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10:15 am Worship Service

August 17, 2025

Liturgists: Tara Howell & Lee Metzger

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

GREETING

*If able, please rise in body and in spirit*

CALL TO WORSHIP (Hebrews 12:1)

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

**With those who have run before us and those who run with us now, let us worship God, preparing the way for those who will run after us.**

Hymn #138

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

*Please be seated*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in God's hopes for us, let us come before God with contrite hearts, asking for reconciliation and seeking peace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of goodness and truth, we have failed to seek after your wisdom and have followed paths that have led away from you and separated us from others. We have been complicit in fostering divisions between those you love. Forgive our foolish ways and give us hearts to live your truth, that we may live together in the fullness of life as you intend through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God hears our confession, rejoicing in our desire for a new life together. Rejoice in the knowledge of our reconciliation and the fullness of a life lived together in the presence of God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, your Word is like fire. By the power of your Spirit, light the path before us and enflame our hearts, that we may live lives more faithful to you. Amen.

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-9

The word of the Lord.

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

A STORY FOR ALL AGES

A Bowl of Strawberries

Ray Gray

SERMON

The Way Knows the Way

Rev. Susan Scott

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

Hymn #499

He Leadeth Me

*Please be seated*

Koinonia Time (community; communion; fellowship; intimacy)

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

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

**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

Our God who is faithful, blesses us with an abundance of gifts. In gratitude, let us offer all that we have and all that we are for the love of Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

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

**God of the ages, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, we faithfully add our gifts to those who have gone before us throughout the generations. Bless these gifts that they may yield an increase for the spreading of your love in the world. Amen.**

Hymn #351                      “Take Up Your Cross”, the Savior Said

BENEDICTION

*Please be seated*

Postlude

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**Head Ushers for August are Doris Lindmeier and Lee Metzger  
Ushers today are Linda Brickajlik and Ron Grace  
Altar Guild for the month of August are Ethel Dietrich and Doris Lindmeier**

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Today we welcome Rev. Susan Scott and Ray Gray.

Ray Gray is a 1970 graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, who rather than entering ordained ministry, created his own career as a storyteller and videographer. Ray worked largely in school settings presenting assembly programs and workshops for varied age groups. Some of his work can be viewed on his website [raygray.com](http://raygray.com) Ray has authored several books for children and produced tapes and CDs of his stories.

Susan Scott is a semi-retired UCC pastor and board certified chaplain who has ministered in parish, geriatric care, and hospice settings. She received her M Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1991. Susan currently operates her own spiritual companioning practice, and occasionally leads retreats and supplies pulpits. She is the author of Still Praying After All These Years: Meditations for Later Life, published by Upper Room Books in 2019.

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**Consistory 2025**

Elders: Ron Grace, Doris Lindmeier, Lee Metzger (President), Karen Peterson  
Deacons: Robert Creager, Cindy Grace, Tara Howell, Lance Ide, Erin Rush, Herb Volk (Vice President)  
Consistory Secretary – Angela Stofflet; Treasurer – Jen Flexer

**Pastor Barb is on vacation August 12-18. Rev. Krey, from St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church, is covering pastoral emergencies. If you have an emergency, please call Rev. Krey at 215-260-2862.**

138 Holy God, We Praise Your Name

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name, Lord of all, we  
2 Hark! the loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -  
3 All a - pos - tles join the strain as your sa - cred  
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,

bow be - fore you; all on earth your scep - ter claim,  
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim  
Name they hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
Three we name you; while in es - sence on - ly one,

all in heaven a - bove a - dore you; in - fi - nite your  
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heavens with  
and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to  
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, then, a - dor - ing,

vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
sweet ac - cord: ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.  
set of sun, through the Church the song goes on.  
bend the knee, while we own the mys - ter - y.

WORDS: Attr. Ignaz Franz (1719-1790); tr. Clarence A. Walworth (1820-1900), alt.; para. *Te Deum* GROSSER GOTT  
MUSIC: *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1774 7.8.7.8.7.7.

499 He Leadeth Me

1 He lead - eth me, O bless - ed thought! O words with heaven - ly  
2 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ev - er mur - mur  
3 And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the

com - fort fraught! What - e'er I do, where - e'er I be, still  
nor re - pine; con - tent, what - e'er my lot may be, since  
vic - tory's won, e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since


*Refrain*  
'tis God's hand that lead - eth me. He lead - eth me, he  
'tis my God who lead - eth me. lead - eth me, he  
God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.

lead - eth me, by his own hand he lead - eth me; his

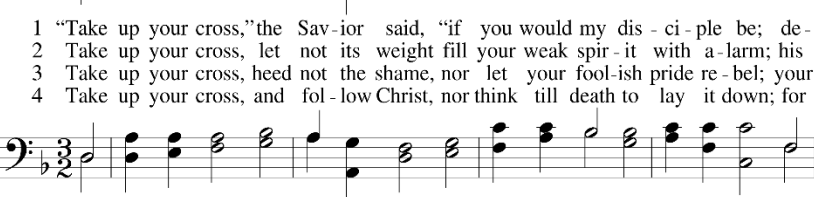
faith - ful fol - lower I would be, for by his hand he lead - eth me.

WORDS: Joseph H. Gilmore (1834-1918) HE LEADETH ME  
MUSIC: William B. Bradbury (1816-1868) L.M.Ref.

“Take Up Your Cross,” the Savior Said 351



1 “Take up your cross,” the Sav-ior said, “if you would my dis - ci - ple be; de -  
2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill your weak spir - it with a - larm; his  
3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, nor let your fool - ish pride re - bel; your  
4 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor think till death to lay it down; for



ny your - self, the world for - sake, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.”  
strength shall bear your spir - it up, and nerve your heart, and brace your arm.  
Lord for you the cross en - dured, and fought the powers of death and hell.  
on - ly they who bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.