



EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 3RD, 2025 | 8:30AM & 11:00AM
✠ please stand as you are able

PRELUDE *Prince of Denmark's March* JEREMIAH CLARKE

WELCOME & MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CALL TO WORSHIP FROM PSALM 32

God is our hiding place, our helper in trouble.

Our Savior surrounds us in times of distress.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous!

Shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

✠ HYMN *Now Thank We All Our God* UMH 102

BAPTISM: CAMERON SIRMON (11:00AM)

Son of Sarah & Michael Sirmon

✠ APOSTLES' CREED (8:30AM) UMH 881

✠ GLORIA PATRI

OFFERTORY BERRY

✠ DOXOLOGY

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HYMN *Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated* UMH 399

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of covenant and promises, you promised to never break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal word that does not change. Enable us to respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

✠ SCRIPTURE *Luke 12:13-21*

SERMON *How Big is a Christian's 401(K)?*

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✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 13

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

HYMN

Jesus Is All the World to Me

UMH 469

✠ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary

JOHN STANLEY

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

COMMUNION SERVERS:

8:30

Mary Finger, Ann Pearson

Jolene & James Schmitt

11:00

Melanie Hearne, Kimberly

McKeough

Deb & Tom Slone

STEPHEN MINISTER:

8:30

Robyn Simons

11:00

Deb Slone

PREACHER:

Rev. Michael Precht

LITURGIST:

Gene Lammers

USHERS:

Mark Woodrow

Jackie Upton (11:00)

GREETER:

Phyllis Helms (8:30)

MUSIC

Chancel Choir

Director, Tom Hood

Accompanist,

John Richardson

Trumpeter,

Dr. Mike Brown

MEDIA:

Colin Richardson

Hackett Robertson

THIS WEEK

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THE GATHERING

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Preaching: Dr. Kristen Curtis Wright

Liturgist: Miles Barnhardt

Communion Servers: Jane & Don Dolan, Shelly & Rick Fitzhugh

Music: Shea White and Praise Band

Media and Sound: Jamie Waldhour, Nellie Meyers

Stephen Minister: Ann Pearson

Greeters: Rick Fitzhugh, Charles Scarce, Phil Webb

**Our worship seasons allow us to re-experience the full life and ministry of Jesus every year. The season after Pentecost is the longest season of the Christian year, lasting until All Saints' Day on November 1. It is known as "ordinary" time, not because it is dull or plain, but because this is the season for remembering how the resurrection and reign of Jesus bring a new "order" to our lives and the world.*

OPENING SONG

Graves into Gardens

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

SINGING OUR PRAISE

Rise Up (Lazarus)

Firm Foundation (He Won't)

Waymaker

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Luke 8:40-56

SERMON

To Be Made Well

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