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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost — August 7, 2022
Order of Worship — 10:00am

= please rise, whether in body or in spirit
Thank you for being vaccinated. Wearing masks are encouraged but optional.

PRELUDE "Arabesque" L. Vierne
Jan Novak, organ

***CENTERING** Becky Erbe
Children in grades Pre-K through 5th may leave for Sunday School and will return to their parents/guardians for Communion.

Leader: God be with you,
All: and also with you.

***CALL TO WORSHIP♦** Kris Harden
Leader: Come, listen to the One,
All: who speaks and summons the earth, from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Leader: Come, see the One,
All: who shines forth in the perfection of beauty.
Leader: Some, bring thanksgiving, the sacrifice that honors the One,
All: who shows the salvation of God.

HYMN #65 vs 1-3 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDA
Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou are mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow. Let the fire, and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside. Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

CALL TO CONFESSION♦♦

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God of truth, we know we fall far short of your expectations for us – sometimes we fail even our own self-expectations. We wander away from you in our daily routines; we ignore your commands and in apathy turn our backs on those who are suffering. Forgive our short-sighted vision, our constant focus on ourselves, and our discounting of future generations in our decision-making. Help us to deepen our connections with you through prayer, praise and scripture, and with others through affirming, supportive relationships. We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all grace…

One Minute of silent reflection

ASSURANCE FOR GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

***THE PEACE**
Leader: Peace be with you.
All: And also with you.

***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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Phil Davidson

ANTHEM "Your Feet Must Be Wet" J. BRECHLIN
Jim Burright

SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 11:1-3;8-16
Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

PULPIT TALK "Here Again" Eleanor Babel

Hymn: #530 "One Bread One Body" J. FOLEY
One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man no more. One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

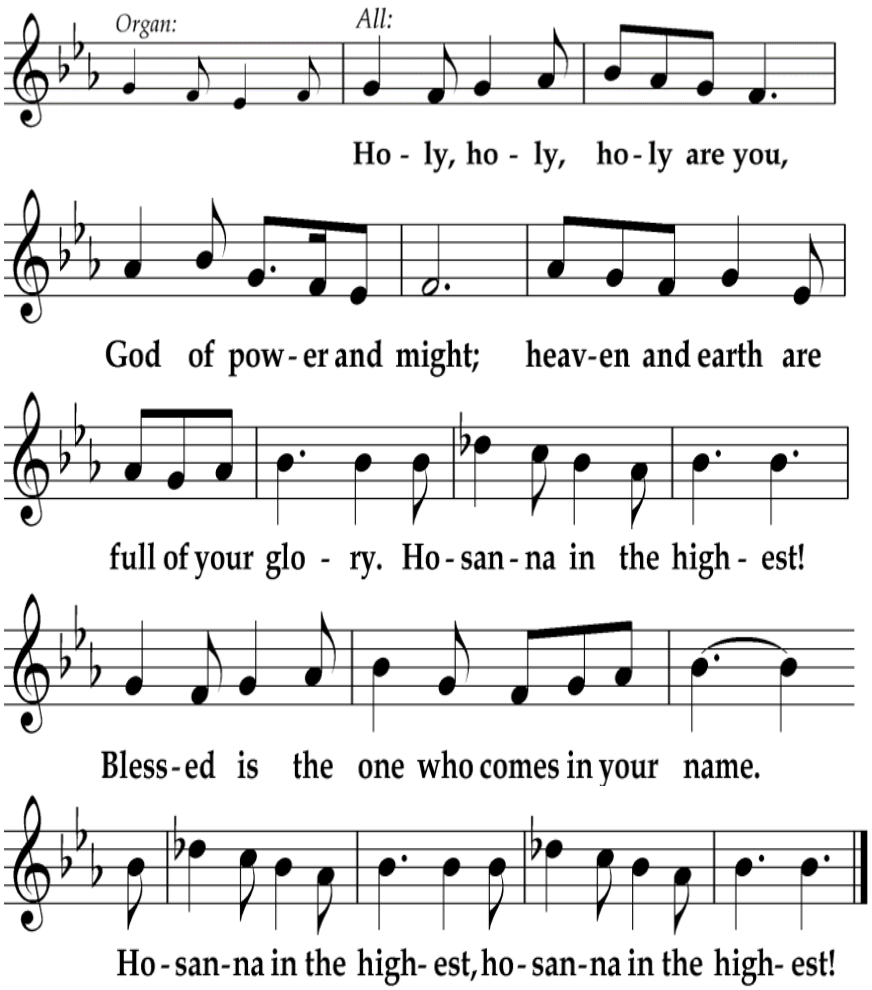
Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless .And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all. One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION Becky Erbe

INVITATION GREAT PRAYER

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
Leader: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give God thanks and praise…
Leader: It is a right and privilege…we join our voices to those of the heavenly host who sing to your story**…**



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.

