lyrics are: 1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord; 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth, 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der we see her sore op - pressed, 4 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war, 5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One, she is his new cre - a - tion, by wa - ter and the word: her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth; by schisms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed: she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more, and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won: from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride; one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food, yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?" till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest, O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we, with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died. and to one hope she press - es with ev - ery grace en - dued. and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song. and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest. like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

WORDS: Samuel J. Stone (1839-1900)  
MUSIC: Samuel S. Wesley (1810-1876)

AURELIA  
7.6.7.6.D.

FALL RUMMAGE SALE, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10th

FROM 8AM TO 1PM

Please see the list below before bringing your items to the church.

In addition to those listed, we will **NOT** accept clothing or stuffed animals. **Please make sure the items are clean and in usable condition.** Your items can be left in fellowship hall. For more information contact Angela at [stoffletangela@gmail.com](mailto:stoffletangela@gmail.com) or 610-202-4680. Thank you!

This is a list of items we will be **UNABLE** to accept for donation:

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 1. Automotive Supplies         | 7. Electrical                           |
| a. Vehicle Roof Top Carriers   | a. Ceiling Fans                         |
| b. Tires                       | b. Foot Spas                            |
| c. Wheels                      | c. TVs: Older than 5yo. Larger than 32" |
| 2. Baby Items                  | d. Projection TVs                       |
| a. Car seats                   | 8. Household Items                      |
| b. Cribs                       | a. Exercise Equipment older than 5yo    |
| c. Equipment over 10 years old | b. Food                                 |
| 3. Bedding                     | c. Helmets: Bike & Equestrian           |
| a. Box Springs/Bed Springs     | d. Kerosene Heaters                     |
| b. Electric Blankets           | e. Wire hangers                         |
| c. Hospital & Electric Beds    | 9. Furniture                            |
| d. Water Beds                  | a. "Bean Bag" Chairs                    |
| 4. Building Supplies           | b. Entertainment Centers                |
| a. Built in Cabinets           | c. Pianos and Organs                    |
| b. Doors                       | d. Wood TV and Stereo Console Units     |
| c. Sinks                       | 10. Medical Equipment                   |
| d. Windows                     | a. CPAP Machines                        |
| 5. Computer/Office Equipment   | b. Nebulizers                           |
| a. CRT Monitors                | 11. Outdoor Equipment                   |
| b. Computers                   | a. Camping Tents & Canopies             |
| c. Copiers                     | b. Gasoline, Propane Powered Equipment  |
| d. Fax Machines                | c. Grills                               |
| e. Keyboards/Mouse             | d. Paint and Oil                        |
| f. Printers                    | e. Skis, Ski Boots & Poles              |
| g. Scanners                    | 12. Refrigeration Misc.                 |
| 6. Major Appliances            | a. Air Conditioners                     |
|                                | b. Dehumidifiers                        |