

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

June 2, 2024

9:00 a.m.

*Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.*

\*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Friendship pads and pass them back to the center aisle.

## Our Approach to God

Prelude                      Solemn Melody                      Henry Walford Davies

The Call to Worship

We worship God, our Creator, who made this world from nothing.

**God formed us, loves us, and gives us all that we need.**

We worship God, our Redeemer, who rescued us from sin.

**God offers us salvation and has given us new life.**

We worship God, our Comforter, who is always with us.

**God comforts us, renews us, and guides us into all truth.**

All praise and glory be to God!

\*The Hymn of Praise *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*                      483

\*The Call to Confession

Let us join the Psalmist in asking God to search our hearts and see if there is any offensive way in us, that God might lead us in the way everlasting. In humility and faith, let us confess our sins to God.

\*The Prayer of Confession

**O Lord, you have searched us and you know us. You know not only what we say, but also what we think and what we almost said. You know not only what we do, but also what we have neglected to do. You know how quickly our thoughts rise to praise ourselves, boasting of your gifts as if they were our own accomplishments. You know how slowly our thoughts sink to accuse ourselves even when we have turned our backs on you. Forgive us, Lord. [Silent confession.] O God, forgive, correct, and heal us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

\*The Assurance of Pardon

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Know that in Jesus, God forgives you and strengthens you to live a renewed life. **Thanks be to God.**

\*The Gloria Patri                      *Glory Be to the Father*                      579  
**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.**

The Special Music                      *You Are Before Me, Lord*                      Pitt-Watson & Smith  
Deanna Patton

## The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Psalm                      Psalm 139                      page 688 OT

The Sermon                      Not a Mystery                      Pastor Ruth Estell

## Our Response to Serve

\*The Hymn                      *God of Our Life*                      275

Profession of Faith                      Alex Fowler

\*The Affirmation of Faith      The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)      hymnal, page 14

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer(using sins)

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory      *Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 633*                      J.S. Bach

\*The Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 592  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him,  
all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**  
\*The Prayer of Dedication

\*The Hymn *Now Thank We All Our God* 555

\*The Charge and Benediction

\*The Congregational Response *Go with Us, Lord* 535  
**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,  
that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.**

\*Postlude *Fugue in D Major* Johann Pachelbel

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**Liturgist :** Connor Rousseau

**Ushers:** Wally & Anne Schmidt and Larry Smith

**Greeters:** Karen Kalina

**Fellowship Hour:** Chuck & Diane Kemerer and Carol Poole

**Musical Talents:** Thomas Heidenreich, Director of Music Ministry  
and Deanna Patton

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**Please join us immediately following worship in the gathering area for  
refreshments and fellowship.**

### **For The Hearing Impaired**

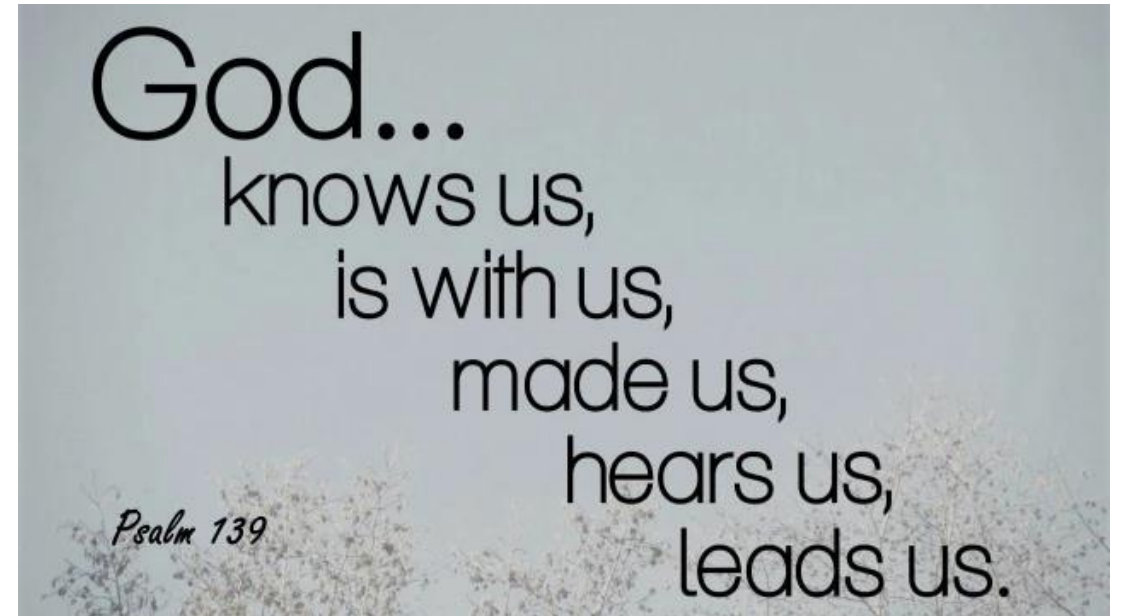
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*Seeking and Serving Christ. We are a Place for Growing Christians.*

