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Service for the Lord's Day

18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 2024—10:30 am In Person & (Live Streaming—10:20 am)

Gathering Music

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude: (Sing together)

"This is the Day"

Les Garnet 1967

1 This is the day, this is the day,
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it,
and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day, that the Lord has made!

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: The Lord be with you!

Many: And also with you!

One: Let us worship God. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Many: who made heaven and earth.

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

Many: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

One: Praise the Lord!

Many: The Lord's name be praised!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn:

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

J.M. Scriven/Charles C. Converse

1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!

3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.



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Call to Confession: (responsive)

One: Let us confess our sin,

Many: trusting God's promised mercy revealed in Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,

We confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to hear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.

In your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commands; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Silent Confession:

Amen

Kyrie: Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon: (responsive)

One: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

Many: We declare to all who repent in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Amen!

* Gloria Patri: 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.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Prayer List:

Members: Nick and Becky Deschamps, Nathalie Givens, Danette Heinlein, Meg and Bob Omer

Friends and family of FPC: Sadie Elizabeth Austin (great granddaughter of Bill and Teri Walker), Chester Adams, Mary Black, Joyce Bolton Turbyfill (Lynne Bolton's Aunt), Chuck Burton (Kip's brother), Mick Caudill (Danette's daughter's father-in-law), Virginia Hedrick, Jackson Hetzel (Valerie Lucas' grandson), Laura Holt McCann, , Helen Hubler, Shirley Rambo (Tim Heinlein's Aunt), Mary Lee Reese, Rindy Stewart (Tim Heinlein's cousin), Lisa Stump (friend of the Heinlein's), Dick Woodard

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Offering:

Offertory Anthem
Solo by Lori Turner

"Travelin' Thru"
D. Parton

* Doxology: 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

*Prayer of Dedication

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Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading:

Exodus 13:17 & 18

¹⁷When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, "Lest the people repent when they see war, and return to Egypt." ¹⁸But God led the people round by the way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea. And the people of Israel went up out of the land of Egypt equipped for battle.

Psalms 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want;
² he makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters;
³ he restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil;
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff,
they comfort me.

thou anointest my head with oil,
my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for ever.

*Hymn: - (verses 1-3)

"Amazing Grace"

J. Newton

1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

3 The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

New Testament Reading:

Luke 24:32-35

³² They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures?" ³³ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven gathered together and those who were with them, ³⁴ who said, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

John 14:1-7

"Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me. ⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also; henceforth you know him and have seen him."

Sermon:

"The Way Less Traveled"

Special Music

"Breckinridge Mill"

Solo: Eric Burton

E. Burton

Profession of Faith:

Apostles' Creed

Hymn:

"Where He Leads Me"

1 I can hear my Savior calling,
I can hear my Savior calling,
I can hear my Savior calling,
"Take thy cross and follow, follow Me."

Refrain:

Where He leads me I will follow,
Where He leads me I will follow,
Where He leads me I will follow,
I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

2 I'll go with Him through the garden,
I'll go with Him through the garden,
I'll go with Him through the garden,
I'll go with Him, with Him all the way. [Refrain]

3 He will give me grace and glory,
He will give me grace and glory,
He will give me grace and glory,
And go with me, with me all the way. [Refrain]

Charge

Service Response: (join in a circle)

"Morning Has Broken"

Morning has broken
God's love has warmed us.
Now the world calls us
To go spread his Word.
God's love go with you,
May it sustain you
And bring us together
To share love again.

Benediction and blessing of the food.

Sing together:

"Take me Home, Country Roads"

J. Denver/Danoff/Nivert

Almost Heaven, Oh Virginia
Blue Ridge Mountains, Shenandoah Rver.
Life is old there, older than the trees
Younger than the mountains, growin' like a breeze.

Country roads, take me home
To the place I belong.
Oh Virginia, mountain mama
Take me home, country roads.

Breckinridge Mill
E. Burton

When it snows on Breckinridge Mill
Friends around the fire spending time like they should
An old dog dreams between the pops from the burning wood
Chasing rabbits in the hills.

When it's spring at Breckinridge Mill
Every kind of flower has a bird and a bee
She knows the names of everyone it seems
Chuck-will's widow to the whippoorwill.

Chorus: Every season has a magic of its own
Making sense of the world.
There's no way to have it all if time stood still
But most days I wish it could at Breckinridge Mill.

In the heat at Breckinridge Mill
The grass in the field grows up fast and green
He's on that tractor now everyday it seems
From sunrise to the dinner bell.

Chorus

I bet the hardwoods are happy when they
Grow up past the pines,
And even the sun and the moon
Seem to smile when it's their turn to shine.

Chorus

When leaves turn at Breckinridge Mill
It's a yellow and orange symphony
Only God could paint such an awesome sight to see
A glimpse across heaven's window sill.





- Sunday, September 22** 18th Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Service: 11:00 am
No Sunday School
Outdoor Service at Burton Farm
Duty Elders: Jim Porter & Lynne Bolton
Fellowship: Pot Luck
- Wednesday, Sept. 25 **Wholeness & Healing Service 5:00 pm**
Thursday, Sept. 26 Session, Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm
- Saturday, September 28 **Fincastle Fall Festival**
Men's Breakfast, NorthStar Restaurant,
Buchanan, 9:00 am
- Sunday, September 29** 19th Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Service: 10:30 am
Sunday School: 9:30 am, Logan Room
Duty Elders: Jim Porter & Cathy Goad
Fellowship: _____
- Thursday, October 3 **Happy Birthday, Sandy Gates"**
Sunday, October 6 20h Sunday after Pentecost
Communion Sunday
Worship Service: 10:30 am
Sunday School: 9:30 am, Logan Room
Happy Birthday, Jane Beasley"
Duty Elders: Jim Porter & Patsy Dickerson
Fellowship: Pot Luck

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