**August 31, 2025**

**12th Sunday after Pentecost**



**Crescentville United Methodist Church**

**A Changing Church for Changing Times**

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**Prelude**

**PLEASE STAND AND JOIN IN SINING “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”**

**Welcome & Announcements**

*Please stand*

**Chorus of Welcome**                              *“The Family of God”*

I’m so glad I’m a part of the family of God—I’ve been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood!  Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod; for I’m part of the family, the family of God.

**Call to Worship**

L: When we are left to our own devices, we become like weak and cracked vessels, unable to sustain love, mercy, and justice.
**P: But when we come before God, seeking God's healing love, we are given the strength and courage to serve others.**L: We often want to have our own way in all that we do.
**P: We have a difficult time trusting in God.**L: Lord, come to us this day, healing our mistrust and our hesitancy.
**P: Give us spirits ready to receive your forgiveness and mercy. AMEN.**

**Opening Praise Song**  “I Thank God” Song by Maverick City Music - edited for worship

Wandering into the night, wanting a place to hide

This weary soul - this bag of bones

And I tried with all my might, and I just can't win the fight

I'm slowly drifting, oh vagabond

And just when I ran out of road, I met a man I didn't know

And he told me that I was not alone

Refrain: He picked me up, He turned me around,

 He placed my feet on solid ground

 I thank the Master, I thank the Savior

 Because He healed my heart, He changed my name

 Forever free, I'm not the same,

 I thank the Master, I thank the Savior, I thank God

I cannot deny what I see, got no choice but to believe

My doubts are burning; like ashes in the wind

So, so long to my old friends, burden and bitterness

You can just keep them moving, No, you ain't welcome here

From now 'til I walk the streets of gold

I'll sing of how You saved my soul, this wayward son

Has found his way back home

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**Opening Prayer**

**In the face of all our realities: We are the people who heal each other,**

**who grow strong together, who name the truth,**

**who know what it means to live in community,**

**moving toward a common dream for a new heaven and a new earth.**

**In the power of the love of God our Creator, The company of Jesus Christ,**

**And the leading of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*Please Be Seated*

**Youth Message**

**Joys & Concerns……………*Gathered Prayer***

***Singing of the Lord’s Prayer -*** *Our Father, which 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*

**Gifts and Offerings**

**Offertory** *“Change My Heart O God” Please join in singing!*

*Please stand*

**The Doxology** *“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”* # 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above,

ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

 **The Offertory Prayer**

**Hymn**  “*Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” # 581*

Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,

who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy’s perfect deed:

We, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;

consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.

Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;

still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.

As with all, Your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,

use your love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole

As we worship, grant us vision, till Your love’s revealing light

in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,

making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,

stirring us to tireless striving Your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,

to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;

hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give,

that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live..

***Dismissal of the Youth***

*Please be seated*

**Gospel Lesson      Luke 14:1-14 [NIV]**

**14 On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely. 2 Just then, in front of him, there was a man who had edema. 3 And Jesus asked the experts in the law and Pharisees, “Is it lawful to cure people on the Sabbath or not?” 4 But they were silent. So Jesus took him and healed him and sent him away.**

**5 Then he said to them, “If one of you has a child or an ox that has fallen into a well, will you not immediately pull it out on a Sabbath day?” 6 And they could not reply to this.**

**7 When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. 8 “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, 9 and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. 10 But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. 11 For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”**

**12 He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. 13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. 14 And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”**

**Sermon** *“Walking Different”*

*Please stand*

**Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles’ Creed*

 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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church,

 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Please remain standing*

**Closing Hymn “**Come, Ye sinners, Poor and Needy” # 340

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;

Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and power.

Refrain:

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms;

In the arms of my dear Savior, Oh, there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God’s free bounty glorify;

True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.

Come, ye weary, heavy-laden, lost and ruined by the fall;

If you tarry till you’re better, you will never come at all.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;

All the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him.

**Benediction**

**Choral Benediction** *“I Thank God” [Refrain]*

He picked me up, He turned me around, He placed my feet on solid ground

I thank the Master, I thank the Savior Because He healed my heart,

He changed my name Forever free, I'm not the same,

I thank the Master, I thank the Savior, I thank God. Oh, I Thank God

**Lectionary Scripture Readings**

The Bible is a life-changing book. So many people go to the self-help section of the bookstore to look for a magic solution to their problems. However, most of those answers sit in the chapters of the Bible. It can give us insight, help us grow, explain our depression, explain our behaviors. The Bible can make a huge difference in our lives.

**September 7, 2025 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost** Luke 14:25-33 - Jeremiah 18:1-11 - Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 - Philemon 1:1-21



**Joys & Concerns: Keep those prayers going and thank God for His answers!**

**To add a prayer request or share a joy, *please call or text Sue Creevey 267-847-6029***

Praying for others gets our focus off of ourselves and onto the needs around us. As we “carry each other’s burdens,” we “will fulfill the law of Christ”. Begin praying for others today and help to build up the body of Christ.

**Prayer Request from August 24th**

***PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOUR PRAYER REQUEST WAS NOT ENTERED ON A PRAYER CARD,***

***IT IS NOT LISTED HERE. They can be viewed on the August 24th Worship Video.***

Prayers of healing for Theresa. Her medications are not working and she is in a lot of pain.

Prayers for Jean Bernard as he celebrates his birthday on Aug 28th, prayers for his family and for Haiti.

Prayers that John Wilson receives good test results, and prayers for healing his left elbow and wound. Prayers for granddaughter Ally as she was sick this week.

Prayers for Jannelle and Reonna and others going back to school.

Prayers for all going back to school and college, God be with them and may they have safety and guidance.

Praying for healing for Aunt Theresa.

Tommy is grateful all for prayers - he now has two job offers.

Keri did well this week in the cancer trial. Stats were good.

Prayers for John that he has success in new job.

Dan is in need of prayer.

Mark Whited is having surgery to remove skin cancer, it is melanoma.

Prayers for recovery, Dave Greenlaw has Covid again.

Prayers for Frank Goldberg & family. Frank had a massive stroke and recently removed from life support.

Prayers of healing from cancer for Marie Campbell.

JOY -Gerry R enjoyed having lunch with her best friend Barb to celebrate her birthday.

JOY - Thank you for prayers for Sheryl Duke & Carol Evans

**Continuing Prayers for:**

Martha & Wondor Korto Scott Meyer Sheryl Duke Betty Brzoza

David & Esther Clinton Tracey & Bill Lewis Jennifer

Prayers for our Pastor Lori and our congregation.

**For families, especially:**

Zilpha and James Browne, The Stefanescu, Mc Manus, Salvadore, and Didirea Families,

Jean Bernard and family, The Spotts Family, Bresnan Family

**For an end to violence, for peace and stability**

Philadelphia, especially our community - Sierra Leone, Africa

Haiti - Israel and Hamas - Ukraine and Russia

**Please praise and pray for our youth – they are the future of our church!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

If you are interested in becoming baptized and/or a member here at Crescentville Church, please talk with Pastor Lori. **Membership classes will be on September 14th and 21st, following the worship service. Baptism and membership will be celebrated during worship on Sept 28th.** A list of our current members is on the board in the back of the sanctuary, along with sign up sheets.











**On each Communion Sunday, a second collection will be taken for the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund.**

A pastor's discretionary fund is a designated church fund that allows the pastor to provide confidential, flexible financial support to individuals and families in need, often for immediate, unforeseen expenses not covered by the regular church budget. This fund is funded by donations, and its administration is governed by a church policy that requires documentation of expenditures,

and prohibits personal use by the pastor.

