

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday | August 9 | 2026
9:30 a.m. | 11:00 a.m.



The Disciples See Christ Walking on the Water, 1907. Henry Ossawa Tanner (1859–1937)

Preacher

Christopher Edmonston

Liturgists

Tom Harris | Austin Vernon

Musicians

Eric Nanz | Music Ministry

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Gathering

** Asterisks invite us to rise in body or spirit.*

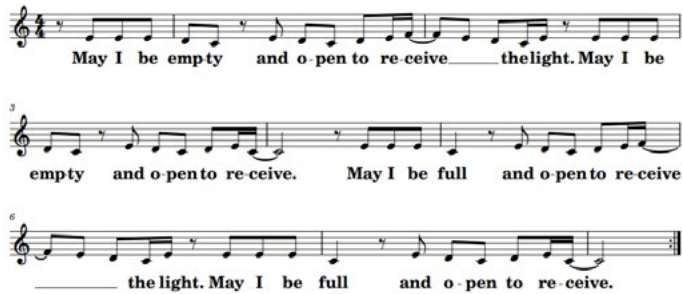
Words in bold are for everyone to say or sing.

The sounds of bells summon us to gather for worship.

PRELUDE

May I Be Empty

Batya Levine



*CALL TO WORSHIP

If you are feeling strong today,
come and give thanks to the source of your strength.

If you are feeling fragile today,
come and rest in God, our rock and our redeemer.

The doors are open; all are welcome,
**for the love of God draws us to this time, to this moment,
to abundant grace.**

*HYMN 388

Come All You People

UYAI MOSE

*CONFESSION AND
ASSURANCE OF
GOD'S GRACE

**God of mercy,
there are some moments of which we are not proud;
some failings that are hard to shake.
So, we would like to lay them down now and leave them with you...**
(Time for silent prayer.)

**Forgive, we pray, the times we have failed to receive and give love,
to care for others and to care for ourselves. We remember good
intentions that were not put into action, harsh words that were
hurtful, selfish purposes that caused pain, persistent pride that would
not yield. Forgive us, we pray; free us from the burden of failures that
cannot be corrected; renew us through your loving assurance that, in
Christ Jesus, our sins have been forgiven, thanks be to God. Amen.**

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

*RESPONSE

Now with Joyful Exultation

BEACH SPRING

Now with joy - ful ex - ul - ta - tion let us sing to God our
praise; to the Rock of our sal - va - tion loud ho -
san - nas let us raise. Thank - ful trib - ute glad - ly
bring - ing, let us come be - fore him now, and, with
psalms his prais - es sing - ing, joy - ful in his presence bow.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 3/8 time signature. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with a 4-measure rest, followed by the lyrics 'Now with joy - ful ex - ul - ta - tion let us sing to God our'. The second staff continues with 'praise; to the Rock of our sal - va - tion loud ho -'. The third staff continues with 'san - nas let us raise. Thank - ful trib - ute glad - ly'. The fourth staff continues with 'bring - ing, let us come be - fore him now, and, with'. The fifth staff ends with 'psalms his prais - es sing - ing, joy - ful in his presence bow.'.

TIME WITH
YOUNG DISCIPLES

We Proclaim God's Word

PRAYER FOR
ILLUMINATION

READING

Psalms 85:8-13

READING

Matthew 14:22-33

SERMON

Strong Winds

We Share The Lord's Supper

*AFFIRMATION
OF FAITH

from *The Confession of Belhar*

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another: that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world; that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker; that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. Amen.

OFFERINGS

*Based on today's story
of Jesus and Peter, this
song by Hillsong UNITED
gives us words to call
upon Jesus' name when
we become over-
whelmed by the waves
of life.*

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

Matt Crocker, Joel Houston, and
Salomon Ligthelm



Scan to Give

INVITATION TO THE
LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

BREAKING, POURING,
AND SERVING

PRAYER AFTER
COMMUNION

**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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors; 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 Go In God's Name

*HYMN

*This hymn references
Jesus calling the disciple
Andrew, but we can also
consider it in the context
of Jesus calling Peter out
onto the
"wild, restless sea."*

Jesus Calls Us

STUTTGART

1. Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our life's wild,
2. Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the vain world's
3. In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of toil and
4. Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior, may we

rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice sound - eth
gold - en store, from each i - dol that would keep us,
hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and plea - sures,
hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o - be - dience,

say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
"Chris - tian, love me more than these."
serve and love thee best of all.

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE



Scan to make a Prayer Request

*During worship, children are welcome to explore and play with items from the crates and bookcases in KidsPoint.
Those who prefer to stay in their seats are welcome to bring items back with them.*

[Click here or scan below to view updates to the Four Pillars of Promise renovations.](#)



Courtyard & Building Access Update

A pedestrian path is now open through the Carol Copeland Courtyard to provide access to The Hub. Please note that the bridge connecting the Luther and Knox buildings remains closed for construction. In addition, the courtyard itself will be closed during construction activities. Please use alternate building entrances when accessing the campus.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we complete these improvements.

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Joys & CONCERNS

No Joys & Concerns to share this week.

If you have experienced a birth, marriage or death you want to share with the church,
email Lindsay Dew at ldew@whitememorial.org or Lisa Crumpler at lcrumpler@whitememorial.org.

