



UNEXPECTED

Not who you'd pick. Exactly who God uses.

August 2, 2026 | 8:30am

*"But Gideon told them, "I will not rule over you, nor will my son rule over you.
The Lord will rule over you."
– Judges 8:23*

Prelude | *Evensong*, C.F. Schirrmann

Gathering

Call to Worship

Hymn #75 | *I Praise the Lord! Ye Heaven, Adore Him*

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Hymn #404 | *Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

Greeting

Listening

Hymn #384 | *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.**

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory | *Abide With Me*

Ben Kramer, bass, and Clint Gawthrop, piano

Sermon | Gideon

Laurie Brenner

Responding

Hymn #331 | *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.**

Prayers of the People and 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever, Amen.**

Communion | *Break Thou The Bread of Life*

Ben Kramer, bass, and Clint Gawthrop, organ

Hymn | *Amazing Grace* (verse 1)

**Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.**

Benediction

Postlude | *Adagio in F Minor*, W.A. Mozart

PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment, and offering forgiveness. I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior. Amen. (If you are saying this prayer for the first time today, please let one of our pastors know.)

NEW HERE?

We're glad you're here! If you are visiting us, we'd love to connect with you. Fill out the Connect Card (in the pew rack) and stop by the Welcome Center for your gift bag!

KIDS & YOUTH

WEST SIDE KIDS AND YOUTH | TODAY

8:30am | Kids are invited to the kid's table in the narthex during the sermon for an art/craft project.

10:00am | Kids (5th grade & under) are dismissed in the service to learn and play at Sunday School.

8:30 & 10:00am | Nursery available for kids 0-3.

6-8pm | Middle & high school discipleship: come worship, study the Bible, play games, and hang out together on Sunday evenings.

YOUTH GROUP LAKE DAY | Wed., Aug. 5, 2-5p

Bring your swimsuit and a friend to join us for summer vibes! Meet at West Side at 2pm this Wednesday. We'll take the van to Lisa West's house on Lake Washington where we'll grill, chill, praise, and play. We'll return to the church around 5pm. Questions? Contact Jovie at joview@wspc.org.

LIFE AT WEST SIDE

CARREEN SMITH MEMORIAL | Fri., Aug. 7, 1pm

Come celebrate the life of Carreen Smith, our beloved former music director and Pastor Paul's wife, on Friday, Aug. 7, at 1pm at University Presbyterian Church. *All singers are invited to join members of the Seattle Symphony Chorale, University Presbyterian Church choir, and West Side choir to sing several songs at her memorial. Meet to rehearse on Thursday, Aug. 6, at 7pm, at UPC's Geneva Hall (2nd floor). Scores will be available.*

WOMEN'S "ICED TEA" | Sun., August 30, 12:30p

Save the date for an afternoon retreat for all women on Sunday, Aug. 30, at 12:30 on Lake Washington.

DAILY READINGS

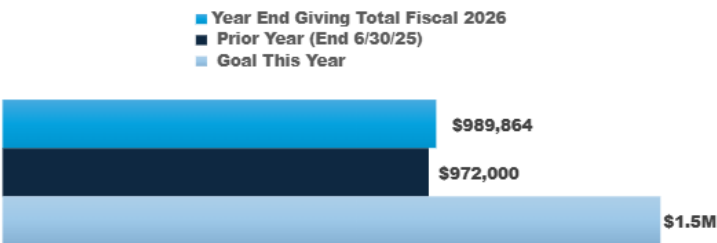
Seeing Jesus Together: Readings this week

- Mon: Nehemiah 1, John 14 (John 14:1-3)
- Tues: Nehemiah 2, John 15 (John 15:1-8)
- Wed: Nehemiah 3, John 16 (John 16:1-4)
- Thurs: Nehemiah 4, John 17 (John 17:15-18)
- Fri: Nehemiah 5, John 18 (John 18:1-11)
- Sat: Psalm 84 (Psalm 84:10-12)

GIVING

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Goal: Income required to fund future ministry expenses without drawing on reserves.

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