



WELCOME TO WEST SIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CONNECT • GROW • SERVE

August 23, 2026



10:30 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

PRELUDE

O, How I Love Jesus

arr. Bill Wolaver

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship the God who brought Israel through the wilderness.
The God who remained faithful when the people lost their way remains faithful still.
When our hearts are restless, God calls us home.
When fear tempts us to trust in lesser things, God invites us to deeper faith.

Let us pray.

Faithful God, you know how easily we become distracted,
how quickly we cling to what we can see and control.
Yet you never stop calling us back to yourself.
As we worship today, quiet our anxious hearts, renew our trust,
and shape us into people who reflect your love.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #620

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

CALL TO CONFESSION/PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we often place our trust
in what feels safe, familiar, and within our control.
When waiting is difficult, we rush ahead.
When life feels uncertain, we look for quick answers instead of your wisdom.
Forgive us for the ways we have fashioned modern idols—success, security, comfort, approval—
and given them the loyalty that belongs to you alone.
Turn our hearts back to you. Renew our minds.
Teach us to trust your presence, even when we cannot yet see the way forward.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Holden-Holloway and Seigart



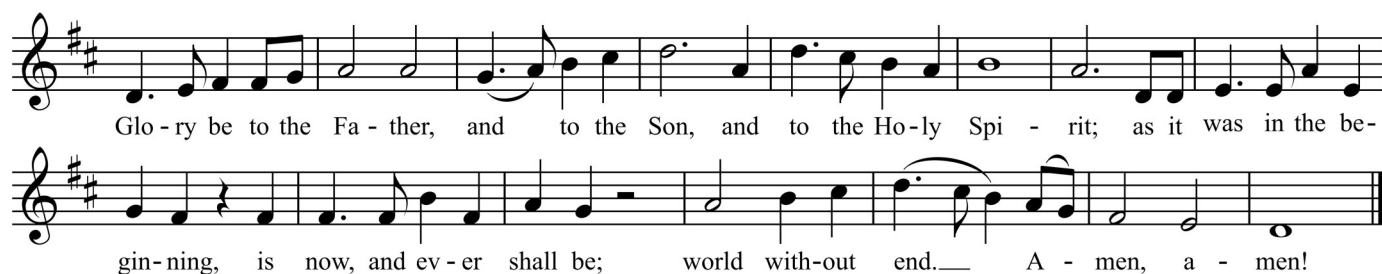
WORDS OF ASSURANCE

WEST SIDE IS A WELCOMING CHURCH, ROOTED DEEPLY IN CHRIST, INVITING ALL TO CONNECT, GROW AND SERVE.

**Please stand*

***GLORIA PATRI**

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***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

SCRIPTURE READING (*page 151*)

Romans 12:1-2

ANTHEM

God Be In My Head

John Rutter

SCRIPTURE READING (*page 75-76*)

Exodus 32:1-14

SERMON

Golden Calves and Human Longing

Rev. Marc Oehler

***HYMN #692**

Spirit, Open My Heart

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lift Thine Eyes from *Elijah*
Viviana Kaszubski and Aimee Spiegel, soprano
Lisa Bremer and Gabrielle Cintron, altos

Felix Mendelssohn

***DOXOLOGY** (*Glory to God #607*)

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***HYMN #700**

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Go now, trusting in the God who hears our cries.

The God who heard the cries of the Israelites hears our cries as well.

The God who led them through the sea will make a way for us.

The God who fed them in the wilderness will sustain us.

The God who met them in cloud and fire goes before us still.

So let us walk in faith. Let us live with courage. Let us love with mercy.

And let us remember wherever the journey leads, we never travel alone.

For the Lord says, "I will be with you." Amen.

All are invited to join us for fellowship following the service.

*The worship has ended; the service has begun.
Learn more about our core values, our team and our ministries at www.westside.org.
Visitors are invited to speak with a pastor or fill out a Connect Card.*

*Please note that we will gather for ONE service at 10:00 am
on August 30, September 6 and September 13.*