

A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *Through it All* No. 507
 Prayer/Lord's Prayer
 Choral Response *Through it All* No. 507

SPECIAL MUSIC *There is a Redeemer* arr. Melody Green
 Vocal Duet: Julia Burns and Ann Wilson

SCRIPTURE Job 1:13-22
 John 16:20-24

HYMN *(please remain seated)* *Be Still, My Soul* No. 534

SERMON THE JOY OF GRIEF Joseph Brown, Guest Preacher

OFFERING
 Call to Stewardship and Mission
 Offertory *My Savior's Love* Charles H. Gabriel
 Doxology/Prayer of Dedication Hymnal, No. 94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise God, the Source of all our gifts!
 Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
 Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*CLOSING HYMN *There's Within My Heart a Melody* No. 380

*BENEDICTION

May the God of Infinite Possibility
 inspire hope within us.

**May Christ the Redeemer lead us
 on paths of forgiveness and grace.**

May the Spirit work in our community
 increasing joy and peace among us.

We go forth in God's Love.
 Amen!

*RESPONSE *There's Something About That Name* No. 171

POSTLUDE *Joy After Worship* Ellen Jane Lorenz

**Please stand as able.*

Job 1:13-22

Today's Scripture

One day when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in the eldest brother's house, a messenger came to Job and said, 'The oxen were ploughing and the donkeys were feeding beside them, and the Sabeans fell on them and carried them off, and killed the servants with the edge of the sword; I alone have escaped to tell you.' While he was still speaking, another came and said, 'The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants and consumed them; I alone have escaped to tell you.' While he was still speaking, another came and said, 'The Chaldeans formed three columns, made a raid on the camels and carried them off, and killed the servants with the edge of the sword; I alone have escaped to tell you.' While he was still speaking, another came and said, 'Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house, and suddenly a great wind came across the desert, struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people, and they are dead; I alone have escaped to tell you.'

Then Job arose, tore his robe, shaved his

head, and fell on the ground and worshipped. He said, 'Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there; the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.'

In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrongdoing.

John 16:20-24

Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy. When a woman is in labor, she has pain, because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world. So, you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. On that day you will ask nothing of me. Very truly, I tell you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.

Today's Liturgist: BG Perriguet

ALL CHURCH SUNDAY HOSPITALITY TIME IS LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

WEEK	ATTENDANCE					STEWARDSHIP
	8:30	10:30	IN-PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	
07/02	45	46	91	30	121	\$7,773
07/09	39	45	84	33	117	\$4,652
07/16	41	61	102	29	131	\$4,120
07/23	35	52	87	n/a	n/a	\$5,076

Our Fiscal Year Started July 1 Weekly Offering Needed \$6,038
7/23 Received \$5,076 YTD Received \$21,621 YTD Budget \$24,151
STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: \$268,775 in Pledges Received. \$320,000 Needed.
Thank you to all of you who returned their Estimate of Giving card.
And a very special Thank You to those who increased their Estimates of Giving!
We need EVERYONE to return their Estimate of Giving and increase it if at all possible.

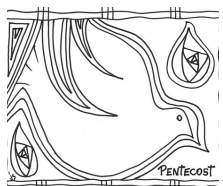
HOSPITALITY TIME

Today's Hosts:

ALL CHURCH SUNDAY

Next Sunday
 August 6

Christian Education, Worship, Membership



Today we welcome to the pulpit as
our preacher, Joseph Brown.
Thank you, Joe!



THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Mon	Jul 31	6:30 PM Gerry's Quilt Class--Criswell Hall.
Tue	Aug 01	9:00 AM Senior Exercise--CH, 10:00 AM Sew n Sews--MMR, 11:00 Chair Yoga--Criswell Hall.
Wed	Aug 02	9:00 AM Senior Exercise--CH, 9:00 AM Church Workday.
Thu	Aug 03	9:00 AM Senior Exercise--CH, 10 AM Craft Workshop--MMR
Sat	Aug 05	5:00 PM Spaghetti Dinner with Bingo--Criswell Hall
Sun	Aug 06	8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service--Sanctuary.
Sun	Aug 06	10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service--Sanctuary.

Abbreviation Legend

CH--Criswell Hall
S--Sanctuary
K--Kitchen
L--Library Room #123
MMR--McMillen Room #113
PS--Pastor's Study

EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

Thursday August 3
Craft Workshop
10 AM-12 PM
McMillen Room
Today's Craft: Stained glass ornaments.
Led by Susan and Mary Thronson. All Welcome!



Sunday August 13
Beach Theme Sunday You are invited to wear Hawaiian shirts, beach hats, flip-flops, leis.



Sunday August 27
4:00 PM Criswell Hall
Program Ministry Free Movie
"Women in Gold" starring Helen Mirren is a true story of a family's battle to recover possessions seized in WW II.



Saturday September 16
United Women in Faith Women's Rally
11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the home of Judie Neufeld. Program and Barbecue. Save the date!



Saturday August 5
United Women of Faith Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo
5:00 to 8:00 PM
Criswell Hall.
\$20 donation.
Lots of prizes!



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July 30, 2023

10:30 AM

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Spirit helps us in our weakness, loving us, strengthening us, and speaking on our behalf with sighs too deep for words.

PRELUDE *We Shall Behold Him* Dottie Rambo/arr. Fred Bock

INTROIT *There's Something About That Name* No. 171

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! There's something about that name!
Master, Savior, Jesus! Like the fragrance after the rain.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! Let all heaven and earth proclaim: Kings and kingdom will all pass away, but there's something about that name!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Call to God and sing Christ's praise!
Give thanks to the Lord above!
Seek the Lord and trust God's strength.
Remember God's wonderful works!
Live in the Spirit of love and grace.
Give thanks for Christ's marvelous love!

*OPENING HYMN *Wonderful Words of Life* No. 600

WELCOME

LEADERSHIP MOMENT Rose Ann Steiner

"NOISY OFFERING"

OPENING PRAYER

Spirit of God, when the journey is difficult,
you intercede for us with sighs too deep for words.
Renew our strength when roadblocks impede the path,
and return our hearts to you.
Plant in us a faith that bursts forth into new life,
that we may be children of your Spirit.
Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Carolyn Russell