

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK BLESSING
OUTDOOR SERVICE @ DAVIS PARK
July 21, 2024 ~ 9 a.m.

PRELUDE "Harlem Nocturne" arr. Earle Hagen, arr. Berry
Directors' Jazz Orchestra

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GREETING

MUSIC FOR GATHERING Directors' Jazz Orchestra
"America the Beautiful" Sameul Ward, arr. Tomaro

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Hear what God says about those who walk in the way of discipleship: "The righteous flourish like the lush palm tree and are strong like the cedar." (Psalm 92:12)

ALL: We are like trees planted near a steady source of water with green leaves and good fruit. (Jeremiah 17:8)

ONE: Our fruit is love

ALL: Joy!

ONE: Peace!

ALL: Patience!

ONE: Kindness!

ALL: Generosity!

ONE: Faithfulness, gentleness!

ALL: And Self-Control! God, as we come together on this day of worship may we flourish and bear good fruit.

***HYMN** "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" #452

1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away, O let me from this day
be wholly thine!

2. May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire! As thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire!

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING Ally Hall
Students, families, educators, and people who work in the school system are invited to come to the front.

ALLY: We believe that education is a universal right based on the Scriptural truth that we are all created in the image of God.With that responsibility on our hearts and minds, we extend our hands in blessing toward you and pray together:

ALL: O God, our eternal and heavenly parent, bless these families. Fill their homes with joy and their hearts with love. Give them

energy, strength, and discernment as they raise these children. And remind them that we, their community and church family, are here to support them. Amen.

ALLY: To the educators and staff who serve in our schools and at this church, With that commitment on our hearts and minds, we extend our hands in blessing toward you and pray together:

ALL: Holy Spirit, the source of all wisdom, bless these leaders. Fill their schools with learning and their hearts with compassion. Give them focus, patience, and creativity as they educate and support these children. And remind them that we, their community and church family, are here to support them. Amen.

ALLY: To the students who stand before us today, I remind you of this promise that Paul testifies to in the Scriptures:....In gratitude for all that God will do in and through you this year, we extend our hands in blessing toward you and pray together:

ALL: Lord Jesus, who welcomed the children and held up their faith as an example, bless these students. Fill their schools with community and their hearts with wonder. Develop within them wisdom, integrity, and maturity as they learn and grow this year. And remind them that we, their community and church family, are here to support them. Amen.

Distribute the blessing tags

HYMN "Jesus Loves Me" #191

1. Jesus loves me! This I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.
Refrain:
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

OFFERING TO GOD
INVITATION
OFFERTORY Directors' Jazz Orchestra
"Almost Like Being in Love" arr. Collins

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANTHEM Directors' Jazz Orchestra
"Go Down Moses" arr. Chris McDonald

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Mary Falkenberry

LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

SCRIPTURE Mary Falkenberry

Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Proverbs 25:28 (NIV)

²⁸ Like a city whose walls are broken through is a person who lacks self-control.

Romans 8:1-6 (NLT)

¹ So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. ² And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death. ³ The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. ⁴ He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit. ⁵ Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. ⁶ So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.

This is God's Word for God's people today.

Thanks be to God!

HYMN "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" #382

1. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.

4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

SERMON The Not-So-Secret-Ingredient: Self-Control
Rev. Boruff

HYMN "Take My Life, and Let It Be" #399

1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
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.

3. 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.

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

RESPONSE

The Holy Spirit is in control of our lives when we are...
Living our Faith, Nurturing Families, Serving our Communities. Praise God!

MUSIC FOR SENDINGDirectors’ Jazz Orchestra
“Little Brown Church on the Bayou” arr. Chris McDonald

*BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE** Directors’ Jazz Orchestra
“Sing, Sing, Sing” arr. Lewis

**Please stand as you are able.*

WELCOME

Welcome to worship on Sundays and all programs & ministries throughout the week!

Prayer Requests:

- Our love and condolences are extended to Mark and Michelle Murray in the death of Mark’s father last week.

Announcements

- **ONE WORSHIP SERVICE!** One worship service on **July 28.** It will be downtown in the sanctuary at 10 a.m. as we gather for the Kids’ Musical, Faith News. Be sure to come and support your children!
- **GUESTS:** Welcome! There is a gift bag for you at the Welcome Center. Glad you joined us and hope you will come again!
- **COMMUNITY GRILLE :** xxx guests were served last Sunday. It was a blessing to serve the community.
- **GRIEFSHARE:** Grieving a loss? Join Ron & Carol Watson on Mondays, 10:30-12 in NS. Parlor for 13 sessions of healing. Dates of sessions are June 24-Sept. 23. Contact Carol Watson at (765) 356-2327 for more information.
- **KIDS MUSICAL:** Volunteers for meals and snacks during the rehearsal week (7/22-7/27) are needed. Contact Ally Hall to sign up!
- **FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY:** On August 4 we will celebrate our friends! Begin to invite them to join you in worship this Sunday morning!
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Weekly Schedule

Sun 7/21			
9:00 am	Worship		Davis Park
10:00 am	Soccer		Davis Park
10:45 am	Worship	North/South	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
3:00 pm	Summr Musical Rehear	Sanctuary	Downtown
4:30 pm	Community Grille		Downtown
Mon 7/22			
9:00 am	Summer Musical Rehear	Sanctuary	Downtown
10:30 am	Griefshare	North/South Parlor	Downtown
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
6:00 pm	AA Big Book Study	East/West	Downtown
Tues 7/23			
9:00 am	Summer Musical Rehear	Sanctuary	Downtown
9:00 am	Tuesday Sew Day	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
10:00 am	Staff Meeting	North/South Parlor	Downtown
5:00 pm	Pink Panther Cheer	Gym	Downtown
6:00 pm	Finance Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
Wed 7/24			
8:00 am	Rotary	North/South	Downtown
9:00 am	Summer Musical Rehear	Sanctuary	Downtown
3:00 pm	Coffee with Corinne		Facebook
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
Thurs 7/25			
6:00 pm	Summer Musical Rehear	Sanctuary	Downtown
5:00 pm	Pink Panther Cheer	Gym	Downtown
Fri 7/26 Church Office closes at noon			
9:00 a,	Summer Musical Rehear	Sanctuary	Downtown
12:00 pm	Downtown Devotion		Facebook
Sat 7/27			
10:00 am	AA Meeting	North/South	Downtown
Sun 7/28			
10:00 am	Worship (One Service)	Sanctuary	Downtown
10:00 am	Soccer		Davis Park
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Community Grille		Downtown

We give thanks for:

Ushers:
Coffee Hosts:
Musician: Director’s Jazz Orchestra



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