

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM

July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

*<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. <sup>4</sup> For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.* Ephesians 1:3-4

**PRELUDE**

Debbe Picerno

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

**P: For his steadfast love endures forever.**

L: Give thanks to the God of gods,

**P: For his steadfast love endures forever.**

L: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

**P: For his steadfast love endures forever.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**\*HYMNS**

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”  
“10,000 Reasons”

No. 151

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O Lord, You have called us to a way that is too great for us. Just as Christ came to serve, not to be served, You call us to serve others, even our enemies. Just as Christ suffered to bring us comfort, You call us to enter others’ suffering that they may be comforted. We have fallen short of Your great calling for us. We expect others to serve us. We avoid hard situations to protect our own comfort. Forgive us, Lord, and fill us with Your Spirit that we may become more like Jesus. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen. (Silent Confession)**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Believe the good news of the Gospel.

**P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**\*CONFESSION RESPONSE:**

“Gloria Patri”

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** “Think about His Love” Duet: Les Freehling & Ken Mossgrove

**\*OFFERING RESPONSE:** “Doxology”

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Genesis 12:1-3

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

“Heal Our Land”

Duet: Les Freehling & Ken Mossgrove

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**

John 14:1-6

**SERMON**

“Jesus is the Way”

Dave Freund, CLP

**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*HYMN**

“Be Thou My Vision”

No. 562

**POSTLUDE**

Debbe Picerno

**\*Those who are able please stand.**



**Ushers:** Trustees

**Welcome Desk:** Cora Murtha

**Liturgist:** Molly Tarr

**Greeters:** Autumn Moore

**Fellowship Hour:** Bonnie Fiel

**Childcare:** Pam Greb

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>10 AM</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<b>Monday:</b>	<b>9:30-3:30</b>	<b>Youth Group Lake Day</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>1 PM</b>	<b>Quilting</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>9 AM</b>	<b>Coffee &amp; Conversation</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>10 AM</b>	<b>Women's Bible Study</b>
<b>Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>:</b>	<b>10 AM</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>6 PM</b>	<b>Women's Bible Study</b>

**SAVE THE DATE-** The all church picnic will be Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM at the Slear's property. The deacons will be providing the meat. Please bring a salad, side, or dessert to share. There is a signup sheet in the library for an estimated count.

**SUMMERBLAST-** A big thank you to Nancy Slear for letting us host another great year of Summer Blast at her property. Also thank you to all of our volunteers that helped Pastor Mike and Laura run a successful camp with over 40 kids from our church and community.

**MEALS ON WHEELS-** Our Church will be providing desserts for Connoquenessing Meals on Wheels. There is a signup sheet in the Library. Please have your dessert wrapped, labeled, & freezer ready dropped off in the hallway outside Room #15 on Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.

**YOUTH GROUP LAKE DAY-** Will be tomorrow, Monday July 15<sup>th</sup>, we will meet at the church at 9:30 AM. Please see Pastor Mike to sign up and for more details.

**HELPERS NEEDED-** If you are able to help set up decorations after church on Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, please come down to McCaslin Hall after worship for materials and instructions.

**SABBATICAL UPDATE-** While Pastor Steve is gone over the next 3 months please contact the following people for specific needs:

**Emergency needs-** Mike Barton at [Mbarton@meridianpres.org](mailto:Mbarton@meridianpres.org)

**Pastoral care-** Tim Rausch at [plnc@zoominternet.net](mailto:plnc@zoominternet.net)

**Day to day operations-** Kala Siefker at [secretary@meridianpres.org](mailto:secretary@meridianpres.org)

**Kids & women's ministry needs-** Laura Franklin [kidsmin@meridianpres.org](mailto:kidsmin@meridianpres.org)

**Personell or budget issues-** Mark Jordan at [mfjordan@att.net](mailto:mfjordan@att.net)

**Property needs-** any Trustee

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