



September 1, 2024

“Repairing the cracks in the foundation of our ethic for life requires both compassion and justice. Compassion is about lifting our neighbor out of the ditch; justice is about doing something about why they ended up in the ditch to begin with.”

Shane Claiborne

Prelude #19 *God of Great and God of Small* (vss. 1&3) Evan O'Donovan

Welcome Reverend Ed Hoener

Call To Worship:

O God, You reach for the depths of who we are. You help us to face the areas that need healing. **We lift our whole lives to You.** Jesus, You are the living example of how to live into that deepest fulfillment. **You touch us with healing, forgiveness, and grace.** Holy Spirit, You bridge every gap between who we are and who we are becoming. **Help us to cross those thresholds through Your strength and inspiration.**

*Hymn of Praise #187 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Reconciliation :

O God, accept now the offering of our hearts, minds, and wills. Shine Your light and truth, to reveal what needs mending, and what we need to amend. Provide whatever we need to have our souls restored and our discipleship renewed. Amen.

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Grace:

Because your steadfast love O God, is everlasting! **We can live, and walk, in the power of the Spirit!**

*Response of Praise #539 *We Will Go Out with Joy* vss. 1 & 2

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

We come to Christ, who is the source of true peace. **He is the one whose love lights the way to shalom.** May his light guide us to seek the things that make for peace. **May the peace of Christ be with us, and within us, now and always!** *(We share the peace of Christ with each other.)*

Scripture Reading

Galatians 3:23-29

Ministry of Music #490 *Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters* Evan O'Donovan

Scripture Reading

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15

Message

Pastor Ed

*If you can stand comfortably, please do so.

***Hymn of Faith #429**

As a Chalice Cast of Gold

vss. 1, 2 & 4

Celebrating Passion Enterprises

Now is a time to share something that happened, or that touched someone and made a difference in some way. Please come to the lectern so that everyone may see and hear.

Prayers of the People

The 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.**

***Hymn of Preparation #509**

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer Following Communion

Call to Offering

***Offering Song #710**

We are an Offering

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are Yours, we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering, we are an offering.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Announcements (pg. 4)

***Hymn of Response #741**

Guide My Feet

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

#482 *Baptized in Water* (vss. 1&3)

Evan O'Donovan

**If you can stand comfortably, please do so.*

Announcements

Thank you to today's technicians running the camera & slideshow!

Be a part of our Worship Support Team! For more info ask the pastor, the technicians, or call the church office.

Would you Like a Visit From Our Pastor:

Our pastor would love to come and see you! Anyone who would like a visit, or Home Communion, is invited to call pastor Ed directly or via email. Your call will be returned right away to schedule a time! Peace and Blessings to you!

Upcoming Events/Save the Dates:

Set up for Flea Market - September 22, following worship (*volunteers needed*)

Annual Fall Flea Market - September 28, 9 am – 2 pm (*volunteers needed*)

Extended Flea Market - October 5, 9 am – 1 pm (*volunteers needed*)

Holiday Flea Market - November 16, 9 am – 2 pm (*volunteers needed*)

What does the Christian faith think about...?

In addition to traditional sermons, *what about* having a presentation of ideas, on *topics that you choose*, with optional time for sharing. Pastor Ed would like to hear what topics the congregation would like to discuss. Topics can be sent to Pastor Ed via email, or using the 3X5 cards that will be next to the bulletins in the narthex.

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request during the week, please give Ilanda Kerobo a call or send her an email. Ilanda will ensure that your request is addressed/sent to our wonderful prayer warriors.

Next Manse Fireside Gathering: Friday, September 13th @ 7 pm



Online Donations

PRAYER PERSON OF THE WEEK

Carole Huntley

PRAYER REQUESTS

Helene Haith & family, Eileen P., Russ G., Hazel R., Kayla D., Alyne B., Chrissy, Jesus M., Helene & Diane, Meli, Vicky, Eunice, Barbra & Dave, Celeste & Doris, Falicity & Rita, Kulsoom, Jean K., Dorothy R., Fred R., Elizabeth M., Marilyn, Jasmine, Amy, Avril Muller & family, Carlos B., Savannah B.



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