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# Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, September 7, 2025

Chimes of the Trinity

Prelude and Lighting the Altar Candles

Welcome and Call to Worship

L: Wherever you go, from the top of the highest mountain or into the deep abysses of the earth, God knows you.

**P: Wherever we go, God knows our name.**

L: Whatever you do, from the time you wake up until you lay your head down again, God knows you.

**P: Whatever we do, God knows our name.**

L: However you live, from your inner thoughts to your public acts and everything in between, God knows you.

**P: However we live, God knows our name.**

L: We gather to worship God, who loves us, knows us, and calls us by name.

**P: We gather to worship God, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made by God who knows our name!**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, March 2025.*

Passing the Peace

\*Welcoming Hymn

*"This is My Father's World"* #144 (1 & 3)

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we do not always love our neighbor.

We confess that we have despised others, even to the point of hatred.

We confess that we have been hurt by others. We confess that forgiveness and reconciliation at times are just impossible for us.

We know that nothing is impossible in You. We come to You, seeking healing and wholeness for us. Help us, whenever possible, to live in peace with others, to seek reconciliation and healing and forgiveness.

For Your Son came and lived among us,

was betrayed and denied, abused and put to death.

He rose again and came with the message of peace to those who had denied him and abandoned him.

May we walk in his ways. Amen.

## Words of Assurance

For nothing is impossible with God. There is no place you can go, no end of the earth you can run, where God cannot find you. There is nothing on earth or beyond death that can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

You are forgiven. You are loved. You are reconciled to God.

Live with the love of God. Amen.

Written by Rev. Mindi and posted on Rev-o-lution, <http://rev-o-lution.org/>. Re-posted on the re:Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2017/02/prayer-of-confession-loving-others.html>.

## Prayers of the People

*Carol Livesay; Noah; Frances Powell; Nathan Woody; Eddie Leindecker; Glenn White;*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence. The People may add their own thanksgiving.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Hymn of Thanksgiving

*"How Firm a Foundation"*

#529 (all)

## \*Scripture Reading

*Acts 18:8-11*

(NRSV)

## Solo

*"Cry No More"*

# Children's Sermon & The Lord's Prayer

Sermon

*"Do Not Be Afraid"*

Prayer

Receiving New Members

*Rob & Elizabeth Herrick*

The Great Thanksgiving

Offering & Response

- What is one thing you heard today that stands out?
- What part of this brings hope for you?
- What part of this is challenging for you?
- What are you being asked to trust God with today?

Doxology

#94

Closing Hymn

*"Pass It On"*

# 572 (vs. 1)

Announcements

**We need donations of sugar for apple butter. Please bring to church by this coming Friday, September 12th.**

Tuesdays at 10am - Spiritual Support - BHL Fellowship Hall

Wednesdays at 6:30pm - Handbells - BHL Sanctuary

First Sundays at 12:15pm - Fellowship Potluck - BHL Fellowship Hall

Second Saturdays at 8am - Men's Breakfast - Little Creek Cafe

Wednesday, September 10 - Happy Birthday Shonnie Streder!

Friday, September 12, 9am - Cut Apples

Saturday, September 13, 8:30am - Make Apple Butter

Saturday, September 20, All Day - Apple Butter Festival - BHL Outside

Tuesday, September 23, 6:30pm - Leadership Team - BHL Fellowship Hall

Benediction

Postlude