



ORDER OF WORSHIP
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENECCOST
AUGUST 30, 2026
8:30 & 11:00AM

INSTRUCTIONS FOR LIVE WORSHIP

You are invited to use this bulletin during our live worship service at 11:00am on Sunday morning. To access our live worship, please [click here](#).

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sometimes God calls us in big, unexpected ways, like calling Moses through a burning bush, asking him to do something that felt way bigger than he thought he could handle.

All: God, help us say yes to your call in our lives.

Leader: Sometimes God calls us to share the Good News, but we don't fully understand where it will lead or how people around us might react.

All: God, help us say yes to your call in our lives.

Leader: Sometimes God calls us to step outside our comfort zones and trust Him, even when the path ahead seems tough or uncertain.

All: God, help us say yes to your call in our lives.

Leader: Friends, God's call looks different for each of us. Sometimes it feels exciting and clear, and sometimes it feels scary or overwhelming. There may even be times when we want to run the other way. But no matter where God leads us, we can trust that God goes with us. We are never alone. As we follow Christ together, may God give us the courage to answer His call, trust His plan, and use the gifts He has given us to serve others.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

"Here I am Lord"

#593

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry,
All who dwell in dark and sin my Hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My Word to them.
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them. My Hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts are satisfied.
I will give My life to them.
Whom shall I send?

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;*
The third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I 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.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy ghost! As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 3:1-15

¹ Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

² There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush

was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³ Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' ⁴ When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' ⁵ Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' ⁶ He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. ⁷ Then the LORD said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹ The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰ So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' ¹¹ But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' ¹² He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.' ¹³ But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' ¹⁴ God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I AM has sent me to you."' ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you": This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 have trespassed 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.

SONG OF REFLECTION

"Be Thou My Vision"

#451

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art,
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun.
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

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SHARING OUR GIFTS

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 16:21-28

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' ²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they

gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷ 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

SERMON

"_____ Says..."

James King
William Hillis
Nolan Raska

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

SONG OF INVITATION

"We Are the Church"

#558

I am the church! You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the
world,
Yes, we're the church together!

The church is not a building, the
church is not a steeple,
The church is not a resting place,
the church is a people.

We're many kinds of people,
with many kinds of faces,
All colors and all ages, too,
from all times and places.

Sometimes the church is marching,
sometimes it's bravely burning,
Sometimes it's riding,
sometimes hiding, always it's learning.

And when the people gather,
there's singing and there's praying,
There's laughing and there's crying
sometimes, all of it saying;

At Pentecost some people
received the Holy Spirit
and told the Good News
through the world
to all who would hear it.

SENDING FORTH

CHORAL RESPONSE

"We Are the Church"

I am the church! You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world,
Yes, we're the church together!

GOING FORTH

Blessed by God's love and strengthened by God's
Grace, let us be the church to the people we are with.
Amen.

*The altar flowers are given by Beth Sojourner in loving
memory of her husband, Mike, and family members.*

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Thank you.*



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Sophia Scherer
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