

## Welcome

Thank you for joining us today. We are a welcoming congregation and if you are new to our church and would like to make this your home for worship, please see Pastor Michael Askew or an Elder after the service.

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

( \* = please stand )

### \*Prelude #84

*"Jesus, What a Wonder You Are"*

*Congregation*

### Opening Prayer

### Call to Worship

*Lenny Zacher*

One: Frayed and frazzled, our lives jangling with tension and anxiety,

**All: We gather to find that place of peace which God offers to us.**

One: Awash in worries and doubts, drowning in a sea of fears,

**All: We gather beside the still waters where Jesus offers us a cup of grace.**

One: Weakened by the burdens of life, wandering as if lost in a wilderness,

**All: We gather so the Spirit can restore our souls and show us the path to the kingdom.**

### Choir # 55

*"Bless His Holy Name"*

*Choir*

### Scripture

*Psalm 114 (pg. 435)*

### Call to Reconciliation

*Lenny Zacher*

One: We have no time for rest, or to sit by calm oases of grace, or find the right paths to follow, and so we hurt people with our words and deeds, we turn away from the One who seeks to feed us with goodness and mercy. Let us come to our God, who longs to anoint us with forgiveness, as we offer our prayers, saying,

**All: God who shepherds us, you must wonder how long we will continue to live the way we do. We snatch hope out of the grasp of those who need it most. Our acts of kindness are offered only to those we think to be deserving of our generosity. We gather around to watch endless reality shows, while those whose real lives are filled with struggle and loss are ignored.**

*(A Moment of Silent Prayer)*

**All: Yet you refuse to keep forgiveness a mystery, Gracious God, but offer it to us without any hesitation. You gather us in the green pastures of mercy, so we might find hope; you offer us a drink of the living waters so we might become still enough to listen to your heart; you send the Spirit to take us by the hand to lead us on the paths of justice; the goodness and mercy of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, follow us all the days as we seek to be faithful in our calling to serve him. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

*Lenny Zacher*

One: Hear the good news: God will lead us into places of hope; God will give us the waters of life to strengthen us; God will be with us in every moment, in every place of our lives.

**All: Anointed with grace, fed with joy and wonder, we offer blessing and thanksgiving to the One who forgives us now and forever. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri** #813

*Congregation*

***Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.***

**Sharing the Peace**

*Lenny Zacher*

The peace of Christ be with you. **All: And also, with you.**  
*(Please pass signs of peace and forgiveness with those seated around you)*

**\*Hymn** #56

*"To God Be the Glory"*

*Congregation*

**Life of the Church This Week**

*Lenny Zacher*

**Sharing Joys & Concerns**

*Lenny Zacher*

**Pastoral Prayer**

*Rev Dr. Michael Askew*

**The Lord's Prayer**, *(Inside cover Red Book)*

*Congregation*

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**Scripture**

2 Timothy 1:3-5 (pg. 842)

**Choir Anthem** #583

*"You Are My All in All"*

Choir

**Sermon** *A mother's faith: The gift that keeps giving.*

Rev Dr. Michael Askew

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*The Apostles' Creed** (*Inside cover Red Book*)

Congregation

**Call to Offering**

Rev Dr. Michael Askew

**Offertory**

LuAnn Dearing / Michael Greer

**\*Doxology**

Congregation

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him,  
all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Rev Dr. Michael Askew

**BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

**\*Charge and Blessing**

Rev Dr. Michael Askew

We leave now in order to follow God into the world.

*All: We will go to bring the healing and peace of Jesus to all.*

**\*Sung Benediction** (*Please face the center*)

Congregation

**All: May the Lord, Mighty Lord bless and keep you forever.**

**Grant you peace, perfect peace, and courage in every endeavor.**

**Lift your eyes and see His face, see His grace forever.**

**May the Lord, Mighty Lord, bless and keep you forever.**

***Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church***  
**May 11, 2025 9:00 am**



**Our Vision: Transforming lives by the love of Christ Jesus through witness, mission, and evangelism.**

**Our Mission: To be a place where the community can come together in Christ and provide, through God and his Word, love, comfort and joy to all.**