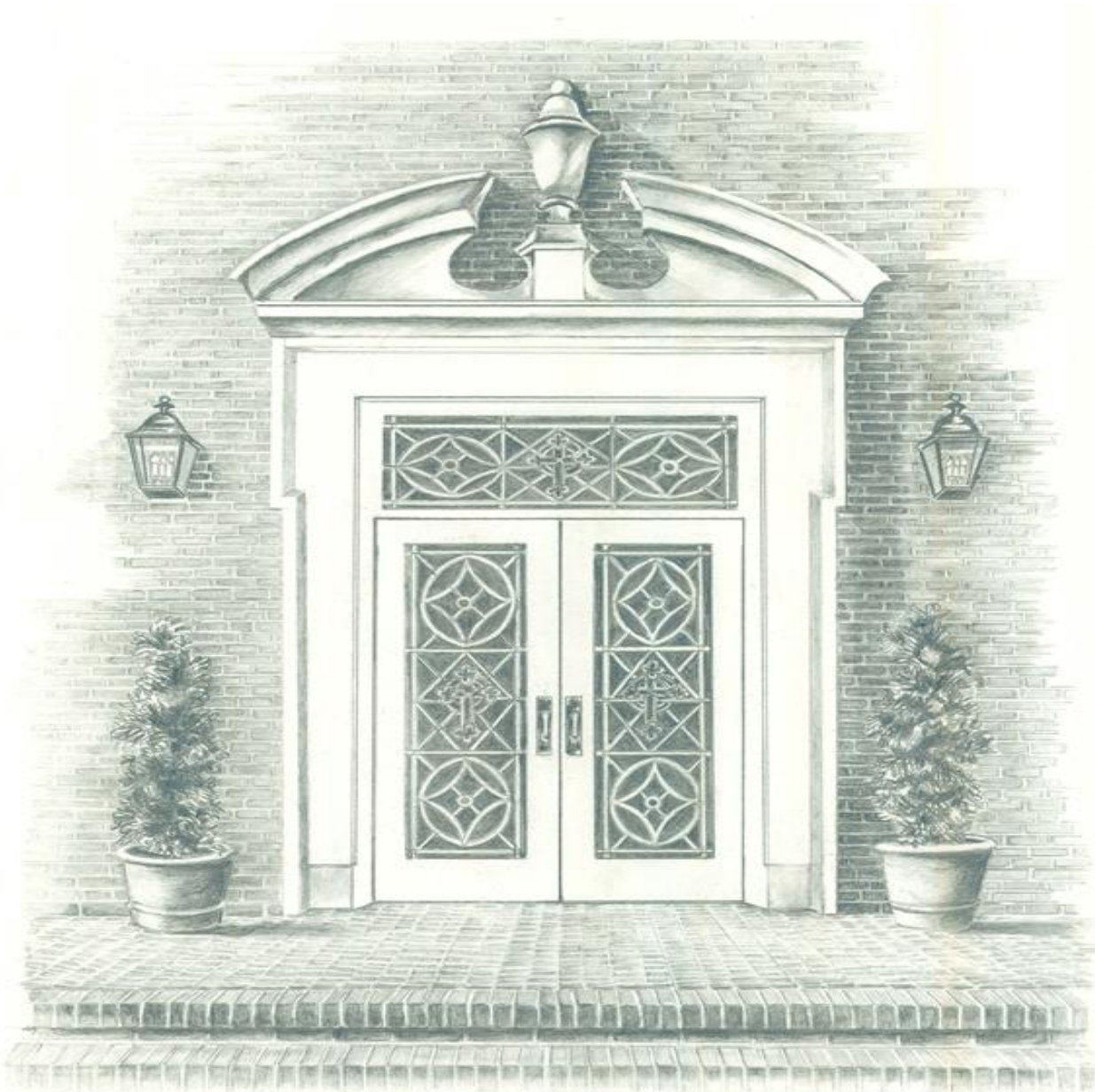


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“Welcome one another, as Christ has welcomed you.”

Romans 15:7

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**BEGINNING THE WEEK ON A MOUNTAINTOP WITH GOD
THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

OCTOBER 10, 2021

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:30 AM

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

J. Wayne Kerr

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

PRAYER

CHORAL INTROIT

"Now God be Praised"

Melchior Vulpius

*Now God be praised in heaven above!
Prided be He for His great love,
Wherein all people live and move. Alleluia!*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kent Howard

One: We look in the mirror and what do we see?

Many: We see people who try to be faithful, even as questions and struggles challenge our faith.

One: We look in the mirror and how do we see?

Many: We see with hearts which are open to God's love, with lives which seek to trust when all the evidence tells us not to be so foolish.

One: We look in the mirror and who do we see?

Many: We see Jesus, the One who struggles with the questions we raise, who models faithfulness for all who would follow.

