**September 14, 2025**

**14th Sunday after Pentecost**

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**Crescentville United Methodist Church**

**A Changing Church for Changing Times**

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**Prelude**

**PLEASE STAND AND JOIN IN SINGING “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: The Kingdom of God is at hand.

**P: We want to enter this kingdom.**

L: The mercy of God is made known.

**P: We want to receive this mercy.**

L: The grace of God is abundant for all.

**P: We praise you, O God, for your compassion and your love.**

 **Accept our grateful praise as we come to worship you today**.

**Opening Praise Song**  “The More I Seek You” by Kery Jobe

The more I seek you, the more I find you,

The more I find you, the more I love you

I wanna sit at your feet drink from the cup in your hand

Lay back against you and breath, feel your heart beat.

This love is so deep, it's more than I can stand

I melt in your peace, it's overwhelming

REPEAT ABOVE

I wanna sit at your feet drink from the cup in your hand

Lay back against you and breath, feel your heart beat.

This love is so deep, it's more than I can stand

I melt in your peace, it's overwhelming

OH your love is overwhelming me and now my love,

your love is overwhelming me, over me

I wanna sit at your feet drink from the cup in your hand

Lay back against you and breath, feel your heart beat.

This love is so deep, it's more than I can stand

I melt in your peace,

**Opening Prayer**

**Open our eyes, Lord. Help us to see Jesus as he reaches out to heal our blindness. Help us to let go of all those things that keep us in darkness. This day, as your word is proclaimed, let our hearts and souls respond with joy. Transform our lives to do your will. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. 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** *“I Surrender All” [Vs 1] 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**

**Dismissal of the Youth**

**Hymn**  “We Thy People, Praise Thee*” # 67*

We, Thy people, praise Thee, praise Thee, God of every nation!

We, Thy people, praise Thee, praise Thee, Lord of Hosts eternal!

Days of wonder, days of beauty, days of rapture filled with light

tell Thy goodness, tell Thy mercies, tell Thy glorious might.

We, Thy people praise Thee, praise Thee, praise Thee evermore.

We, Thy people, praise Thee, praise Thee, God of every nation!

We, Thy people, praise Thee, praise Thee, Lord of Hosts eternal!

For Thy blessings, for Thy bounty, joyful songs to Thee we sing,

songs of glory, songs of triumph to our God and King.

We, Thy people praise Thee, praise Thee, praise Thee evermore.

*Please be seated*

**Gospel Lesson      Mark 10 17-27 [NRSV}**

**The Rich Man**

17 As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” 18 Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. 19 You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.’ ” 20 He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” 21 Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” 22 When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

23 Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” 24 And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” 26 They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” 27 Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

**Sermon** *“Seeking the Face of God”*

*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 “**Lord, I Want To Be A Christian” [Vs 1,2,3] # 402

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart. In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

**Benediction**

**Choral Benediction** **“**Lord, I Want To Be A Christian” [Vs 4] # 402

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart. In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

**Lectionary Scripture Readings**

When things just don't seem right or things are getting a bit stale, the Bible can bring a new perspective into the mix. Sometimes we think things should be one way or another, but the Bible may remind us that there are other ways to think on the happenings in our lives. It provides us, at times, with a fresh, new perspective.

**September 21, 2025 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost**

Luke 16:1-13 - Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 - Psalm 79:1-9 - 1 Timothy 2:1-7



**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***

When we offer intercessory prayers, pleading with God on behalf of loved ones and friends, we are trusting in His ability to answer, and He does. We are giving up our capabilities to answer and depending on God to keep His promise to answer our prayers. When we pray for others, God will answer.

**Prayer Request from September 14th**

***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 September 7th Worship Video.***

Prayers for the Palmer family in memory of Mom, Mrs. Adna Palmer 10th year anniversary on Sept 6th, and Dad, Mr Harry Palmer 29 year anniversary on March 21st

Prayers for Wadiya Korpoi who is tranferring to Altanta effective Oct 1st.

Prayers for Michael Rolle who is healing from spinal meningitis

Prayers for Joe Rizzuto who is testing for cancer. Prayers for healing and for Andrea as she takes care of him.

Prayers for Kathy Montgomery's daughter Kim who is facing treatment for a serious medical condition. Prayers for the family.

Prayers for Joyce Kerstetter who in in the hospital awaiting a diagnosis.

Recovery prayers for Mark Whited, his surgery went well, and Rhonda's Mom, June Tentham is home trying to adapt to a heart healthly diet.

Diane Beatty has been diagnosed with colon cancer. Prayers for treatment and recovery.

Prayers for new beginnings - Gene Saloky has made settlement on his house and has moved into his Mom's home.

Ed & Ethel Paye have purchased a home in Delaware and are starting to transition for the move.

Healing prayers for Keri & John

Healing prayers for Dean

Prayers for positive surgery results for John.

Prayers for Sherry S as she receives treatment for lung cancer.

Prayers for Ryan as he starts his new business venture.

Prayers for Celine Koroma who is struggling with stage 4 Hodgins Lymphoma and has been given two weeks to live.

Sheryl Duke and Carol Evans are still waiting to learn when they will move into new apartments.

**Continuing Prayers for:**

Martha & Wondor Korto Scott Meyer Sheryl Duke 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!**

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO SUPPORT OUR CHURCH.**

Those currently striving to keep the church as you know it today need more volunteers to fill in for a vacation, or to cover when there is a need, or just lighten the load that our current volunteers carry. The only person on payroll is the Pastor. Everyone else that helps with running the church is a volunteer. Please add your name to list of those willing to help!

At this time we are in immediate need of help with worship.

**Liturgists** - Our liturgists need a clear speaking voice and ability to lead worship.

**Help with playing videos on Sundays** - Playing the videos is the easiest of these jobs. Everything is set up for worship and most everyone knows how to click on icons on a computer, yet we have not found any adult willing to step up and help.

**Using the camera to record worship** - The camera takes some learning, but is not difficult.

We include youth often as they are always willing to help, but they leave worship each week to go to class. Please prayerfully consider offering to help.

Please talk with Sue Creevey and/or Pastor Lori for more information.

**NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY**

****Each week we are taking new photos for our directory and the “Who Is Who in The Pew wall. Please see Jim Creevey in the coffee hour room. If you do not want a new photo, the one we have on file will be used.

We are collecting your information for the church files and for the new directory**. PLEASE COMPLETE A FORM WITH THIS INFORMATION**. Forms can be found in the back of the church. Even if your current information is the same as the old directory, please complete this form.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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**Baptism and** **membership classes will be on September 14th and 21st, following the worship service. Baptism and membership will be celebrated during worship on Sept 28th.**