If you have a relative or church friend who is hospitalized, email Caroline Parker at cparker@whitememorial.org
or call 919-834-3424 during regular business hours so our pastoral staff can reach out. If you have an urgent pastoral care need
that is outside of normal business hours, call our after-hours pastor on call at 919-605-4593.

WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE

in the manner of Christ



Sunday, August 9

Monday, August 10

- Bridge with Friends
- Pickleball

Tuesday, August 11

- Men's Breakfast/Bible Study
- Women's Breakfast/Circle
- Gentle Yoga

Wednesday, August 12

- Chair Yoga
- Lectio Divina
- Pickleball

Thursday, August 13

- Pet Loss Support Group

Friday, August 14

- Pickleball
- Montreat Women's Connection (offsite)

Saturday, August 15

- Oberlin Road Food Pantry
- Montreat Women's Connection (offsite)

Looking at the week and beyond

You can find details on these and other events on our website and church calendar.
whitememorial.org/events | Register for events: whitememorial.org/register

JOIN THE WMPC HANDBELL CHOIR

The Handbell Choir is seeking new ringers for the upcoming school year. Previous handbell experience is not required, but participants should be able to read music. All adults and students in senior high school are welcome. Rehearsals will be held on Monday evenings from 7:00–8:00 p.m., beginning Monday, September 14. To learn more contact Katrina Liao at kliao@whitememorial.org.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRIES

We invite rising kindergarteners - high school seniors to participate in Children's Choir, Youth Choir, or the Youth Worship Band this fall. Rehearsals begin in September, (register by 8/21 for choir and 9/16 for band). Contact Kelly Gold at kgold@whitememorial.org for more information.

WDS IS LOOKING FOR SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS!

The Weekday School is looking for caring, dependable substitute teachers to support our classrooms. If you love working with young children, we want to hear from you. Want to know more? Contact Cynthia Baggett at cbaggett@whitememorial.org or Blair Miller at bmiller@whitememorial.org.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS + KONA ICE

Sunday August 16 | 4:00 p.m. | Outside the gym

We hope you will join us on Sunday August 16 at 4:00 p.m. outside the gym for Blessing of the Backpacks and Kona Ice! Playgrounds will be open for fellowship and time with friends as we gear up for the new school year. All ages are welcome!

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION CLASS REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Registration is open for all rising 8th grade students interested in joining the 2026–2027 Confirmation Class. Classes meet Sundays from 9:30–10:30 a.m. beginning August 30, 2026, and continue through April 25, 2027. [Register for the class now!](#) Questions? Contact Genevieve Brooks gbrooks@whitememorial.org.

OBERLIN RD. CHURCHES DRIVE-THRU FOOD PANTRY

Saturday August 15 | 10:00 a.m. - Noon | St. John's Baptist Church

Help support our neighbors by donating non-perishable food items, especially peanut butter and healthy snacks. Donations may be placed in the red bins outside the Outreach Room.

Volunteers are also needed:

-**Friday, August 14** (10:30 a.m. - noon): Load donations at WMPC

-**Saturday, August 15** (9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.): Assemble pantry bags at Wilson Temple.

-**Saturday, August 15** (10:00 a.m. - noon): Help distribute food at St. John's Baptist.

You can support the pantry by making a financial donation [here](#) or going to the 'get involved' page on our website.

Welcome!

We are glad you are worshipping with us today.

Deacons can be found around Main Hall to offer a friendly greeting, answer questions and provide directions. New members are received after attending the *Believing & Belonging @WMPC* class. Visit whitememorial.org/join or contact Lindsay Dew at ldew@whitememorial.org.

Things to Know

Restrooms

are located outside of Main Hall

Nursery

Childcare is available for children up to four years old in the Calvin Building

Sunday School (resumes 9/13)

Refreshments

Coffee and water stations are located outside the Main Hall

Hearing Assistance

Loop system and FM system available in the Main Hall

AED/NARCAN

Available in Main Hall, Lobby in Ross, Lobby in Calvin and 3rd floor Luther

Live Streaming

Services available at whitememorial.org, Facebook and YouTube

We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

After Hours Pastor On Call: 919-605-4593



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Come All You People

Uyai mose

Lezler

U - ya - i mo - se, ti - na -
Come all you peo - ple, come and

U - ya - i mo - se, ti - na - ma - te
Come all you peo - ple, come and praise your

Ahom *Ahom*

ma te Mwa re; u ya i mo se;
praise your Mak - er, come all you peo - ple,

Mwa - re; ti - ya - i mo - se,
Mak - er; come all you peo - ple.

Ahom

ti - na - ma - te Mwa - re; u -
Come and praise your Mak - er; come

ti - na - ma - te Mwa - re; u - ya - i
come and praise your Mak - er; come all you

Ahom *Ahom*

This short gathering song (based on a text adapted from Psalm 95:6) is a great favorite among children in Zairebawe, and it is frequently used as a processional song (or worship). The choir enters singing; the congregation picks up their excitement, and soon all are singing.

ya - i mo - se, ti - so - mo - te Ma - ri,
all you peo - ple, come and praise your Mak - er.

Ahom

u - ya - i mo - se zeu - so Ti - so - mo - te Ma - ri, no,
come now and wor - ship the Lord. Come and praise your Mak - er, Lord.

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