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IN-PERSON SUNDAYS @ 10AM & 6PM

Genesis 8:15-21; 9:11-17 "Leave the Ark"

We can't stay in the Ark forever, but we can be in God's grace indefinitely.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Communion • July 6, 202

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

CEL=Celebration Hymnal GTG=Glory to God Hymnal

PRELUDE

"Love Lifted Me" arr. Melody Bober

OPENING SENTENCE

Genesis 8:15-16 (CEB)

God spoke to Noah, "Go out of the ark, you and your wife, your sons, and your sons' wives with you."

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF GATHERING

"What A Mighty God We Serve" CEL #672

What a mighty God we serve.
What a mighty God we serve.
Angels bow before Him;
Heav'n and earth adore Him.
What a mighty God we serve. (2X)

CALL TO WORSHIP

When God said, "Build the Ark"

Noah answered with craft
When God said, "Enter the Ark"

Noah answered with trust
When God said, "Leave the Ark"

Noah answered with courage

SING

"Arky, Arky" Traditional Children's Camp Song

I The Lord told Noah, there's gonna be a floody, floody. Lord told Noah, there's gonna be a floody, floody. Get those animals out of the muddy, muddy, children of the Lord.

Refrain:

So rise and shine, and give God the glory, glory. Rise and shine, and give God the glory, glory. Rise and shine, and give God the glory, glory, children of the Lord.

2The Lord told Noah to build him an arky, arky. Lord told Noah to build him an arky, arky. Build it out of gopher barky, barky, children of the Lord. (Refrain) 3 The animals, the animals, they came in by twosies, twosies. Animals, the animals, they came in by twosies, twosies,

elephants and kangaroosies, roosies, children of the Lord. (Refrain)

4 It rained and poured for forty daysies, daysies. Rained and poured for forty daysies, daysies. Almost drove those animals crazies, crazies, children of the Lord. (Refrain)

5The sun came out and dried up the landy, landy. Sun came out and dried up the landy, landy. Everything was fine and dandy, dandy, children of the Lord. (Refrain)

6 And that is the end of the story, story, story. That is the end of the story, story, story. Let's give God the glory, glory, glory, children of the Lord. (Refrain)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us begin with silent prayer...

Holy God, we accept your protection. We adore your salvation. We sing and pray and live on your hopes and love. We even take credit sometimes for blessings you crafted (sorry about that). But we really, rarely, ever pray for your discipline. We just don't pray to be hurt by you, if it's for our good. We don't trust you to change us if it's not on our terms. We admit how much we need courage with you, God. You took and take big risks to be in relationship with us. Let us take a chance on you in the same way. May we come to reflect your generosity as enthusiastically as we receive it. Thank you for listening, God. Amen. ÁSSURANCE OF PARDON

God's love can change everything, even the power of our sins over us. And it is God's will that we have this power:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
The Peace of Christ be with you
And also with you.

SING

"Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father and to the Son And to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning. It is now and ever shall be world without end: Amen, amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Word of God doesn't just inform: it reveals. The Word of God doesn't just tell us the truth, it empowers us to live our true path. The Word of God, by God's own Spirit, teaches us to live. Let us be open to this gift of God and ask for help to understand. Let us pray...

PRAY/SING

"O, How I Love Jesus" CEL #92

O, how I love Jesus!
O, how I love Jesus!
O, how I love Jesus!
Because He first loved me!

Listen closely to the Word of God to us all and our ongoing place in God's story...

READ: Genesis 8:15-21; 9:11-17 (CEB)God and Noah

8:15 God spoke to Noah, 16 "Go out of the ark, you and your wife, your sons, and your sons' wives with you. 17 Bring out with you all the animals of every kind—birds, livestock, everything crawling on the ground -so that they may populate the earth, be fertile, and multiply on the earth." 18 So Noah went out of the ark with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives. 19 All the animals, all the livestock, all the birds, and everything crawling on the ground, came out of the ark by their families. 20 Noah built an altar to the LORD. He took some of the clean large animals and some of the clean birds, and placed entirely burned offerings on the altar. ²¹ The LORD smelled the pleasing scent, and the LORD thought to himself, I will not curse the fertile land anymore because of human beings since the ideas of the human mind are evil from their youth. I will never again destroy every living thing as I have done.

