

August 16, 2026 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Welcome and Announcements

Preparation for Worship / Breath Prayer

GATHERING

Prelude

Presentation of Gifts

Responsive Call to Worship – from *Psalm 67*

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make their face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, be with us
as we worship your holy name.
Reveal yourself to us this day,
that we can feel your presence
and know your Spirit is among us.
We pray that our worship
changes our hearts for the better.
In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

***Opening Hymn No. 749** – *Come! Live in the Light!*

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.
We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

2 Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and violence will be no more.
We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love.
We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

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 and Prayer

Loving God,

Loving God,

Thank you for stories to remind us

Thank you for stories to remind us

that you are with us when

we are hurt and scared,

that you are with us when

we are hurt and scared,

and you are with us when

we are healing and joyful,

and you are with us when

we are healing and joyful,

and you stay with us for

every moment in between.

and you stay with us for

every moment in between.

Amen.

Amen.

CONFESSING

Call to and Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, your world cries out.

You tasked us to be good stewards

of your creation and we have fallen short.

You challenged us to love God and love our neighbor,

and we have failed to show that love.

You promise to bring all people joyfully together

in a house of prayer on your holy mountain.

We find ways to stay apart. Bring us together, O Lord.

Empower us with a spirit of love for you

and love for all our neighbors.

Help us live lives of service to you

so that all your children will know your peace.

In Jesus 'name, Amen.

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

LEARNING

Anthem – *Bring Him Home* from *Les Misérables* – Claude-Michel Schönberg

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson – *Genesis 45:1-15*

Sermon

RESPONDING

Hymn of Response No. 700 – *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

**1 I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**2 I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**3 I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**4 I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

***Affirmation of Faith – from *The Confession of 1967*, inclusive language ed.**

**God's sovereign love is a mystery
beyond the reach of the human mind.
Human thought ascribes to God superlatives
of power, wisdom, and goodness.
But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ
by showing power in the form of a servant,
wisdom in the folly of the cross, and
goodness in receiving sinful men and women.
The power of God's love in Christ
to transform the world discloses that
the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made
all things to serve the purpose of God's love. 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;
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

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**

Holy God, thank you for
all that you have given us.
Continue to guide us as
we dedicate these offerings
and our lives to you. Amen.

SENDING

Sending Hymn No. 726 – *Will You Come and Follow Me

1 “Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”

2 “Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”

3 “Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”

4 “Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”

5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

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