



Sunday, August 17, 2025

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” 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.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ 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. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ 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?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

—Luke 12:13-21 NRSVUE

-Highland, A Place to be Seen, Known, and Loved-

Greeters: Linda Keener, Connie & Bob Hoelscher, Sharon & Tom Kennedy, Trixi Ray

Ushers: Grant Schonour, Henry & Wendy Hershey, David & Marion Drain, John Herr, John Wolfe

The Chancel Flowers are presented by:

Connie & Bob Hoelscher in memory of their parents
Shelby & Jack Snyder in honor of our daughters Laura and Megan

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Side by Side
Harry Woods, arranged by Arthur Lange

Blue Bird Orchestra

I Can't Give You Anything But Love
Dorothy Fields and Jimmy McHugh, arranged by Jimmy Dale

Welcome & Ministry Highlights

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 66)

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Leader: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

People: Sing the glory of God's name;

Leader: Give to the Lord glorious praise!

People: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"

*Hymn #554

Let All Things Now Living

Silent Prayer of Confession

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Prayer of Confession

Good and gracious God, you have blessed us with so many good things. And yet we confess our tendency to treat these things as if they were our own. Sometimes we wrongly perceive the world as ours to control and manipulate rather than good gifts entrusted to our care. Forgive our foolishness. Give us wisdom so that we can be good stewards. And give us the courage to confess our utter dependence, not upon our own prudence and calculation, but rather upon your love and grace. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison #572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: In Acts of the Apostles, Paul says, "Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin." Friends, believe the good news of the gospel

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*Passing of the Peace

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: As we are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ Jesus, let us be reconciled to one another. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Gloria Patri 579

**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.**

Children's Blessing

Sarah Hostetter

Children: God be with you here.

Congregation: God be with you there.

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Luke 12:13-21

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Sermon

"Fools Like Us"

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Responding to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Offertory

Sunday

Bluebird Orchestra

Ned Miller, Chester Cohn, Jules Stein and Bennie Kreuger, arranged by Frank Barry

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Matt Drumheller

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen**

Going in God's Name

*Hymn #422

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

*Benediction Response

Postlude

Blue Skies

Blue Bird Orchestra

Irving Berlin, arranged by Ted Eastwood

BUTTON UP YOUR OVERCOAT

B.G. DE SYLVA, LEW BROWN AND RAY HENDERSON, ARRANGED BY FRANK SKINNER

*PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

ORGANIST: JONATHAN LEFEVER

A/V: GUS BEAULIEU

MUSIC: BLUE BIRD ORCHESTRA

MEMBERS: PAT RUCH MILLER, SAXOPHONE & CLARINET; LAURIE ASTREE, SAXOPHONE & CLARINET; JOE GAGLIARDI, TRUMPET; JERRY ROTHACKER, TROMBONE; NEIL CRONE, TUBA; MIKE LUCKENBILL, UKELELE BANJO; JIM MARTIN, DRUMS; AL SHULTZ, PIANO; JEREMIAH MILLER, VOCALIST

THE BLUE BIRD ORCHESTRA OF LANCASTER



The Bluebird Orchestra of Lancaster is nine piece band performing those delightful (and endangered!) popular songs from the 1920's and early 1930's - The Boardwalk Empire era - such as Ain't She the Sweet?, Baby Face. Chicago, and Little White Lies. They just don't make tunes like these anymore, and our mission is to enjoy playing , sharing and preserving this great old music.

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In the event of an emergency, please refer to the card in the pew racks for evacuation and re-assembly information.