

July 19, 2026 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Mission – *One Parish, One Prisoner*

Preparation for Worship / Breath Prayer

GATHERING

Prelude

Presentation of Gifts

Responsive Call to Worship

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!

Whose help is in the Lord their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the seas and all that is in them;

Who keeps His promise forever;

Who gives justice to the oppressed;

And food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

The Lord loves the righteous, the Lord cares for the stranger:

He sustains the orphan and the widow,

but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The Lord shall reign forever:

Your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Halleluia!

Opening Prayer

God of all Glory,

on this first day you began creation,
bringing light out of darkness.

On this first day you began your new creation,
raising Jesus Christ from the darkness of the Earth.

On this Lord's Day, grant that we,
the people you create by water and the Spirit,
may be joined with all your works
in praising you for your great glory.

Through Jesus Christ,
in unison with the Holy Spirit,
we praise you now and forever. Amen.

Opening Hymn No. 401 – *Gather Us In

1 Here in this place the new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

**2 We are the young; our lives are a mystery.
We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;
give us the courage to enter the song.**

**3 Here we will take the wine and the water;
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away:
here in this place the new light is shining;
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

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

CONFESSING

Call to and Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, In your gracious presence
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
Although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world.
The profit and pleasures we pursue
lay waste the land and pollute the seas,
the fear and jealousies that we harbor
set neighbor against neighbor
and nation against nation.
We abuse your good gifts
of imagination and freedom,
of intellect and reason,
and have turned them into
bonds of oppression.
Lord, have mercy upon us;
heal and forgive us.
Set us free to serve you
in the world as agents of
your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.**

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 – *Ave Maria* - Camille Saint-Saens, arranger

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson – *Genesis 28:10-19a*

Scripture Response

Holy wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

RESPONDING

Hymn of Response No. 49 – *The God of Abraham Praise

**1 The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,
the Ancient of Eternal Days, the God of love!**

**The Lord, the great I am, by earth and heaven confessed,
we bow before your holy name, forever blest.**

**2 Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will.
In prophet's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
Established is your law, and changeless it shall stand,
deep writ upon the human heart by your strong hand.**

**3 Your goodly land we seek, with peace and plenty blest,
a land of sacred liberty and Sabbath rest.
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.**

**4 You have eternal life implanted in the soul;
your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.
We praise you, living God! We praise your holy name:
the first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!**

***Affirmation of Faith**

We trust in God alone, Holy One, Holy Three:
Lover, Beloved, and Love,
overflowing and boundless.
The Trinity, “blessed communion, fellowship divine,”
models love and empowers creatures to love in return.

Before us, beneath us, beyond us, ever creating,
God breathes life into all that is,
rejoicing in its abundant goodness.
All of creation sings praise to God.

As members of this wondrous creation,
made in God’s image and likeness,
humanity echoes the overflowing
and boundless love of the Creator.

Each of us, all of us—
of every race, culture, language, nation,
ability, gender, and affection—
are called to manifest God’s image and likeness:
in our love for God,
in our love for neighbors and strangers as ourselves,
and in loving communion with all creation.

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**

As we offer our gifts to you, we are reminded of your call
to step out into the world and make a difference.
Give us courage and wisdom
as we engage with the world around us,
sharing your love and truth with others.

Bless these offerings, that they may support
your ministries and missions that reach out to those in need.
And empower us to be your hands and feet in this world,
shining your light wherever we go.

SENDING

Sending Hymn No. 301 (Vs. 1, 3, 5) – *All Are Welcome

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
all are welcome; all are welcome;
all are welcome in this place.

3 Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine, and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
all are welcome; all are welcome;
all are welcome in this place.

5 Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
all are welcome; all are welcome;
all are welcome in this place.

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

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