Welcome

Prelude *“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”* William Moore / arr. Franklin Ritter

*Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.*

Call to Worship: (inspired by Proverbs 3:5)

Leader: Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not rely on your own understanding.

**People: In all your ways acknowledge God. God will make your paths straight.**

Leader: Hold on to God’s promises and know that God loves you.

**People: By God’s grace, we trust God to lead us** **where we are called to go.**

\*Opening Hymn: *“Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him”* Red Hymnal, #9

\*Prayer of Confess (Unison)

**Creator God, we know that you have designed all things for good. We believe that you provide all that we need and give purpose to our lives. We want to do your will. Yet we persist in spinning our own schemes and promoting our own good. We often do not even consider you when making our plans. Interrupt our thoughts and inspire our imaginations. Give us your vision to live as you would have us live by the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*Silent Reflection

\*Assurance of Pardon

\* Gloria Patri *(Glory Be to the Father…)* Red Hymnal, #623

Children’s Time

Sacrament of Baptism *“Elizabeth Lauralee McSwane”*

*Parents: Mitchell & Rosanna McSwane; Zach, Blake, Nick, Patrick & Riley McSwane*

*Grandparents: Jimmy & Pamela McSwane; Larry & Patricia Mains*

Scripture *“Genesis 45:4-8”* (page 75)

*“Genesis 50:20”* (page 85)

*“Jeremiah 29:11”* (page 1221)

*“Romans 8:28”* (page 1757)

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Special Music *“No Other Word For Grace than Amazing”* by Kirk Talley

Sermon *“What God Plans”* Rev. Kimby Young

\*Profession of Faith The Apostle's Creed Red Hymnal, inside back cover

**I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen**

\*Hymn *“Be Thou My Vision”* Red Hymnal, #382

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Offertory Meditation  *“Jesus, Guide Me”*

J.S. Bach / arr. Chester Nordman

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Closing Hymn: *“If You Will Only Let God Guide You”* Red Hymnal, #600

\*Benediction

Postlude  *“God, the Almighty”* Gary Davidson

\*Those who are comfortably able will please stand.

*Rev. Kimby Young, Pastor; Dean Faulk, Music Ministries*

*Kim Allen, Worship Assistant; Alice Rollf, Organist; Dean Faulk, Solo*

*Mike McGuire and Brad Cornell, Slide Production*

*Kim Liu, Sound*

**Childcare is always available in the nursery** (off the hall to the west of the sanctuary). Children are welcome to stay in the sanctuary thru the whole service, or to leave at any time. Allison Perry is our primary childcare attendant.

**Offering Plates** are at the entrance of each aisle for your contributions to the work of the church.

**Gardner Multi Service Center** collection is ongoing every week and is always in need of any non-perishable food. Bring something every week or once a month.

**Fair Trade Products for Sale** on Sundays Coffee, tea, chocolate, nuts, olive oil, dried fruit, baking products, and a few other items are for sale each Sunday at church.

**Harvesters Food Distribution** is always seeking volunteers. Every 3rd Saturday at Trade Net Parking lot and every 4th Wednesday at Divine Mercy Parish. Distribution begins at about 1 p.m.

**A "Suggestion Box" is** outside the office for ideas, comments, questions, and thoughts. Contents will be reviewed at session meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month.

**Elder On Call** - Beginning June 2, an elder of the church will be in the narthex each Sunday morning to answer questions and hear ideas or concerns.  This is an effort to increase communication as we make decisions for the future of the church.

**SAS – Summer Adventures on Sunday - Sunday school** for all ages.  Starts June 2 - 10 a.m.  To help or lead a week talk to Kimby Young or Marsha Cooper.

**Men’s Breakfast on Tuesday, June 14**, 7:00 a.m. at Perkins

**Women’s Book Club will meet on Thursday**, June 20th 6-8:00 p.m. at the library. Book will be “And the Shofar Blew” by Francine Rivers.

**Church Family and Friends - End of TDC Picnic** – Everyone Welcome!

Friday, June 21, 4:15-6 p.m.

**Multi-Church School Supply Drive** 850 pocket folders. Contribute cash or folders by June 17.

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*In the heart of Gardner since 1866 ~ Serving from the heart of God*

*Sunday,* *June 9, 2024*

*8:45 AM*

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***Welcome -*** *Thank you for joining us for worship today.  Please fill out a visitor information card found in the pew racks and place those in the offering plate so that we may follow up with you in the future.  Your presence with us today has been a blessing to us, we hope that you have felt the presence of God and the welcome of this congregation.*