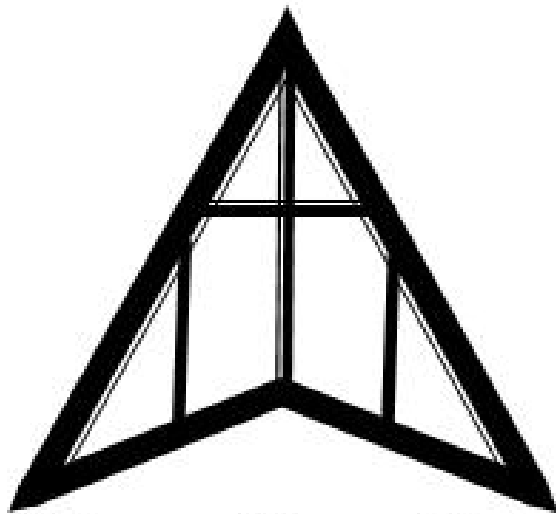


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Welcome To
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Order for the Public Worship of God

July 26, 2026

9th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

(Let us quietly prepare our hearts for worship during the opening voluntary)

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Prelude, Op.31” Louis Vierne

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Mike Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)*

Leader: Jesus sees us in our daily routines and says, “follow me”.

People: We hear his voice and gather in His presence.

Leader: He does not call the perfect;
he calls the broken to be healed.

People: He welcomes us into His presence exactly as we are.

Leader: Let us worship God as we stand to pass the peace of Christ to one another!

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*(Please complete the bulletin insert, "FRIENDSHIP SHEET,"
and pass it toward the center aisle.)*

*HYMN #634 “To God Be the Glory” TO GOD BE THE GLORY

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our Lord Jesus does not look for perfect people, but for honest hearts. He invites us to step out of our hidden shame and walk with Him today. Knowing that the Great Physician is ready to heal rather than condemn, let us confidently confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

Merciful God, we admit that we often live like the pharisees, judging others while ignoring our own brokenness. You call us to follow you, yet we cling to our comfortable routines and past mistakes. Forgive us, Great Physician. Heal our souls, welcome us back to your table, and transform our hearts so that we may extend your grace to a hurting world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(responsive)*

Leader: Let us affirm the good news of the gospel!

People: **Jesus did not come to call the righteous,
but sinners to repentance.**

Leader: In Jesus Christ, your sins are completely forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God! We are healed, restored and
free to follow Him!**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

ANTHEM

“His Eye Is On the Sparrow” C. Martin/C. Gabriel

Soloist, Claudia Ferguson; Piano, Jim Ferguson

*Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely, and long for Heaven and home,
When Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.*

*Refrain: I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
For His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.*

*“Let not your heart be troubled,” His tender word I hear,
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;
Though by the path He leadeth, but one step I may see;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.*

*Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
When songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him, from care He sets me free;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me. Refrain*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORDS 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.

CALL TO OFFERING

Out of gratitude for all that God has provided for us, we bring our tithes and offerings for God's work among us in this time and place. Let us dedicate our offerings to God by standing to sing glory to God. (*Church offerings are given through the giving stations in the hallway, online or through the mail.*)

*DOXOLOGY—#606

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We give you thanks, O God, for the many blessings that you have planted in our lives. From even the smallest of seeds, your kingdom grows in our lives. Bless the offerings we give, that we might be ever more faithful in your work of reconciliation, love and joy. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN #465

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

CONVERSE

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

“Messengers of Faith”
Kaaren Nesmith, Guest Preacher

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #761 “Called As Partners in Christ’s Service” BEECHER

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Sinfonia from ‘Solomon’” G.F. Handel

(You are invited to reflect on the worship service during the closing voluntary. If you must leave before the end of the service, please respect those who remain and leave quietly.)

**Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.*

Stephanie Carson, Music Director; David Furr, Organist