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"Helping Others See Jesus' Grace In Me"

Order of Worship

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

**Congregation Stands/Rise in spirit*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***INTROIT #106 (AA) "In The Beauty of Holiness"**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the convictions of things not seen.

PEOPLE: Like Abraham, let us follow God, even when we don't know
where we are going.

LEADER: By faith, let us look forward to the city that has foundations,
whose architect and builder is God.

ALL: 0Let us worship the God whose promises call and claim us.

***OPENING HYMN #596 (AA) "Come And Go With Me"**

*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION (*Unison*)

Gracious God, On this *Lord's Day*, we come with true thanksgiving not out of routine, but with reverence and faith. You are the God of our ancestors, the One who rewards those who seek You. Forgive us when our worship is empty. Shake us when we come just to sit. Remind us that You are still speaking, still leading, still loving. We praise You for being faithful when we were not, for carrying us when we couldn't walk, for calling us Your own even in our imperfection. Receive our worship, ignite our faith, and be glorified in all we do today. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Sin hinders us and prevents us from receiving God's Word. Let us open our hearts to God's truth and liberate ourselves to walk Christ's path.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God of Hope and Promise, we admit that our faith sometimes falters. We acknowledge that our doubts and grievances often overwhelm. We struggle to comprehend our own suffering and that of others. Pardon us when we lose faith in you and in ourselves. Guide us back to harmonious relationships. Encourage us to stay engaged and committed to meaningful dialogues filled with grace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's grace is given freely. God's love is steadfast. Receive the good news that you are forgiven, and live liberated from sin to the glory of God. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

SPECIAL SELECTION "More Than Anything"

By Lamar Campbell

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION..... Rev. Delton Farmer

SCRIPTURE READINGS Rev. Delton Farmer

OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 15:1–6

NEW TESTAMENT: Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16

SERMON "Faith Builders: Doing Life, There's Unfinished Business"

Rev. Delton Farmer

INVITATIONAL HYMN #451 (AA) ... "I Need Thee Every Hour"

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - *Apostles' Creed* - (unison)**

*****Page 35 in the purple Glory to God Hymnal*****

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

CALL FOR THE OFFERING (*Collectors asked to come forward*)

The apostle Paul commended the churches of Macedonia with these words for their generosity, "They gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us." As a sign of our dedication to God, let us present our tithes and offerings with abundant joy for all God has done for us. Freely we have received; now freely let us give. *You may give online @ fupcc.org, mail your gifts to the church office, 406 N. College Street, 28202, or give to the officers as they pass the collection plate. Remember, all we have, and all we are, belong to God. Let us give with a cheerful heart. Amen*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SELECTION....."Oh Magnify The Lord"

by Trinity Choir

***DOXOLOGY**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of abundance, everything we have is on loan from you. Help us be good stewards of all your precious resources. Bless these gifts we give in return that they might, in turn, be a blessing to others. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #129 (AA) "Lord Keep Me Day By Day"

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION..... Rev. Delton Farmer**

RESPONSE "Threefold Amen"

POSTUDE