

The Well

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2026

WE GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Words

In a world that is divided,

God calls us to be a people of reconciliation.

In world that thrives on anger,

God calls us to be a peaceable people.

In a world of confusion and misinformation,

God calls us to be a people of truth and clarity.

In a world that divides people,

God calls us to the table, where enemies become friends, and strangers become family.

Opening Song

Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

Verse 1

It all comes down to this

What you require of me

Love my neighbor as myself

And You above all things

Chorus

Act justly love mercy walk humbly

With You God

In all things in all ways

Walk Humbly

With You God

Verse 2

It all comes down to this

To be Your hands and feet

Good news to all the world

The truth will set us free

Bridge

It's beauty for ashes

It's mourning to dancing

It's closer and closer

The Kingdom of heaven

Verse 3

Years from now we'll see

The fruit our hands have sown

Faith just like a seed

The only way it grows

Welcoming One Another

Song

How Great Thou Art

Verse 1

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed

Chorus 1

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

Verse 2

And when I think, that God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

Chorus 2

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

Bridge 1

How great, how great, how great Thou art
How great, how great, how great Thou art

Bridge 2

How great, how great, how great Thou art
How great, how great, how great Thou art

Verse 3

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God how great Thou art

Chorus 3

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art how great Thou art

Bridge 3

How great, how great, how great, Thou art
How great, how great, how great Thou art

Bridge 4

How great, how great, how great, Thou art
How great, how great, how great Thou art

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Sharing Faith with 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.

Mission Moment

Feed the Hunger Food Packathon

Carol Stanley

Song

Beautiful Things

Verse 1

All this pain
I wonder if I'll ever find my way
I wonder if my life could really change
At all

Verse 2

All this earth
Could all that is lost ever be found
Could a garden come up from this ground

At all

Chorus 1

You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us

Verse 3

All around
Hope is springing up from this old ground
Out of chaos life is being found
In You

(Bridge)

You make me new You are making me new
You make me new You are making me new

Scripture Lesson

[Matthew 18:15-20](#)

¹⁵ "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again,

truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Message

"How to Fight in Church"

Pastor Duane

If you would like to discuss today's message after the service is over, join the Reflections group in Room 114.

Offering Our Gifts

WE COME TO THE TABLE

Invitation to the Table

Christ invites us to His table. It is not mine or yours. It is not the Church's table; it is not religion's table. The table belongs to Jesus, and those who come to this table and partake of bread and cup, body and blood, belong to Him. Jesus has invited us all today: the saint and the sinner, the lost and the lonely, the broken and the breaking, the tired and aching, who long for nourishment. He invites the puzzled and the perplexed, the doubting and the wondering, who long for company. He invites the proud and the pretentious, the sure and the superior, who long for the leveling found at His feast. He invites the glad, the generous, and the laughter makers who long for the deeper joys of His presence. Let all who come join in confessing our need of His mercy and grace.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, as we come to share in the richness of Your table, we confess our reluctance to share Your blessings. We cannot take bread and forget those who are hungry. We cannot drink the cup and forget those who are thirsty. We cannot hear Your words of peace and forget a world at war. We cannot celebrate the feast of Your family and forget our divisions. Put our prosperity at the service of the poor. Put our fullness at the service of the empty. Turn our desire for power into a desire for peace. Heal Your church in every brokenness. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Gratitude, praise, hearts lifted high, voices full and joyful...these You deserve. For when we were nothing, You made us something. When we had no name and no faith and no future, You called us Your children. When we turned away, You did not abandon us. You pursued

us and found us in Jesus of Nazareth. And now You prepare a table for us, offering not just bread, not just wine, but Your very self so that we may be filled, forgiven, healed, blessed and made new again. You are worth all our pain and all our praise. Therefore, with the Church throughout the world, with the Church on the other side of time, with the saints who once praised You here and have now joined the closer harmony of Heaven, we sing the song of Your everlasting praise:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

For us You were born, for us You healed, preached, taught, and showed the way to Heaven. For us You were crucified, and for us You rose again. Our hands are empty, our hearts are sometimes hardened by indifference. And unworthy as we are, with You there is mercy and the power to change us.

Among friends gathered round a table, Jesus took bread, blessed it and broke it, gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Later, he took a cup of wine, blessed it, gave it to his disciples and said, "This is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me." And so, in praise of Your reaching out to us in Jesus, we celebrate the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Send Your Holy Spirit upon us and on these gifts of bread and wine, that they may become for us Your body, healing, forgiving, and making us whole. Let that same Spirit rest on us, converting us from the patterns of this passing world, until we conform to the shape of him whose food we now share, as we anticipate the feast around the kingdom table.

Amen.

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.**

Giving the Bread and Cup

Communion Song

All Belong Here

Verse 1

When you're not sure who you really are
When all you feel is the shape of your scars
And you have more wounds than you can count

Open your eyes look all around
You aren't alone this is your home

Chorus
Come and remember who you are here
Do this to remember who I am
Come and remember you belong here
All belong here

Verse 2
When you don't know how to forgive
When locked doors seem like the only way to live
And you've got more questions than you can count
Open your eyes look all around
You aren't alone this is your home

Bridge
At this table come as you are
Broken and bleeding's ok
At this table eat and be filled
Come and drink in this grace

Prayer after Receiving

Lord Jesus, You have given Yourself to us; now we go to give ourselves to others. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through You, still awaits us. Lead us on. Take us with You. Amen.

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

Closing Song

Make Us One (Jesus Culture)

Verse 1
One with the Father one with the Spirit
One with the Son of God
One with our sister one with our brother
One family by the blood

Chorus 1
Make us one make us one
Your will be done make us one

Verse 2
One heart with heaven one mind connected
One body unified
Bind us together now and forever
Jesus be glorified

Bridge
We confess all our offenses
We confess we've been afraid
We repent of all our pride
Let all the hurt be washed away

For all the wars and violence against our enemy
Come heal our land with Your great river
Restore the family and

Chorus 2
Make us one make us one
Let Your kingdom come
Make us one make us one

The Blessing