BREAKING THE BREAD AND POURING THE WINE

SHARING THE FEAST

An Open Table! When we celebrate Holy Communion we are all guests at the table, and Jesus himself is our host. We have not earned a place at the table, rather we are invited because of the amazing grace of God. For that reason, this celebration of Holy Communion is open to all, including children, and not merely members of this congregation or denominations. This is a joyful feast for all the people of God. In order to extend hospitality to more of God's children, the cup is non-alcoholic and the bread is gluten free.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING Phil Davidson

There are many ways to give of yourself to the church: The obvious, money. You can mail in your offering or click the orange DONATE button top right at secondfirst.org. Text to give is live! Text Give $__ *to 815-335-9911 and follow the instructions. Please send your prayer requests to Pastor Becky: becky.erbe@secondfirst.org.*

SONG OF OFFERING "How Long Has It Been?" M. LISTER
Jim Burright

***DOXOLOGY** #606

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN #322 vs 1,2,3, "We Are One in Christ Jesus" SOMOS UNO
Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: loaves abound! Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one, at his table he set the tone, teaching people to live and bless, love in word and in deed express. **Refrain**

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere! **Refrain**

***BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "All Creatures of Our God and King" ARR. V. LABENSKE
please remain seated for the postlude

♦adapted from *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2012*
♦♦written by James E. Janecek, posted on *Worship Ways*

Valerie Blair, organist, pianist
Jim Burright, vocal and guitar
Steve Muntz, sound, video
Katy Paterson, van driver

Prayer Requests
Please keep these members and friends of the congregation in your prayers. Additions to the prayer list are always welcome. Prayer requests will be listed for one month. If you would like to remain on longer, please notify the office.

- Continue prayers for **Darlene Bull, Sandy Cook (mother of Julie Cook),** Shirley Barber (mother of Sandy Williams), Melissa Nimmers, Dan Truttmann (nephew of Jan Novak), Shirley Keim (mother of Becky Kallmann), recovering from COVID, Joyce Zartman, Kathy Moton, Ed Conklin, Cara Keller, Dustin Eklund, Julie Cook Ramirez, Bill and Becky Kallmann, Beckett Krieg, Katy Paterson, Cathy Toepfer, and Philip & Shirley Davidson.
- And we pray for all those at home and in long-term care facilities, who may not be in worship regularly, but who remain part of our family of faith: Jeanne Page, Joyce Pennow, Phyllis Seeman, Doris Rowald, Marsha Martin, Billye Vernam, Nancy Gallegos, Willene Ziebell, Jan Elliott, Wally Gayle, Lois Calhoun, Charles Rosche, Lillian Smith, Don Freedlund and Betty Haegg.

Annual Blessings of the Backpacks Next Sunday, August 14
No matter your age, backpacks are important! Bring your Backpacks to Church. Join us as we celebrate our annual Blessings of the Backpacks during worship. Let us bless them and all our students going back to school.

Join us for a Family Outing to Summerfield Zoo Sunday, Aug. 14, 12:30 3088 Flora Rd, Belvidere
The Family Christian Education team has been working hard to support our children in learning the skills of stewardship and generosity, and have been collecting supplies for the Summerfield Zoo. This is the only zoo in Northern Illinois and it hosts a wide range of animals including crocodiles, lemurs, white leopards, and more! Bring your donation the zoo. Paper towels, Clorox wipes, Simple Green, Dish Soap and Bleach. Everyone is encouraged to bring some extra funds to feed the baby goats, which if you have not done is absolutely heartwarming and reminds of God's goodness. If your child wants to attend and you need support in the entrance cost please reach out or if you would like to RSVP, please contact the office.

All Church Picnic Sunday, August 21, Anna Page Park Shelter
It's that time again! Time for the annual church picnic right after church, at Anna Page Park shelter, sponsored by the Deacons/Fellowship Team. All the food is provided, and we'll be eating delicious brats, hotdogs, salads, and desserts. Our own "Up North 4" will be singing to us! Please come to enjoy good food and friendship in the warm, summer sunshine! See you there!

Jubilee Soup Kitchen: Saturday, August 27, 10:00 am
You can be part of the team to prepare lunches for our neighborhood friends! We will meet at the Jubilee Center, the small building between Emmanuel Episcopal Church and Court St. If you can be there with willing hands, a ready smile, and a hat and mask, let Jean Herro know. Thanks so much!

Calendar at a Glance August 7-August 14, 2022

Sunday, August 7 Communion Pulpit Talk Eleanor Babel 8:30 AM – Coffee Class 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Fair Trade Store **Monday, August 8** 11:30 AM - Serious Soup	**Tuesday, August 9** 7:00 AM – Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM – Thrift Shop 5:00 PM – Adult Ed Team 5:00 PM – Foundation Meeting **Wednesday, August 10** 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting **Thursday, August 11** No Scheduled Activities	**Friday, August 12** No Scheduled Activities **Saturday, August 13** No Scheduled Activities **Sunday, August 14 Blessing of the Backpacks Pulpit Talk Jim Ozee** 8:30 AM – Coffee Class 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Fair Trade Store 12:30 PM – Summerfield Zoo

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