

**Date: July 21, 2024**  
**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Prayer of Preparation**

God of healing, God of wholeness:

We bring our brokenness our sinfulness our fears and despair  
and lay them at your feet.

We reach out with hearts and hands, minds and souls  
to feel your touch and know the peace that only you can bring.

In your presence and power, grant us faith and confidence,  
that here broken lives are made whole.

**Gathering in the Presence of God**

*\*Please stand as able, in body or in spirit*

**Gathering Music**

David Libby

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 139)

Liturgist

God searches us and knows us, calling us out of darkness.

**We enter God's house, yearning to see God's presence  
and walk in Christ's light.**

God hems us in, behind and before, with knowledge too wonderful for  
words.

We come now to worship, yearning to know and to be known.

Come. Enter God's house, the gate of heaven.

How awesome is God, who comes to us now!

\*Hymn

*We Come to You for Healing, Lord*

GTG 796

(Vss 1, 3, 4, ,5)

**Confessing Our Separation from God** (unison) Liturgist

Eternal God, you have searched us and known us. You know when we fall short and when we rise to your calling. You discern our thoughts, whether good or ill. Hem us in, O God. Remind us that we cannot hide from you, and we need not try. Forgive us and love us into righteousness. Lay your hand upon us, that we may love you and your creation more perfectly each day. Raise us to new life through your grace and mercy, that our thoughts may ascend to heaven and our actions may descend to this earth with love and justice. Amen

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness** *Jesus, Draw Me Close* Rick Founds

Jesus, draw me close; Closer, Lord, to You.

Let the world around me fade away.

Jesus, draw me close;

Closer, Lord, to You.

For I desire to worship and obey.

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

**We Hear God's Word**

**Prayer of Illumination** Liturgist

**Anthem** *You Walk with Me* David Yasbeck

**Gospel Lesson** John 14: 1-3 and 25-27 Liturgist  
*Source: New Revised Standard Version*

**Reflection** "Live Until Death Do Us Part" Rev. Marjorie Egger

**We Respond to God's Word**

**\*Affirmation of Faith** *I Believe in Jesus* Marc Nelson

## Joys and Hopes of the People of God & The Lord's Prayer

### The Act of Gratitude

**Offertory**                    *When Hands Reach out and Fingers Trace*  
Solo: Sarah Altvater

### \*Doxology: An Expression of Faith to God

GTG 606

*Tune: Old Hundredth*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

### \*Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Liturgist

Creator and creative God, thank you for entrusting us with your abundance. Plant in us seeds of generosity, that we may nurture your world and spread your grace. Bless these gifts, that they may be planted in places where hope grows dim and your children groan with need. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen

### We Follow God's Word into the World

### \*Hymn

*God Be with You Till We Meet Again"*

GTG 541

### \*Benediction

### Postlude

David Libby

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Next Week's Liturgist: Jim Miller

**WORSHIP TEAM**

Rev. Marjorie Egger

Liturgist: Ken McDyer

Ushers: Nancy Tompkins and Diana Green

Music: David Libby

Soloist: Sarah Altvater

A/V Tech: Melissa Schrock and Blue Jade

**WHERE'S EDDIE?**

Pastor and Pam will be out of town on vacation from Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Rev. Marjorie Egger will lead worship on Sunday, June 21. For pastoral emergencies, please contact Rev. Charles Gilmore ([charlesgilmore11372@gmail.com](mailto:charlesgilmore11372@gmail.com) or 917-940-5223).

**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WEDNESDAYS: JULY 10 – AUGUST 21 @ 10am- 11:30am SUMMER BIBLE STUDY** (6 weeks). Study presented by Pastor Charles Gilmore and Dave Norton. Texts are available in the office; The Living God by Alister McGrath. \$15.

Date	Topic	Location
July 17	A Personal God	Coolspring
July 24	God Almighty	Coolspring
August 7	God as Creator	Coolspring
August 14	The Trinity	Coolspring
August 21	Divine Attributes	Coolspring

## **SUNDAY, JULY 28 @ 10AM – SUNDAY SERVICE WITH FELLOWSHIP**

Please join us downstairs immediately following the service for fellowship. Cheryl Maginley and Silvia Ritchie are hosting this week's refreshments.

Aug 4: John Still (Fried Chicken w/fixings)

Aug 11: WPC Staff Hosting

Aug 18: Genie H. and Silvia R.

Aug. 25: Fellowship Committee

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** - Wednesdays, September 18 – October 16-  
Adult Ed Bible Study: "Picturing Scripture" with Alan Keohane

### *REMEMBER IN PRAYER*

Please pray for longtime member and treasure of Rehoboth Beach, **Joe Morgan, D.D.S.** His wife, **Barbara**, reports that he has Parkinson's disease and has trouble getting around. They do watch the Sunday services online. May God bless this wonderful, kind, generous man, who took care of so many local families over the decades. We continue to pray for more research and therapy trials for the disease that has heavily impacted the WPC family. May the Holy Spirit bring comfort and strength to Barbara, and may they both feel the embrace of our love.

**Lacey Pratt, daughter of our own dear Betty Pratt, and sister of Rich Pratt**, passed away on Tuesday. We have been praying for Lacey over the last couple of years, as she struggled valiantly against the cancer to which she ultimately succumbed. Lacey's children were with her during those last moments. She is now beyond all suffering and has taken her place among the Saints in Heaven. Let us praise God for his goodness and give thanks to Our Precious Savior for his promise and gift of Salvation for all who believe. May the Holy Spirit guide and comfort the Pratt family and friends in their loss.

**Two Cape Henlopen High School student athletes** died in a horrific car crash in Lewes on Monday night. Our hearts break for their families and friends.

We pray that these children did not suffer and, before they realized what was happening, they were already in the loving embrace of Our Heavenly Father. We ask the Holy Spirit to bring the families and the CH community together to celebrate these two beautiful and joyous, though too brief, lives and console each other in our grief. Lord have mercy on us. Lead us out of the darkness of painful loss into the light of assurance of the Eternal. Lord have Mercy.

Surgery

**Lois Ann Rayner and Chuck Snyder** (brother of Lois Ann Rayner)

**Trenton Teixeira** (grandson of John Still and Sandra Jofre)

Ailing

**Bob** (friend and neighbor of Karen Palermo and Lois Ford)

**Pam Jusino** and her mother, **Charlotte**

**Robert** (Sarah Ortolani's son-in-law)

Grief/Mourning

**Susan** (friend and neighbor of Lois Ford and Karen Palermo)