

Fifth Sunday Combined Service

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025

WE GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began,

God was.

Here and now among us, beside us, enlisting the people of earth for
the purposes of heaven,

God is.

In the future, when we have turned to dust, and all we know has
found its fulfillment,

God will be.

Not denying the world but delighting in it, not understanding the world, but
redeeming it, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

God was, God is, God will be.

Hymn

This Is My Father's World

This is my Father's world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings,
and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees,
of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world,
the birds their carols raise,
the morning light,
the lily white,
declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
he shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass
I hear him pass;
he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world.
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong
seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King;
let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let the earth be glad!

Welcoming One Another

Song

Hallelujah! What a Savior

Man of Sorrows! What a name
for the Son of God, who came
ruined sinners to reclaim.
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Stand unclean no one else could
in my place condemned He stood;
now His nearness is my good
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Hallelujah! Praise to the One
whose blood has pardoned me.
Oh, what a Savior, Redeemer, and King!
Your love has rescued me.

Lifted up was he to die;
"It is finished!" was His cry;
but now in heaven He's lifted high.
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

And when he comes, our glorious King,
all his ransomed home to bring,
then anew this song we'll sing:
Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Hallelujah! Praise to the One
whose blood has pardoned me.
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WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Mission Moment

Youth

Anna Cooper

First Scripture Reading

[Psalm 34:1-4](#)

Susan Barnes

¹ I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise will always be in my mouth.
² I praise the Lord—
let the suffering listen and rejoice.
³ Magnify the Lord with me!
Together let us lift his name up high!
⁴ I sought the Lord and he answered me.
He delivered me from all my fears.

Sharing Faith with All of God's Children

Chris Fulkerson

Care for children up to age 5 is in Room 121. Worship Kits for children, containing crayons and puzzle sheets based on Scripture, may be found in the entrance area.

Anthem

Beloved, Let Us Love One Another

Choplin

Beloved, let us love one another,
beloved, let us love one another
with love that comes from God.
Beloved (beloved), let us love one another,
beloved (beloved), let us love one another
with love that comes from God.

For love is from God, and everyone who loves
is born of God. For love is from God, and
everyone who loves surely knows God.
Whoever does not love does not know God
for God is love, God is love.

Beloved (beloved), let us love one another,
beloved (beloved), let us love one another
with love that comes from God.
Beloved, let us love one another,
beloved, let us love one another
with love that comes from God.
Let us love one another, let us love one another,
so let us love.

Hymn

Peace Like a River

I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul
I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul

I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul
I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul

I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean in my soul
I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean in my soul

Second Scripture Lesson

[1 John 4:16a-19](#)

¹⁶ So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us.

The Message

“The Gospel According to Pixar: Monsters, Inc.”

Pastor Duane

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

A Modern Affirmation of Faith

LEADER: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us declare:

**ALL: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children’s good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father’s unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end
that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.**

Offering Our Gifts

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom com,
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.**

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

Closing Song

Forever

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King;
his love endures forever.
For he is good, he is above all things;
his love endures forever.

Sing praise, sing praise!

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm,
his love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn;
his love endures forever.

Sing praise, sing praise!
Sing praise, sing praise!

Forever God is faithful,
forever God is strong,
forever God is with us,
forever!

From the rising to the setting sun,
his love endures forever.
And by the grace of God we will carry on;
his love endures forever.

Sing praise, sing praise!
Sing praise, sing praise!

Forever God is faithful,
forever God is strong,
forever God is with us,
forever, forever!

Forever God is faithful,
forever God is strong,
forever God is with us,
forever!

Sing praise, sing praise!
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Sing praise, sing praise!

Forever God is faithful,
forever God is strong,
forever God is with us,
forever!

Forever You are faithful,
forever You are strong,
forever You are with us,
forever, forever!

The Blessing