



Sunday, September 28, 2025

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

— Matthew 22:34-40 (NRSVUE)

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

Greeters: Laura & Chris Wakeley, Anne & Michael Zell, Joyce & Peter DeBarger, Mary Apol

Ushers: Michael Gibeault, Bob & Vickie Kutz, Bev Campbell, Howard McIntyre, Christina Gilberti, Kay Houghton

Welcome Center: Barb Droz and Shelby Snyder

The Chancel Flowers are presented by:

Jane Hartin in memory of my mother Ann Wardlow

The white roses recognize and bear witness to the lives and memories of John Gooding and Heidi Schutzler

Gathering in God's Name

Chimes

Prelude

Welcome & Ministry Highlights

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Minute for Mission

Peace and Global Witness Offering

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 146)

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Leader: Come! Praise the Lord!

People: Praise God for the heavens and the earth and all that is in them!

Leader: Come! Praise the Lord!

People: Praise God who gives sight to the blind and sets prisoners free!

Leader: Come! Praise the Lord!

People: The Lord will reign forever! Praise the Lord!

*Hymn #488

The God of Abraham Praise

Children's Blessing

Sarah Hostetter

Children: God be with you here.

Congregation: God be with you there.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God of grace, you speak to your people through Scripture, creation, and Spirit. Yet we confess that too often we accept easy answers for the hard questions of faith. We cling to half-truths that are safe and comfortable when the whole truth is more demanding. We misuse your Word to justify ourselves, rather than allowing it to shape and transform us. Forgive us, O Lord. Open our minds to your wisdom. Open our hearts to your Spirit. Open our lives to your living Word, Jesus Christ. 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: God's Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. People of God, 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.**

Proclaiming God's Word

Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:32-40

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Sermon

The Bible Doesn't Say That:
"The Bible Says It, I Believe It, That Settles It"

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Responding to God's Word

Reception of New Members

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Baptism

David "Duke" Kendig

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Apostles' Creed

Invitation to the Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Offertory

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. Dan Forrest

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

**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 #359

More Love to Thee

Congregational Meeting

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Matt Drumheller

*PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

MUSIC: DR. PAUL THORLAKSON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

ORGANIST: JONATHAN LEFEVER

A/V: GUS BEAULIEU AND KEN OSBORNE

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