

July 26, 2026 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Welcome and Announcements

Introduce Guest Preacher

Preparation for Worship / Breath Prayer

GATHERING

Prelude

Presentation of Gifts

Responsive Call to Worship

The decrees of the Lord are wonderful,

**The unfolding of God's word
gives light and understanding.**

Turn to us, O God, and be gracious to us.

Make your face shine upon your servants.

We come together to worship the living God.

Opening Prayer

O Lord, your loving-kindness is better than life.

There is nothing that can separate us from your enduring love.

Move us out, draw us close, and keep us steady,
that we might serve you all the days of our lives.

All glory, power, dominion, and majesty
are yours from eternity to eternity. Amen.

*Opening Hymn No. 267 – *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

1 Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!

**Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!**

2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!

**He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!**

3 Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!

**On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!**

Children's Song – *Where Children Belong*

**This, this is where children belong,
welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.**

**Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song:
this is where children belong.**

Children's Moments

Children's Prayer

Wow God,

Wow God,

Your love for us is so big,

Your love for us is so big,

it is amazing!

it is amazing!

Help us to love big too.

Help us to love big too.

Amen.

Amen.

CONFESSING

Call to and Prayer of Confession

Spirit, intercede . . .

**when we fall short of your glory,
when we do not deserve your promises,
when we do not act like those
who have been called your family.**

Spirit, intercede . . .

**when our words wound,
when our silence speaks volumes,
when our actions are a far cry
from what you would have us do.**

Spirit, intercede . . .

**break forth into our lives,
forming us into the image of your Son,
that we might never
feel separate from you again.**

Assurance of Pardon

Response No. 447 – *We Are Forgiven*

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

Passing the Peace of Christ

Peace be with you.

And also, with you.

LEARNING

Anthem – *His Eye is On the Sparrow* – Jack Schrader, arranger

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson – *Genesis 29:15-28*

Sermon

RESPONDING

Hymn of Response No. 803 – *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

**1 My shepherd will supply my need;
Jehovah is his name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed,
beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back
when I forsake his ways,
and leads me, for his mercy's sake,
in paths of truth and grace.**

**2 When I walk through the shades of death
your presence is my stay;
one word of your supporting breath
drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes,
does still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows;
your oil anoints my head.**

**3 The sure provisions of my God
attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode,
and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest,
while others go and come;
no more a stranger, or a guest,
but like a child at home.**

***Affirmation of Faith – Adapted from *The Confession of 1967*, 9.32–33**

**The life, death, resurrection,
and promised coming of Jesus Christ
has set the pattern for the church's mission.
His service to men and women
commits the church
to work for every form of human well-being.
His suffering makes the church sensitive
to all human suffering
so that it sees the face of Christ
in the faces of persons in every kind of need.
In the power of the risen Christ
and the hope of his coming,
the church sees the promise
of God's renewal of human life in society
and of God's victory over all wrong.
So to live and serve
is to confess Christ as Lord.**

Prayers of the People

Response:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

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.

Offering

Offertory

Doxology No. 606 – *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

God of unending gifts,
we praise you for your abundant goodness.
As you are generous,
we want to be generous too.
May the gifts we bring
extend your generosity into the world,
so that all people may be made whole
by your goodness and grace. Amen.

SENDING

Sending Hymn No. 39 – *Great is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator.
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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