

ENTRANCE

Greeting and Welcome

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Prelude

I Want a Principle Within

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through
Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Hymn

He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought UMH 128

* Act of Praise

Gloria in Excelsis Deo UMH 83

* Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the
apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone:
Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching,
that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus
Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer for Students and Blessing of the Backpacks

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy
Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 18:20-32

Psalm

Psalm 138

UMH 853

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-11

* Hymn

In the Garden

UMH 314

* Gospel Lesson

Luke 12:13-21

Sermon

“Encountering God: Negotiating with God”

* Response to the Word

Nicene Creed

UMH 880

Prayers of the People

*As we join in prayer together, you will hear each petition end with the phrase “Lord,
in your mercy.” We respond together saying, “Hear our prayer.”*

Invitation, Confession, and Pardon

UMH 26

Words of Assurance

THANKSGIVING

Offering

Close to Thee

* Doxology

UMH 95

Taking the Bread and Cup

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 27

Breaking the Bread

Prayer of Humble Access

UMH 30

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries,
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us, through this Sacrament,
of your favor and goodness towards us:
that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son,
the blessed company of all faithful people;
and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom.
And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father,
to assist us with your grace,

that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and do all the good works
that you have prepared for us to walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

* Hymn *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* TFWS 2129

* Dismissal with Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts
and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus
Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the
Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you
always. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

* Postlude *Open My Eyes, that I May See*

**THE EIGHTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

August 3rd, 2025