

**Entrance**Gathering *(As we gather to worship please greet those persons sitting around you.)*Prelude *(Please use this time to prepare yourself for worship.)**How He Loves with O, How I Love Jesus*

- arr. B. Smith &amp; M. McDonald

*You're Worthy of My Praise* - arr. T. Wilhelm

Chiming of the Hour

Greetings and Welcome *(During this time please pass the pew notebooks.)*

Time of Centering

Jill Boliek, piano

*Thy Word* - arr. M. Hayes

Lighting of the Altar Candles

\*Invocation

\*Opening Hymn

No. 314

*In the Garden***Proclamation**

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 3:1-5

Reception of New Member *(11:00 a.m.)*

Susan Paxton

Response of New Member

Response of The Community

Pastor: Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your repentance of sin and your commitment to Christ?

**People: We do.**

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the faith and life of the body of Christ and include Susan who is now before you in your care?

**People: With God's help we will proclaim the good news of God's grace and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Susan with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her trust of God, and be found faithful in her service to others. We will pray for her, that she may always be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to abundant life.**

Commendation and Welcome

Pastor: Members of the household of God, I commend Susan to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

**People: We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our**

**prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may continue to grow in grace and peace all of your life.

**People: Amen.**

\*Hymn of Response *(refrain from the hymn "Here I Am, Lord")*

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?**I have heard you calling in the night.**I will go, Lord, if you lead me.**I will hold your people in my heart.*

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*(Children age 4 - 1st grade may leave for children's church.)*

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 16:21-26

Meditation

Rev. Jay Minnick

**Response**

Joys and Thanksgivings/Prayer Concerns

Silent Prayers/Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer *(please pray in unison)***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 trespasses,****as we forgive those who trespass against us.****And lead us not into temptation,****but deliver us from evil.****For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,****forever. Amen.**

Offering of Our Gifts

Offertory

Simon &amp; Hannah Barton

*On the Willows (from Godspell)* - S. Schwartz\*Doxology *(sung in unison)***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;****praise him, all creatures here below;****praise him above, ye heavenly host;****praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.****Amen.****Thanksgiving and Communion**

Sacrament of Communion

*All who worship with us today are invited to participate with us in the celebration of the sacrament of the Eucharist or Holy*

*Communion. This is a celebratory act of our community in which we give thanks for the ever-abiding presence of God's spirit and the all-inclusive reach of God's grace. The Sacrament is a mystical reality in which the presence of Christ is made real to us, and by God's grace it forges us into one body so that together we can extend the merciful touch of Christ into the world. Welcome to the table.*

*In an effort to meet the needs of the gathered community it is our goal to have gluten free bread available for Communion. Please notify your server when you come forward to receive the Sacrament.*

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Clergy: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Clergy: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Clergy: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Clergy: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God.

**People: For you are the creator and sustainer of our lives.***[The rehearsing of the tradition]*

Clergy: Let us pray. Loving and gracious God, in remembrance of these your grace-filled acts, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Clergy: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, now and for ever.

**People: Amen.**

Giving the Bread and Cup

Closing Prayer

**Sending Forth**

\*Closing Hymn

No. 707

*Hymn of Promise*

\*Pastoral Benediction

\*Postlude

*I Stand Amazed in the Presence* - arr. C. Berry-----  
*\*please rise in body or in spirit*

**We are excited to kick off another year of youth group on Sunday, September 10!** Quest (3rd-5th graders), Middle Schoolers, and High Schoolers will meet from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. followed by a kick-off dinner until 6:00 p.m. Please fill out the registration form found on the church's website or in the pew notebooks prior to the meeting and e-mail to Ashley Yohman. We look forward to seeing new and returning faces! **Please note: Our Middle School Youth Group is in need of a youth leader to help out twice a month on Sunday evenings. If interested, please contact Ashley Yohman at [ashley.yohman@pgumc.org](mailto:ashley.yohman@pgumc.org).**

**Please join us for a Ministry Fair on Sunday, September 17, from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the Welcome Center.** PGUMC's committees, teams, and groups will be sharing information about the ministries the church offers throughout the year. Sign up opportunities will be available for anything that you'd like to get involved in. Everyone is welcome to stop by and learn about all of the ways that Pleasant Grove exists to be the body of Christ in the world!

**New to Pleasant Grove?** Rev. Minnick will be leading a new member class on Sunday, September 17, at 4:30 p.m. at the Hyder House. Come and learn about the history of PGUMC, our vision for the future, and how to get involved. Childcare will be provided. For more information please contact Deborah Horton at [deborah.horton@pgumc.org](mailto:deborah.horton@pgumc.org).

**PGUMC Community Yard Sale Fundraiser!** On Saturday, September 30, the Pleasant Grove parking lot will turn into its own mini flea market! Sponsored by our Middle School Youth, community members may rent a parking space for \$20 to sell their own goods. Limited tables are available for \$5 to be set up in your parking space. For more details or to reserve a parking spot, contact Ashley Yohman at [ashley.yohman@pgumc.org](mailto:ashley.yohman@pgumc.org).

**Did you know?** PGUMC has a small food pantry which is used to help families in our Great Minds program. As the school year begins, we would like to re-stock this pantry. Needed items include canned meat, breakfast foods, peanut butter, pasta, etc. If you would like to donate a grocery store gift card, these will be used to purchase fresh fruits and veggies as needed. You can mark your donation as Great Minds Food Pantry or drop off grocery items in the Welcome Center. Thank you for your continued support of Great Minds!!

**September's Outreach Collection will be a diaper drive to support the NC Diaper Bank.** Needed items include diapers of all sizes and baby wipes. The vision of the Diaper Bank is for every family to have access to basic necessities to ensure dignity, health, and quality of life. Items may be dropped off in the Welcome Center.

**Save the date!** Our next Eat Out For Outreach will be on Tuesday, September 26, at Relish Craft Kitchen & The Kitchen Table by Relish. Relish will donate 15% of sales back to Pleasant Grove all day - dine in, take out, and gift cards purchased that day are included! For more information please contact Meredith Berry at [meredith.berry@gmail.com](mailto:meredith.berry@gmail.com).

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