# Announcements and Upcoming Events



The office is open Monday through Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) but, as unforeseen circumstances may occur, please call 989-792-1023 to be sure that someone is in the office before you drive to the church. **Pastor Ruth will be out of the office June 5 – 11. Rev. Mike Hahn will fill our pulpit June 9.**

## June Mission Project



June's Mission will continue assisting those within the foster care system. Tangible items will be collected and donated to the Midland County Foster Closet, an organization and store which provides clothing and other necessities free to any foster child and foster family in the Tri-City Area. Participants

include infants, children, teenagers, as well as young adults up to 21 years old who have aged out of the foster care system. Specific needs include tennis shoes, new clothes for the upcoming summer season, bathing suits, diapers, and wipes. Donations may be placed on the Mission table through the end of June. Thank you!

## TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

An idea has come up for us to be able to help each other, with the only cost being the time invested and the only item required to participate being a telephone. A program is in the process of being developed through the Mission Committee, where “phone buddies” would be paired up to simply make a daily phone call to check on each other. Reasons you may want to participate in this system may include living alone, not having a family member close by, not being able to leave home independently, or simply wanting to communicate consistently with someone out there. Pairings could be permanent or short-term, depending on circumstances of full-time or temporary need. If you think this is a program in which you might be interested, please contact Ruth Anderson at (989) 225-1620. If you have someone in mind you would like to partner with, please provide that information, as well. Your input and suggestions are welcome and appreciated so a firm plan and pathway toward implementation can come together.



A picnic is planned for Sunday August 4 @ Wickes Park on Hospital Rd. The church will provide hotdogs and hamburgers, you just bring a dish to pass. We need a few volunteers to form a committee to help get things organized. Please call Sonia in the church office @ 989-792-1023.

# Psalm 139 New International Version

<sup>1</sup> You have searched me, LORD,  
and you know me.

<sup>2</sup> You know when I sit and when I rise;  
you perceive my thoughts from afar.

<sup>3</sup> You discern my going out and my lying down;  
you are familiar with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup> Before a word is on my tongue  
you, LORD, know it completely.

<sup>5</sup> You hem me in behind and before,  
and you lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,  
too lofty for me to attain.

<sup>7</sup> Where can I go from your Spirit?  
Where can I flee from your presence?

<sup>8</sup> If I go up to the heavens, you are there;  
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

<sup>9</sup> If I rise on the wings of the dawn,  
if I settle on the far side of the sea,  
<sup>10</sup> even there your hand will guide me,  
your right hand will hold me fast.

<sup>11</sup> If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me  
and the light become night around me,"  
<sup>12</sup> even the darkness will not be dark to you;  
the night will shine like the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.

<sup>13</sup> For you created my inmost being;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

<sup>14</sup> I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
your works are wonderful,  
I know that full well.

<sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you  
when I was made in the secret place,  
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

<sup>16</sup> Your eyes saw my unformed body;  
all the days ordained for me were written in your book  
before one of them came to be.

<sup>17</sup> How precious to me are your thoughts,<sup>[a]</sup> God!  
How vast is the sum of them!

<sup>18</sup> Were I to count them,  
they would outnumber the grains of sand—  
when I awake, I am still with you.

<sup>19</sup> If only you, God, would slay the wicked!  
Away from me, you who are bloodthirsty!

<sup>20</sup> They speak of you with evil intent;  
your adversaries misuse your name.

<sup>21</sup> Do I not hate those who hate you, LORD,  
and abhor those who are in rebellion against you?

<sup>22</sup> I have nothing but hatred for them;  
I count them my enemies.

<sup>23</sup> Search me, God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my anxious thoughts.

<sup>24</sup> See if there is any offensive way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.