

*My whole being
thirsts
for God.*



Psalm 42:2

Rev. Dr. Dorothy, Guest Minister
Buffy, Liturgist
Joshua, Organist

August 30th, 2026

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Church Gathers to Worship

**Those who wish may stand.*

MEDITATIVE READING

Exodus 3:1-15 (pg. 50 [62 LP] OT)

TIME OF PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: One more hour of morning worship!
One more holiday before school begins and draws us
back into life filled with its *dedicated* routine.

People: **One more time to be in the company of friends and
family and fill this place with gratitude and praise!**

Leader: At peace here, as we relax in the casual embrace of a
summer Sunday.

People: **And enjoy God's grace at work, in and through our
lives, bringing us together!**

*HYMN #398

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*CORPORATE CONFESSION (*Unison*)

You have drawn us to this place one more time, Dear Lord;
another day for praise and thanksgiving; another opportunity
to come and bow in prayer and confession before you. Holy
God, open our hearts in honest reflection. Cleanse them of
every betrayal of your love; of every denial of our dependence
upon your grace. Lead us into the hope you see in our lives. We
pray in Christ's Name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GLORIA PATRI

(pg. 579 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

To Hear God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

UNISON READING

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-27, 42-45

(pg. 556 [683 LP] OT)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 12:9-21

(pg. 162 [197 LP] OT)

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 16:21-28

(pg. 18 [22 LP] NT)

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Dorothy

To Respond in Faith

THE DEDICATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Brenda, Joe and Katie

THE PRESENTATION

WORDS OF SCRIPTURE

Rev. Pearman: Hear these words of scripture:

There is one body and one spirit,

Just as you were called, to the one hope of your calling,

People: *One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.*

PROFESSION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED (printed below)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again

(continue on back)

from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

BLESSING

CERTIFICATES AND WELCOME

*HYMN #326

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Unison*) (pg. 16 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

(pg. 592 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

To Serve in Love and Hope

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #315

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*Postlude

Joshua

Thank you Joshua

For serving as our organist for the summer. We truly appreciate your music and contribution to our services, and we wish you the very best of luck in your next endeavor.

For the Week Beginning August 30th, 2026

GREETERS: Troy and Amy
 PRAYER FAMILY: Mary Ann
 ELDER: Barb

Mon. 8/31 Office Closed
 Tues. 9/1 Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
 Wed. 9/2 Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
 Thurs: 9/3 Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
 Fri. 9/4 Office Closed

Sanctuary Cleaner for 9/6: Judy

Next Sunday 9/6 Worship 10:00 a.m. Rev. Lee
 Liturgist: Karl
 Greeters: ?????
 Music Tech: ?????
 Video Streaming Tech: ??????
 Elder: Bizzzy

HEARING ENCHANCERS are available in the Narthex.

We are collecting RICE for the Portville Community Food Pantry. **REMEMBER:** Egg Cartons are also being collected.

Looking Ahead:

Sunday School will be starting soon:

Sept. 20th, Sept. 27th, Oct. 11th,

Oct. 25th, Nov. 15th, Nov. 22 &

Christmas Pageant will be Nov. 29th.

Sunday School will start at 9:00 a.m.



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