



Our mission:
to nurture disciples of Jesus Christ
who join boldly with the Spirit's
work in the world.

A Service for the Lord's Day
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 24, 2022

10:30 a.m.

We Gather at God's Call

Chiming of the Bells

Greeting

Pouring of the Water

Prelude *All Praise to Jesus' Hallowed Name* -J. S. Bach

Words for Reflection A Prayer by Walter Bruggemann

*We arrange our lives as best we can,
to keep your holiness at bay, with our pieties, our doctrines, our liturgies,
our moralities, our secret ideologies, safe, virtuous, settled.*

*And then you—
you and your dreams, you and your visions, you and your purposes,
you and your commands, you and our neighbors.*

*We find your holiness not at bay,
but probing, pervading, insisting, demanding.
And we yield, sometimes gladly, sometimes resentfully,
sometimes late...or soon.*

*We yield because you, beyond us, are our God.
We are your creatures met by your holiness,
by your holiness made our true selves. And we yield. Amen*

*Call to Worship (*responsively*) Nancy Wayland, Worship Leader

Sing a new song to our amazing God!

Look at what God does!

Make a joyful noise to the Lord.

Let everything we are and everything we do praise God.

*Hymn *Praise the Lord God's Glories Show* 33

*Praise the Lord! God's glories show, Alleluia!
saints within God's courts below, Alleluia!
angels round the throne above, Alleluia!
all who see and share God's love. Alleluia!*

*Earth to heaven exalt the strain, Alleluia!
Send it, heaven, to earth again, Alleluia!
Age to age, God's mercies trace, Alleluia!
Praise God's providence and grace! Alleluia!*

*Strings and voices, hands and hearts, Alleluia!
in the concert, bear your parts, Alleluia!
All that breathes, your Lord adore, Alleluia!
singing praise forevermore, Alleluia*

*Call to Confession.

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**God of mercy,
you have called us to love as you have loved us.
We confess that we have not followed Jesus' example.
We are fond of our own understanding.
We are reluctant to see people or places in new ways.
We shy away from opportunities that are uncomfortable.
Forgive us, Lord.
Show us where we have failed to see and follow you.
Guide our feet to walk in your ways
so that we glorify you by our love for others.
Through Jesus, our hope and our salvation we pray.
Amen.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness

God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. Our sins have been forgiven.
Thanks be to God whose love has set us free.

*Response of Praise *I Come with Joy* 515

*I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.*

*Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.*

Time with the Children Karen Mast

We Gather Around God's Word

Scripture Reading Acts 10, *selections*

Sermon *What Does It Mean to Follow Jesus from the Crossroads?* Pastor Ann Pettit
"It Will Surprise and Challenge Us"

We Respond to God’s Word

*Affirmation of Faith

Who are you?
I am a child of God.
What does it mean to be a child of God?
That I belong to God, who loves me.
What makes you a child of God?
**Grace -- God's free gift of love
that I do not deserve and cannot earn.**
Don't you have to be good for God to love you?
No. God loves me in spite of all I do wrong.
How do you thank God for this gift of love?
I promise to love and trust God with all my heart.
How do you love God?
**By worshipping God, by loving others,
and by respecting what God has created.**

Belonging to God—A First Catechism

Invitation to the Offering

Special Music

With Out Love, We Have Nothing
Hannah Altman

-Stevens & Martin

Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (*unison*)

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.

We Are Sent to the World

*Hymn

Go to the World
**Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

*Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.
Alleluia. Alleluia.*

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*Benediction

*Benediction Response

*Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"
Alleluia. Alleluia.*

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Life at Massanutten

- Today we continue our exploration of the question: *What does it mean to follow Jesus from the Crossroads?* We invite you to join us each Sunday as we consider this through the lens of Scripture. If you miss a Sunday, you can always catch-up on our website in the worship drop-down menu. Today is the third of a six part series.
- **The Massanetta Springs Bible and Church Music Conference begins tonight with worship at 7:00 pm in Hudson Auditorium.** Worship is open to the public and takes place at the same time each night in the Auditorium. A special feature this week is the celebration of Massanetta's *Centennial* throughout the day on Wednesday. There will be a number of speakers, events and meals to experience with the Massanetta faith community. The Reverend John Bell of the Iona Community will be leading worship that night. If you would like to register for activities on Wednesday beyond worship, go to www.massanettasprings.org.
- **Nursery Care** is available today and each Sunday during worship for small children (through age 5). Families are asked to accompany their child to the nursery and pick them up following the service. The nursery is located on the lower level in the preschool wing.
- **Nursery Volunteers Needed!** Volunteers are needed each Sunday morning during the worship hour. Please see Pastor Ann or Hannah to sign up.
- **Remember the Open Doors Food Truck Festival?** *It returns this fall, Saturday, September 17th.* Though September is a couple months away—it's not too early to add the event to your calendar and, even better, volunteer to help out! *Our own Dale Dobroth* is leading the event and is happy to answer questions you may have following worship. To see the volunteer opportunities, go to: <https://opendoorsinc.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=61999>.
- **The 225th General Assembly of the PC(USA)** concluded its work with a combination of in-person, remote and hybrid gatherings. You can pick up a summary of what happened on the table near the office windows. You will also find a link to the summary in the Blessings email sent last week.
- **Mosaic Handbell Ensemble is offering a Beginners Workshop to help "jump start" the ringing season.** The work shop will be held on Saturday, August 27 from 10am-1pm at Harrisonburg Baptist Church. All equipment is provided. No ringing experience needed. Kath Wissinger will be presenting one of the three ringing sessions. See MosaicBells.com for more information. (Youth must be accompanied by an adult, full time.)
- **COVID information:** Masking is optional as long as the CDC reported COVID levels remain in the low (green) or medium (yellow) area. When the level moves to red, masks will be required inside the building. *The Session and COVID Advisory group remind everyone that though masking is optional in certain conditions, our focus on caring for one another remains the foundation of how we gather. Please consider how your choice may affect others around you and respond with an eye toward kindness and welcome.*

Next Sunday in the Fellowship Hall 9:45 am

Congregational Fellowship and Outreach Gathering



AKA: Donuts with Doug Goes Live

The Community Life Commission invites the congregation to gather for light refreshments before worship. While you enjoy visiting, spend some time writing a note or card to share with a member or friend of the congregation unable to worship in the sanctuary any longer.

*Along with cards, paper, pens and pencils,
there will be materials for drawing and coloring too.
Cards will be delivered the following week.*

Children and Youth Corner

Youth Mission Trip

O.U.R. – Outreach, Understanding, Rejoicing – Hearts is a short-term mission experience for churches and youth groups. Groups are housed in the Craigsville Presbyterian Church, which has full shower facilities.

Throughout the week our youth and adult chaperones:

- ♦ Learned about generational poverty and food insecurities
- ♦ Participated in worship, fellowship, and devotion experience during the week as a group and with a local congregation
- ♦ Completed service work needed in the community such as preparing lunches for children for 'Read and Feed'
- ♦ Spent a full day helping in the food pantry, learning how it supports those who need assistance
- ♦ Assisted in the delivery of food to shut-ins

This is the first year Massanutten has sent an overnight group to this mission opportunity serving and learning from the Craigsville Community.

Looking Ahead

Plans for fall children and youth programming are moving forward with great joy and excitement. Stay tuned for details about activities and events for families to get on the calendar as the new school year approaches.

*Seeking to nurture and empower our children and youth
to live and serve in the world as loving disciples of Jesus Christ.*