

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 7, 2025

SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome

Rev. Chris Michael

Bringing of the Light

Bell of Mindfulness

(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Prelude

Roselie McKinley, piano

"Prelude"

Moritz Vogel and Cornelius Gurlitt

\*Call to Worship

Chris Castlen

One: Praise God with bouquets of joy and miles of laughter,  
**All: Praise God for children’s delight and grandparents’ wisdom.**  
One: Praise God for the slant of sunlight and the eagles’ flight.  
**All: Praise God with deeds of love and words of compassion and care.**  
One: Praise God with the sound of strings and voices raised in song.  
**All: Let us indeed praise God!**

**\*Hymn #543**  
**"Blessed Assurance"**

\*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer

Chris Castlen

(using “debts” and “debtors”)

First Scripture Reading

Chris Castlen

Proverbs 3:1-6

One: The Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Blessing

Rev. Chris Michael

Children ages 3 through 2nd grade are invited forward for a blessing,  
then will be escorted to Worship and Wonder  
(located at the end of the first floor education wing)

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Chris Michael

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Special Music  
**Hymn #190**  
**"Tell me the Stories of Jesus"**

Second Scripture Reading

Rev. Chris Michael

Luke 12:13-21

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Chris Michael

“Rich Toward God”

Invitation to Discipleship

**\*Hymn #295**  
**"In This Very Room"**

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering

Rev. Chris Michael

Offertory

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"On Eagle's Wings"

Michael Joncas

Arr. John Purifoy

\*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts (Page 46)  
\*Dedication Prayer

RENEWING THE COVENANT IN THE LORD’S SUPPER

*We are one in Christ, let everyone share in this communion  
without regard for denominational affiliation.*  
*You are invited to take the cup and bread after your prayers.*  
Invitation to Communion

Tab & Vicki Quisenberry

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music

Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Softly and Tenderly"

Will L. Thompson

Arr. Lisa Hoekstra

GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE

\*Benediction

Rev. Chris Michael

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

\*Please stand if you are able.

Scripture Reading

First Reading- Proverbs 3:1-6

3 My child, do not forget my teaching,  
but let your heart keep my commandments,  
2for length of days and years of life  
and abundant welfare they will give you.  
3Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you;  
bind them around your neck;  
write them on the tablet of your heart.  
4Then you will find favor and high regard  
in the sight of God and of people.  
5Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
and do not rely on your own insight.  
6In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths

Second Reading-Luke 12:13-21

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” 14 But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” 15 And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” 16 Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. 17 And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ 18 Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ 20 But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ 21 So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

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