

The Worship of God



Sunday, September 5, 2021 | The God of the Harvest

Gathering Music

Greeting

Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Hymn of Praise

For the Fruits of All Creation

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For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

Reading from the Gospel

Matthew 9:35-38

Rev. Lee Gray

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

ONE: This is the written word of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

The Church at Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Allison Benfield

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.

Prayer Concerns

Andrew Adair, Carol Drye, Betty Fuller, Polly Hull, John Owens, Tish Philemon, Gene & Carol Poole, Don Swofford, Elma Thomas; Prayers for our world, especially those living in the wake of Hurricane Ida, the earthquake in Haiti, the citizens of and troops in Afghanistan, and everyone affected by COVID-19.

Message

A Prayer for Labor Day

Dr. Foust

Commissioning the Scattered Church

Dr. Foust

Hymn of Discipleship

We Are Called to Be God's People

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We are called to be God's servants,
working in God's world today;
Taking God's own task upon us,
all God's sacred words obey.
Let us rise, then, to God's summons,
dedicate to God our all,
that we may be faithful servants,
quick to answer now God's call.