**Order of Service–July 13, 2025**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Greeting \****please rise as you are able and comfortable and welcome one another into worship\**

**Invocation *\*****please**remain standing\**

**National Youth Gathering Commissioning:** *Delaney Ahl and Grayson Ahl*

***“Holy Forever”***

***“How Deep the Father’s Love” \*****please be seated\**

**Reading from Colossians 1:1-14**

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

2To the saints and faithful brothers[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Colossians%201%3A1-14&version=ESV#fen-ESV-29451a)] in Christ at Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

Thanksgiving and Prayer

3We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, 5because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, 6which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, 7just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant.[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Colossians%201%3A1-14&version=ESV#fen-ESV-29456b)] He is a faithful minister of Christ on your[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Colossians%201%3A1-14&version=ESV#fen-ESV-29456c)] behalf 8and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

9And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; 12giving thanks[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Colossians%201%3A1-14&version=ESV#fen-ESV-29461d)] to the Father, who has qualified you[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Colossians%201%3A1-14&version=ESV#fen-ESV-29461e)] to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. 13He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**Confession and Absolution**

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another…**.**

**Congregation: Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Congregation: **Amen**

***“His Mercy Is More”*** \*please rise as you are comfortable and able\*

**Nicene Creed**

Congregation: **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only‐begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Holy Communion** \*please be seated until it is time for you to come forward, rows come forward front to back, left to right\*

***Please read the explanation of our Communion practice below.***

***Communion*** *is a time for us to come in union to receive Jesus’ body and blood. On the night before Jesus died on the cross, He shared a “last supper” with His disciples. The experience that happened so many years ago compels us to this day to celebrate the “Lord’s Supper” (or Holy Communion as it is called). Jesus invited us to share this gift until He returns so that we may have forgiveness of sins, strengthening of faith and the power to live God-pleasing lives. God’s word tells us that when we receive the Lord’s Supper we are not merely receiving bread and wine, but the true, real body and blood of Jesus Christ. We claim the promise of Christ’s real presence as we hear him say “This is my body…this is my blood.” Baptized adult Christians who know they need God’s daily forgiveness, who are sorry for their sins, who seek God’s forgiveness, and who believe the body and blood of Jesus Christ are truly present in this meal are invited to share this great gift of God.*

*We encourage those who are unsure of their beliefs or who don’t yet agree with our beliefs to use the time of communion to reflect, pray, and sing. We encourage those who are in agreement with us in our beliefs to receive the body and blood of Jesus, given and shed for our forgiveness.* ***Those that wish non-alcoholic wine for communion will find those cups located in the center trays. Those who would like gluten-free wafers can take them from the bowl containing the wafers.***

**“How Beautiful”**

**Reading from Luke 10:25-37** \*please be seated\*

**25**And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” **26**He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” **27**And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” **28**And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

**29**But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” **30**Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. **31**Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. **32**So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. **33**But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. **34**He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. **35**And the next day he took out two denarii[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke%2010%3A25-37&version=ESV#fen-ESV-25390a)] and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ **36**Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” **37**He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

**Children’s Message & Offering**

**Message: “Who Is My Neighbor”**

**Responsive Prayer**

**Lord’s Prayer** \*please rise as you are comfortable and able\*

**Blessing**

***“O Praise the Name”***

**Go in Peace + Serve the Lord**