



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST,
OCTOBER 12TH, 2025 | 8:30AM & 11:00AM

✠please stand as you are able

PRELUDE

Little Fugue in F

TELEMANN

WELCOME & MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 16

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Come, let us worship the Lord who gives us life and joy!

✠ HYMN

Rejoice the Lord Is King

UMH 715

✠ APOSTLES' CREED

UMH 881

✠ GLORIA PATRI

OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision

COURTNEY

✠ DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00)

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HYMN

Be Still My Soul

UMH 534

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, open our ears to hear your truth, open our hearts to receive your grace, and open our lives to walk in your ways. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

✠ SCRIPTURE

Galatians 3:1-9

SERMON

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✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 13

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

✠ HYMN

Lead on O King Eternal

UMH 580

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS (8:30)

TATUM, TOBY, TARA & ALAN CARLSRUD

✠ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Rigaudon

CAMPRA

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

COMMUNION SERVERS:

8:30

Kim & John Estes,
Rosie & Mike Lockwood

11:00

Cheri & Jerry Forte
Pam Turner, Carol Willis

STEPHEN MINISTERS:

(8:30) Suzan Christensen
(11:00) Ginger Ready

PREACHER:

(8:30) Rev. Michael Precht
(11:00) Rev. Cathi Parish

LITURGIST

(8:30) Carolyn Kidd
(11:00) Dr. Ann Pearson

CHILDREN'S LESSON:

Jenna Hood

USHER:

Head Usher, Mark Woodrow

MUSIC

Chancel Choir
Director, Tom Hood
Accompanist, John Richardson

MEDIA:

Colin Richardson
Toby Monckton

The flowers on the altar are given by Katie and Lee Turner, and family, to the glory of God and in honor of Pam Turner in celebration of her birthday (October 13th).

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THE GATHERING

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preaching: Rev. Michael Precht

Liturgist: Emery Capstraw

Communion Servers: Shelly & Rick Fitzhugh, Emily & Doug Garner

Music: Shea White and Praise Band

Media and Sound: Cole Jones, Karl Langley, Jamie Waldhour

Stephen Minister: Ann Pearson

Ushers: Rick Fitzhugh, Charles Scarce, Phil Webb

**Our worship seasons allow us to re-experience the full life and ministry of Jesus every year. The season after Pentecost is the longest season of the Christian year, lasting until All Saints' Day on November 1. It is known as "ordinary" time, not because it is dull or plain, but because this is the season for remembering how the resurrection and reign of Jesus bring a new "order" to our lives and the world.*

OPENING SONG *Praise You Anywhere*

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

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Alive and Breathing

Living Hope

No Longer Slaves

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