



WALKER'S CHAPEL

A Nation Under God
Squandering Our Inheritance

August 23, 2026 • The Sundays of Pentecost

Service of Worship

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Prelude, Announcements, and Preparation

Words of Greeting

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

God Calls His People and Reveals Himself

God calls His people to worship and come before Him. The Creator of all things reveals Himself through His Word and calls us into His presence.

Call to Worship • Psalm 44:1-8

O God, we have heard with our ears,
our fathers have told us,
what deeds you performed in their days,
in the days of old:
you with your own hand drove out the nations,
but them you planted;
you afflicted the peoples,
but them you set free;
for not by their own sword did they win the land,
nor did their own arm save them,
but your right hand and your arm,
and the light of your face,
for you delighted in them.

You are my King, O God;
ordain salvation for Jacob!
Through you we push down our foes;
through your name we tread down those who rise up against us.
For not in my bow do I trust,
nor can my sword save me.
But you have saved us from our foes
and have put to shame those who hate us.
In God we have boasted continually,
and we will give thanks to your name forever.

Invocation

Hymn of Praise • Come, Christians, Join to Sing (Hymnal, 302)

God Calls His People to Confession, Repentance, and Reconciliation

The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Hymn of Prayer • Hear my Prayer

1. Hear my pray'r, O LORD, and an-swer me. I am poor and
2. You, O Lord, are good and for-giv-ing. Give ear to my

need-y. Save my life for You are the on-ly God,
pray'r. Teach Your way that I may walk in Your truth;

for to You I cry. You, O Lord, are full of mer-cy.
fix my heart to fear You.

Gra-cious are You, O God. Slow to an-ger, a-bound-ing in

faith-ful-ness. Turn to me, de-liv-er me. Save me in Your love.

Prayer of Confession • Deut 6:6-7; Judg 2:10; Psa 78:5-7; Deut 8:11-14; Jer 6:16; Psa 145:4; Psa 90:16-17

Leader: Father, You commanded Your people to keep Your words upon their hearts and teach them diligently to their children, but we have often neglected to pass on the inheritance You entrusted to us.

People: We have failed to teach the coming generation to know You, love Your Word, and remember Your mighty works.

Leader: You established Your testimony so that our children would set their hope in You and not forget Your works, yet we have allowed lesser things to capture our attention and theirs.

People: In our prosperity we have forgotten the Lord who blessed us, receiving Your gifts while neglecting the Giver.

Leader: You command us to ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is, and walk in them; yet we have often preferred the spirit of our age to the wisdom handed down through Your Word.

People: We have failed to commend Your works from one generation to another, and have treated our inheritance as though its preservation required no labor from us.

Leader: Restore us, O Lord. Teach us to remember Your works, cherish Your truth, and faithfully declare Your mighty acts to the generations that follow us.

All: Let Your work be shown to Your servants, and Your glorious power to our children. Establish the work of our hands, that those who come after us may know You, hope in You, and walk faithfully before You. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon • Psalm 103:8-14

“The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.” ***Amen.***

Hymn of Faith • How Firm a Foundation (Hymnal, 529)

God Teaches Us Through His Word

Scripture Reading • Judges 2

Now the angel of the Lord went up from Gilgal to Bochim. And he said, “I brought you up from Egypt and brought you into the land that I swore to give to your fathers. I said, ‘I will never break my covenant with you, and you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; you shall break down their altars.’ But you have not obeyed my voice. What is this you have done? So now I say, I will not drive them

out before you, but they shall become thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare to you.” As soon as the angel of the Lord spoke these words to all the people of Israel, the people lifted up their voices and wept. And they called the name of that place Bochim. And they sacrificed there to the Lord.

When Joshua dismissed the people, the people of Israel went each to his inheritance to take possession of the land. And the people served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great work that the Lord had done for Israel. And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died at the age of 110 years. And they buried him within the boundaries of his inheritance in Timnath-heres, in the hill country of Ephraim, north of the mountain of Gaash. And all that generation also were gathered to their fathers. And there arose another generation after them who did not know the Lord or the work that he had done for Israel.

And the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the Lord and served the Baals. And they abandoned the Lord, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt. They went after other gods, from among the gods of the peoples who were around them, and bowed down to them. And they provoked the Lord to anger. They abandoned the Lord and served the Baals and the Ashtarothe. So the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and he gave them over to plunderers, who plundered them. And he sold them into the hand of their surrounding enemies, so that they could no longer withstand their enemies. Whenever they marched out, the hand of the Lord was against them for harm, as the Lord had warned, and as the Lord had sworn to them. And they were in terrible distress.

Then the Lord raised up judges, who saved them out of the hand of those who plundered them. Yet they did not listen to their judges, for they whored after other gods and bowed down to them. They soon turned aside from the way in which their fathers had walked, who had obeyed the commandments of the Lord, and they did not do so. Whenever the Lord raised up judges for them, the Lord was with the judge, and he saved them from the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge. For the Lord was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who afflicted and oppressed them. But whenever the judge died, they turned back and were more corrupt than their fathers, going after other gods, serving them and bowing down to them. They did not drop any of their practices or their stubborn ways. So the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and he said, “Because this people have transgressed my covenant that I commanded their fathers and have not obeyed my voice, I will no longer drive out before them any of the nations that Joshua left when he died, in order to test Israel by them, whether they will take care to walk in the way of the Lord as their fathers did, or not.” So the Lord left those nations, not driving them out quickly, and he did not give them into the hand of Joshua.

Sermon

Squandering Our Inheritance – Jeremiah Pent, Pastor

God’s People Respond in Grateful Praise

Psalm of Faith • Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (Hymnal, 30)

Profession of Faith • The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into Heaven

and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,

from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We 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.

* “Catholic” refers to the universal church of God’s people throughout all time and from all places

Baptism of Ivy Susan Deck

Prayers of Praise, Thanksgiving, and Petition

The Lord’s Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen*

God Sends His People Out to Be Light in Darkness

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, and instructing them in His Word, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Hymn of Faith • My Hope is Built on Nothing Less (Hymnal, 521)

Benediction • Psalm 90:16-17

“Let your work be shown to your servants,

and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,

and establish the work of our hands upon us;

yes, establish the work of our hands!” *Amen*

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The Lord bless you and keep__ you. The Lord make His face shine up - on__ you,
and give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace for - ev - er. The
Lord be gra - cious to____ you. The Lord turn His face__ to - ward__ you,
and give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace for - ev - er.
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- **Participate in Our Member Directory.** We are currently collecting the contact information for all of our members who wish to participate in our online member directory. This is a great way to stay in contact with our members for fellowship and encouragement. You can share as much or as little contact information as you like, but please use the QR code to the right to fill out the questionnaire so that we can include all of our members in the directory.
- **Q&A Breakfast Fellowship.** Join us next Sunday morning at 9:30 am downstairs for our monthly Q&A breakfast fellowship. Bring a favorite breakfast dish to share along with your questions on the Bible, theology, culture, politics, etc. These are great times of fellowship and discussion for our church family, so please consider participating if you haven't done so before.
- **Tithes & Offerings.** If you have offerings to the Lord you'd like to give through Walker's Chapel, you may do so in the box on the wall as you leave the sanctuary on your left. You can also give online by using your smart phone to scan the QR code to the right or clicking on the "Give" menu on our homepage. Gifts can be given online via credit card, debit card, and bank draft on a one-time or recurring basis. *Thank you!*



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