HYMN NO. 309

"Come, Great God of All the Ages"

ABBOT'S LEIGH

*Come, great God of all the ages; make your earthly mission known;
speak through every deed and person; let your way and will be shown.*

*Guide the church to true commitment; give direction now, we ask;
fit us for the work of building; dedicate us to the task.*

*Come, Christ Jesus, flesh and spirit, sure foundation, cornerstone;
help us form the church eternal; may your vision be our own.*

*Send a message to each follower; lead all people to your way;
urge us to strong faith and action as we build the church today.*

*Come, great Spirit, in and with us, tune our ears to hear your call;
through the moving of your presence, let redeeming love recall
ministry in dedication, love embodied in our deeds;
challenge us to do your bidding, see your purpose, fill all needs.*

*Come, O come, in celebration, household of the one true God;
in commitment and rejoicing let us go where Christ has trod;
as we act in faith and reverence, let us, Lord, the future see;
place us in the church triumphant, now and for eternity.*

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS (*Unison*)

We stand before you, Saving God, stripped of our pretensions and pride, for nothing we do or leave undone can be hidden from you. You hear the angry words we preach to ourselves; you sift through the rubble of hurts we have caused; you see how we stumble, weighed down by all that 'stuff' which keeps us from following Jesus. We stand before you, Holy Grace. As you empty our hands of that wealth of unneeded things we cling so tightly to, fill them with your grace and hope. As we let go of all which might hold us back, give us the trust to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, into that life with which he offers to each of us.

SILENT CONFESSION

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.*

THE PEACE

The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

Pastor: ...The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(The people may greet one another in peace.)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kent Howard

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:17-31

¹⁷As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. ²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." ²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **Unison: Thanks be to God.**

SOLO

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"
Soloist: Dr. Melinda Doyle

arr. Howard Helvey

*There is a Balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole,
there is a Balm in Gilead, to heal the sinsick soul.
Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.
There is a Balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole,
there is a Balm in Gilead, to heal the sinsick soul.
If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus, and say "He died for all."
There is a Balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole,
there is a Balm in Gilead, to heal the sinsick soul.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Robert Newman

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

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.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

"Let God Lead"

Gretchen Cloud

GO IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN NO. 697

"Take My Life"

HENDON

*Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee;
swift and beautiful for thee.*

*Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.*

*Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.*

*Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.*

*Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.*

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

All join the Pastor in saying, **“Alleluia! Amen.”**

BENEDICTORY RESPONSE

“Christ Be Beside Me”

BUNESSAN

*Christ be beside me; Christ be before me;
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me; Christ be below me;
Christ be above me, never to part.*

POSTLUDE

“The Rock of Salvation”

Franklin Ritter

Prayer Concerns

- Beverly Brasell’s mother, **Marie Brasell**, hospitalized at St. Vincent’s with a UTI and staph infection
- **Mary and Thomas Creekmore** as Thomas is beginning radiation again for a couple of spots on his lung.
- **Tom Dunlap** as he moves to St. Martin’s in the Pines
- Christina Frederick asks prayers for **JoAnn, David, and Jennifer Huddleston** at the loss of husband and father, **Preston**.
- Allison Cooke’s mother, **Shella Smith**, for wisdom for her doctors as she is facing some health challenges

Announcements

Children's Bulletins and Large Print Bibles and Hymnals are available in the narthex.

Sunday School Classes for all ages, 9:15 AM.

Scamper Prayer Walk immediately following the service today. Join us as we walk the route and pray at each home along the route and place flyers on mailboxes informing our neighbors about the race and our Campfire Church.

BYG tonight from 4:00 to 5:30. Meet in the lower parking lot as we learn about food deserts and how we can combat hunger in our city.

Join us for Campfire Church tonight around the fire pit on the north field. The fire will start about 5:30 with worship beginning at 6:00. We hope you will come and worship with us and enjoy a time of song, prayer, and reflection. Bring a lawn chair ... and enjoy a S'more!

Join us Saturday as the BYG and UKirk Birmingham partner up for **Boo Kirk!!** This will be a fun trick or treat for our community. You are invited to decorate a trunk and join in the fun from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

The theme for this year's Stewardship Campaign is "Let God Lead." Dedication Sunday is October 17th. Hopefully by now you have received your stewardship packet; we ask that you please prayerfully look to God to lead as you consider your gifts of time, talent, and financial resources for 2022.

Mark your calendars for the **Southminster Scamper, Saturday, October 23rd!** Go to www.southminsterpcusa.org to sign up. The link will direct you to sign up for the 5K race (\$35) the Kids Fun Run (\$20), or the Sleep-In (\$25) which is for those who don't want to run but would still like to contribute to the cause. The proceeds will go to The WellHouse and the Southminster Day School Scholarship Fund.

Mark your calendar for our **Animal Blessing on Sunday, October 24th, at 4:00 p.m.**

The last night of Summer Camp at **Living River** we host a talent show and encourage all campers to participate either with groups or individually to share their talents. The counselor skit is always a highlight. What skits from camp, schools, or Scouts do you remember?

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CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 10TH – OCTOBER 17TH

Sunday	9:15 AM	Sunday School for All Ages
	10:30 AM	The Service for the Lord's Day – Sanctuary
	11:30 AM	Scamper Prayer Walk
	4:00 PM	BYG Group – Lower Parking Lot
	5:30 PM	Campfire Church – Upper Field
	6:30 PM	Session Meeting – Hybrid & Grace Hall
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Circle Meetings – Grace Hall
Thursday	10:00 AM	Bible Study led by Margaret Northern – Grace Hall
Friday	9:00 AM	Day School Chapel – Sanctuary
Saturday	1:00 PM	U-Kirk Birmingham Trunk or Treat – Southminster Upper Parking Lot
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	10:30 AM	The Service for the Lord's Day – Sanctuary
	5:30 PM	Campfire Church – Upper Field