9:11 I will set up my covenant with you so that never again will all life be cut off by floodwaters. There will never again be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the symbol of the covenant that I am drawing up between me and you and every living thing with you, on behalf of every future generation. Have placed my bow in the clouds; it will be the symbol of the covenant between me and the earth. Have I bring clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, Is I will remember the covenant between me and you and every living being among all the

creatures. Floodwaters will never again destroy all creatures. ¹⁶ The bow will be in the clouds, and upon seeing it I will remember the enduring covenant between God and every living being of all the earth's creatures." ¹⁷ God said to Noah, "This is the symbol of the covenant that I have set up between me and all creatures on earth."

One: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us...

All: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S SERMON

anthem "People Need the Lord" arr. Mary McDonald; Soloist: Noah Melton

SERMON

"Leave the Ark" Rev. David Ealy

"Trust Me"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

SING

"Love Lifted Me" CEL #508

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

"I've Got A Home in That Rock" arr. Barrie Carson Turner; Soloist: Lora Melton

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly hosts; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.

BLESSING

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

I believe in God's hopes— That God created us for a reason, That God chose people for a reason That God fought for us for a reason That God fought against us for a reason That God called us out on our sins for a reason

That God made us partners with God for the building of the kingdom

That God created us for a purpose That God has called us to be prophets, priests, teachers, students, companions, travelers, historians, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings and most importantly children

leaving our Arks of safety

for the sake of God's grace, Because God's love really does change everything and makes us people of God because of Jesus Christ Who was, who is, and is to come. Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: The Lord be with you. All: and also with you.

Let us pray...

"Down to the River to Pray" Traditional O Christians, let's go down, let's go down, come one down. O Christians, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

O Children, let's go down, let's go down, come one down. O Children, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

...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.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank you, God, for making us your kingdom. Help us live out that thanks by being a refuge to all you call us to. Thank you for including us at your Table. Help us do the same with ours. In the great name of Jesus Christ we pray this together. Amen.

SONG OF SENDING

"I've Got Peace Like A River" GTG #623

SENDING & BENEDICTION

Let us say together the Benediction...

We can't stay in the Ark forever, but we can be in God's grace indefinitely.

SING "Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us" GTG #187

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us: we are yours. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us: we are yours.

POSTLUDE

"Arky, Arky"

(Reprise) Traditional Children's Camp Song



PRAYER CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

The following are prayer concerns & celebrations given to us through email, Prayer Notebook at the entrance, by phone or word of mouth. Please use this list in your prayers through the week.

- · Staff of the month: HPC Session
- Joanne Calder & Margaret Gamble health issues (sisters of Tom Gamble)
- Brody Cameron—family health challenges
- The Family of Harriett Covington
- Sylvia Daniels—awaiting test results
- The Family of Wilbur McFarland Faucette
- Hawfields Child Care Center—direction
- HPC Nominating Committee
- Emily Johnson,—recovering from hip surgery following a fall
- Matt Lawrence—pancreatitis
- Melba Melton—eye health/health concerns
- Michael & Cherilyn Sarvis—welcomed new baby (Assoc. Pastor at Graham Presbyterian Church)
- Dwayne Straughan—health concerns
- Nancy Trollinger—recovering from cataract surgery
- The Family of Frozie Woods

Our prayers continue for:

Cindy Atkins, Clint Barrett, Ron & Pat Baugus, Rose Boderck (Liberty Commons, Rm #103), Harriett Covington (under hospice care), Susan Loy (Alamance House), Joe McAdams, Josephine Minor, Kevin Monroe (White Oak Manor), Betty Sykes & Carol Thompson (Compass Health Room, #A-9), and Pat Webster

THE 2025 SESSION



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHEN DO YOU SAIL?

One of the challenges of living is deciding when to take risks. When do you take a chance on something or someone, without a guarantee of the outcome? When do move forward knowing that you might lose or get hurt? As the phrase goes, you cannot sail the seas until you have the courage to leave the shore. What risks are you willing to take? What risks are you willing to take with God and God's direction for you? Is your life of faith dependent on how well God can guarantee your safety or comfort (or rightness)? What does God risk in blessing you?

QUESTIONS AS YOU WORSHIP THIS WEEK

- What kind of guarantees do you require of God?
- What do you need to know or feel or have before you are ready to act on something God wants from you?
- What kind of guarantees do you require of other people? Of yourself?
- What can God count on from you?
 What risks does God take in blessing you?

WE CELEBRATE OUR JULY BIRTHDAYS!

BIBLE HEROES

Over the next several weeks we will feature as a theme in the Morning and Online worship services a Bible hero. We will use the lives of these folks to watch how God operates and contrast their choice-making with our own. Starting this week with Noah and moving through Noah, Moses, Jesus, to the Gospel itself, we will explore lots of examples God gives us to live, learn and, frankly, laugh at ourselves.

