# 13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME JUNE 22, 2025

#### WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

**Preparing for Worship –** Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar refers to the periods outside of the major seasons like Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. It's the time when the Church focuses on the teachings and ministry of Jesus Christ in the context of everyday life. It's the longest season of the church year. The traditional color for Ordinary Time is green to represent growth.

Prelude Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Accompanist

Welcome and Greetings in Jesus' Name Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

\*Song (Stand) # 394 "In Christ There is No East or West" ST PETER

\*Opening Prayer (Stand) Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter

Song of Faith # "Mighty to Save" Worship Team

### WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Laurie Smith

The First Reading 1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7) 8-15a

The Second Reading Galatians 3:23-29

Gospel Reader: Deacon Sonia Roling

\*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Stand) Luke 8:26-39

\*Responsorial (Stand) # 554 "As the Deer" AS THE DEER

\*Greeting and Sharing Peace with Family and Neighbors (Stand)

**The Children's Sermon** (Children's Church for Students Preschool–3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)

Announcements & Prayers: OUR FATHER, who 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations – Worshippers are invited to give their tithes, gifts, and offerings to the Lord. The Apostle wrote, "O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being." (Revelation 4:11).



Offertory Special # 77 "Better is One Day"

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A Prayer of Illumination & Message "What Do You Have to Do with Me?"

The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

## WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH AND SERVICE

\*Closing Hymn (Stand) # 521 "Faith is the Victory" SANKEY

\*Spoken Benediction

Postlude Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Accompanist

#### HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

**GOOD NEWS!** God loves you and wants to rescue all people from the consequences of evil. The Bible teaches the way to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ:

- 1. <u>ADMIT</u> Admit to God you have done wrong things (sinned) that have hurt God and others. Apologize to God, turn away from harmful behavior, and start doing good things (See Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
- 2. <u>B</u>ELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD Accept and trust that Jesus is God's one and only Son who died on the cross in your place and give God the credit for raising Jesus from the dead (See Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31a; John 3:16; 1 Peter 3:18; John 14:6).
- 3. <u>C</u>ONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD Make a religious commitment to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus by trusting Him to be your Rescuer, Redeemer (Savior), and Ultimate Leader (Lord). (See Romans 10:9 and 10; Romans 10:13; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23)
- 4. <u>DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO THE JESUS WAY Tell your family and friends about your new trust in Jesus Christ by coming to the front of the Sanctuary at the end of a worship service to publicly share your decision to be a follower of Jesus (Christian).</u>

HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD - Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and accepting the Baptist principles, practices, and the covenant of this church may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor or come forward at a congregation meeting. A person may join by Believer's Baptism,

Letter of Transfer from a previous Christian church with prior baptism, or a Satisfactory Statement of Christian Faith.

**OUR MISSION – We love God and We love People** by sharing the Good News of God's forgiving, renewing love in Jesus Christ by word and deed to improve the lives of

WEST SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

neighbors. West Side Baptist Church is an independent, autonomous Christian church partnering for mission support with like-minded people of faith in our City, County, State, Nation, and World.

