

# Welcome to Hedrick's Grove

*A warm welcome to all today!*

May this time of worship strengthen your faith and desire to serve the Creator who loves us with everlasting love in Christ Jesus.

Visitors, we are especially glad to see you.

*Please come again!!*

VISITOR  
INFO



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## CHURCH CALENDAR

Sept	3	Sunday	4:30 PM	Bell Choir Practice
Sept	4	Monday		<b>Office Closed for Labor Day</b>
Sept	5	Tuesday	6:00 PM	Student and Parents' Confirmation Meeting
Sept	6	Wednesday		Devotions from the Grove
Sept	6	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Youth Group Meal & Meeting
Sept	6	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Practice
Sept	6	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Crossroads YAM ZOOM Meeting
Sept	7	Thursday	7:00 PM	Board of Christian Education Meeting
Sept	10	Sunday	9:00 AM	Bell Choir Practice
Sept	10	Sunday	9:45 AM	Sunday School
Sept	10	Sunday	10:45 AM	Worship
Sept	10	Sunday	1 PM	Dan Nicholas Park All-Church Outing

**Dan Nicholas Park**  
**All-Church Outing**  
**Sunday, September 10, 2023**  
 Gates open at 1:00 PM  
**SHELTER #5**  
 Hot Dog Supper at 5:00 PM  
*Come for food, fun, and fellowship!*

Sign-up sheet for Dan Nicholas Park is on the table in the sanctuary. Please specify number of children for ticket purposes.

**Altar Flowers**  
 The flowers which grace the altar today are given to the glory of God.  
 Sept 10, Tony & Pansy Frank

**CHILDREN'S Ministry**  
 Grove Friends will resume on Wednesday, September 20  
 Meal: 6:30 PM  
 Meeting: 7:00 PM

**Revival**  
 Sunday, September 24 –  
 Wednesday, September 27  
 Nightly Meal: 6:00 PM  
 Revival: 7:00 PM

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*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Sunday School: 9:45 – 10:30 AM

Worship: 10:45 AM

Pastor Emeritus: The Rev. David L. Crook

Director of Music: Patty Hedrick

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Administrative Assistant: Pixie Hughes Philemon

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*Sunday, September 3, 2023*



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

\*Indicates to please stand if able.  
Congregational responses are printed in **BOLD** print.

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

TRINITY CHIMES (At the sound of the chimes, please enter into a time of meditation.)

PRELUDE                                   **“I Will Follow Him”**                                   Arr. Rafael Dengra  
(Sister Act) Deloris & The Sisters

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

TIME OF CENTERING SILENCE

\*CONGREGATIONAL & CHORAL INTROIT

**“Jesus, Name Above All Names”**  
*Jesus, name above all names, Beautiful Savior, Glorious Lord,  
Emanuel, God is with us, Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship this morning from different places. We come to worship for different reasons.

**O God, do not be far from us.**

We experience the presence of the Spirit in different ways.

**O God, do not be far from us.**

We hear Jesus’ words with different ears.

**O God, do not be far from us.**

“Deny yourselves.” “Take up your cross.” “Follow me.”

**O God, we thank you for drawing near to us in this place, in our lives. Amen.**

\*HYMN # 77                                   **“Be Still My Soul”**                                   Red Hymnal

PRAYER OF THE DAY

TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**Merciful God, You call us to follow; to turn away from our own selfish interests, and to take up our cross and follow after You, even if the path is difficult to see, or is heading in a direction we would never have chosen for ourselves. Forgive us for being so quick to question and so hesitant to follow. Help us to see with the eyes of faith, rather than from our own human point of view. Teach us to follow without fear, knowing that You are always with us, leading the way. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

CHILDREN’S SERMON

ANTHEM                                   **“I Believe In a Hill Called Mount Calvary”**                                   Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READINGS                                   Tammy Beck  
Psalm 105:1-6   Page 410                                   Romans 12:9-21   Page 764

SERMON TEXT                                   Matthew 16:21-28                                   Page 661

SERMON                                   **“What Does Your Cross Look Like?”**                                   Pastor Joshua W. Rau

\*HYMN # 253                                   **“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”**                                   Red Hymnal

\*STATEMENT OF FAITH                                   APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only begotten 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 from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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.**

SILENT PRAYER ~ PASTORAL PRAYER ~ LORD’S PRAYER (Debts and Debtors)

## THANKSGIVING

*God’s gifts move us to respond with grateful words and actions.*

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

\*BLESSING

\*HYMN # 458                                   **“Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated”**                                   Red Hymnal

\*DISMISSAL

\*CONGREGATIONAL & CHORAL BENEDICTION  
*Amen, Amen.*

POSTLUDE