SESSION MEETING SUMMARY

On June 26, the Session met for their regular monthly gathering. After a devotion based on Mark 10:35-40, we

prayed for each other and our church. We reviewed minutes and digital decisions (those are things voted on between meetings that have consensus; if any one member wishes to meet in person about something instead, we do so; a digital decision, when it happens, usually centers around something straightforward like which lightbulbs to use or a decision for which we were waiting for more information).

We received letters from Christy McCawley and Matt Lawrence in response to the congregational meeting on June 8th. Those will be published along with the Session's responses. It should be noted, however, that in response to Matt's resignation, the Session, meeting as the Board of Trustees, accepted his resignation and will elect a new president.

We also approved the financial statement for May. Committee Reports were received and highlights discussed, including our ongoing partnership with the Childcare Center with the VBS approach we took this year, Summer education plans, the new leadership for the Blood Drive, review of the HVAC replacement in the Fellowship Hall, status on the repair of the roof of the Education Building, and thanking Elder Kim Ragland for her work securing the grant for the Sanctuary roof resealing. After having researched and prayerful discussion, we said respectfully declined the request by Bradford Academy to make extensive use of our facility for their school.

We talked about the opening negotiations surrounding the Civitan lease renewal. The current lease and its current terms expired last year but the Civitans lease payment and our acceptance of it affects the current lease being active moving forward. We anticipate a long process for this while

we wait for a response from the Civitans.

Elder Tammy Karnes was elected to serve on the Nominating Committee and Communion in August was moved to August 10th in anticipation of the pastor's vacation.

For more details please do refer to the meeting minutes and financial reports as they are approved and available from the church office. As always, please do pray for your elected leadership.

MANNA MARKET NEEDS

The following are the non-perishable items needed for Manna Market: mixed veggies, canned potatoes, canned corn, pork & beans, diced tomatoes, canned tomato sauce, pasta noodles, jar spaghetti sauce, canned kidney beans, canned black beans, peanut butter, oatmeal, grits, mac and cheese, jam/jellies, canned tuna, canned chicken, Jiffy corn bread, pancake mix and syrup, Raman noodles, pop tarts, and saltines. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

We're still walking! But, for the summer, we'll be walking at 8:00 AM. at the church track. Join us!





Spotlight on the Choir

What is (are) the reason(s) you sing in the HPC Sanctuary Choir?

I enjoy singing in the choir because I can share my gifts and more fully participate in worship services. Rehearsals are fun. I look forward to them each week. The choir has really become a supportive community for my family.

- Erin Layfield

I love to sing to God. Music is such an important part of worship.

- Nanette Pedelty

I sing because I feel most connected with God and others.

- David Ealy

Music is such a great part of worshipping God. Many people love to sing and singing gets them involved and feeling God's spirit in such a special way. I sing to glorify God. The words in so many songs we sing fit with what I take home and that music stays with me all week.

- Joanne McAdams



THE WEEK AHEAD:

SUNDAY, JULY 6 9:00 AMYouth Sunday School 9:15 AMCoffee & Treats (F. Hall) 10:00 AMTraditional Worship Service 11:00 AMYouth—Swimming at the Karnes' 6:00 PMFaith @ Night Service

MONDAY, JULY 7

10:00 AMVacation Bible School

TUESDAY, JULY 8

I I:00 AMSenior Fitness (F. Hall) 7:00 PMBoy Scout Meeting (F. Hall)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

10:00 AMBusy Bees Workshop 11:00 AMStaff Meeting & Prayer 6:30 PMNarcotics Anonymous (Fleming)

THURSDAY, JULY 10

11:15 AMSenior Chair Dance (F. Hall) I:00 PMTai Chi 6:30 PMAA Meeting (Fleming Room) 7:00 PMSpiritual Life Committee Meeting

FRIDAY, JULY 11

6:00 PMBurlington Sock Puppets

SATURDAY, IULY 12

8:00 AM.......Walking Group (church track)

SUNDAY, IULY 13

9.00 AM	Youth Sunday School
9:15 AM	Coffee & Treats (F. Hall)
	Traditional Worship Service
	Communion @ Compass Health
	Faith @ Night Service

BY THE NUMBERS 6/29/25 Giving Budget 2025.....\$346,202.00 Gen. Fund YTD\$114,136.05 Needed monthly.....\$28,850.17 G.F. Month to date.....\$15,229.00 Needed weekly......\$6,657.73 Last week......\$3,190.00 Building Fund.....\$220.00 Youth\$60.00 Helping Hands Balance.....\$30.00

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