



NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 10TH, 2025 | 8:30AM & 11:00AM
✠ please stand as you are able

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* ARR. CHERWIEN

CALL TO WORSHIP FROM PSALM 50:1-2

The heavens declare the righteousness of God.

The earth declares God's beauty.

From the rising of the sun to its setting

God's word shines forth in glory.

✠ HYMN *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* UMH 103

✠ APOSTLES' CREED UMH 881

✠ GLORIA PATRI

OFFERTORY *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* MARTIN

✠ DOXOLOGY

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

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HYMN *Let Us Plead for Faith Alone* UMH 385

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, illumine your Word as it is read and proclaimed. Grant us wisdom to understand, faith to believe, and courage to follow where you lead. **Amen.**

✠ SCRIPTURE *Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16*

SERMON *Where to Find Faith*

CONFESSION AND PARDON

God of all generations,

We confess that we don't always know where to find faith.

We get lost in fear, distracted by the world, and discouraged by delay.

You call us to walk with hope, but we often choose what's comfortable and known.

Forgive us, Lord.

Remind us that faith begins not in our strength, but in your faithfulness.

Lead us again, step by step, toward your promise.

Even when we wander, God is faithful.

Even when our faith is small, God holds us fast.

In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, renewed, and led forward in love.

Thanks be to God. Amen

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 13

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

HYMN

My Faith Looks Up To Thee

UMH 452

✠ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Go Your Way With Rejoicing!

WAGNER

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

COMMUNION SERVERS:

8:30

Ann Pearson, Robyn & Kermit
Simons, Betty Stejskal

11:00

Melanie Hearne, Amy O'Rear,
Carol Willis

STEPHEN MINISTER:

8:30

Penn White

11:00

Ginger Ready

PREACHER:

Rev. Michael Precht

LITURGIST:

Steve Pearson

USHERS:

Mark Woodrow

MUSIC

Chancel Choir
Director, Tom Hood
Accompanist,
John Richardson

MEDIA:

Colin Richardson
Toby Monckton

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THE GATHERING

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Preaching: Dr. Kristen Curtis Wright

Liturgist: Miles Barnhardt

Communion Servers: Amy, & Ryan Boward, Peyton Boward, Olivia Boward

Music: Shea White and Praise Band

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

Stephen Minister: Brian Norris

Greeters: Rick Fitzhugh, Charles Searce, 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 *Trust In You*

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

SINGING OUR PRAISE

Good God Almighty

House of the Lord

No Longer Slaves

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SCRIPTURE *Matthew 18:1-5*

SERMON *Growing Down*

CONFESSION AND PARDON

When the leader prays "We confess"

Everyone responds, "Lord, have mercy"

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