

MORNING WORSHIP

August 30, 2026

Half past Ten O' Clock

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*When the organ begins, please prepare for worship through silent prayer and meditation.
Following the service, greet one another with joy and affection!*

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TIME OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

+WELCOME AND NOTICES

PRELUDE

How Firm a Foundation

arr. Michael Burkhardt

CHORAL INTROIT

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

LOBE DEN HERREN

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Seek the Lord! Seek God in the wilderness.

People: Seek God in the sanctuary.

Leader: Seek God in the burning bush.

People: Seek God in the burning heart.

Leader: The Lord is here! This place is holy!

All: We are standing on holy ground.

+*HYMN 475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessings"

NETTLETON

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of wonders, we confess that we do not understand why You call us when we are scared, clumsy, busy or flawed. We confess that we think we know better than You do who is qualified to do Your work. Forgive our fears and excuses and self-doubts. Lend us Your fire and Your strength, as we go about the work of serving our neighbors, building up Your church, loving Your children, and tending to the scorched places of our world. Help us to burn for You, without burning up or burning out. Give us a purpose and the courage to pursue it. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The God who heard the cries of Israel, who saw their suffering, and who came near to deliver them is the God who comes near to us. God knows us, calls us by name, and does not turn away from us in our sin. In Jesus Christ, God has drawn near to us with mercy. Our failures do not have the final word. Our fears do not have the final word. Even our wandering in the wilderness does not place us beyond the reach of God's grace. God is faithful. God is merciful.

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*SUNG RESPONSE 581

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Immediately following the Message for Young Disciples children age four through second grade are invited to Children's Chapel.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 3:1-15, pew Bible pg. 49

SERMON

“Here I am”

Margo Fraga

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS Text to Give

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM “We Are”

arr. Ysäye M. Barnwell

*DOXOLOGY (HYMN 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Generous God, we offer our gifts to You, grateful for all You have given us, and grateful for the chance to give to others. Build up Your church through these offerings, that we might be a place where Your goodness is seen, practiced, and shared. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 12

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

ST. DENIO

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

KINGSFOLD

*Those who are able please stand.

+Ushers may seat late worshipers

SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WARMLY WELCOMES ALL WHO VISIT

Selwyn Avenue is glad you are with us this morning. We welcome all visitors, celebrating God's creativity in human diversity. We'd like to stay in touch with you! Please take a moment to fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate. Please ask an usher if you need help locating the nursery, restrooms, changing tables, or large print hymnals.

Membership is by one of three paths: 1) profession of faith in Jesus Christ (for those who have never been part of a Christian church); 2) re-affirmation of faith (for those who formerly were part of a congregation but have not been involved in recent times - for example, you were baptized and/or confirmed but moved and never engaged with a new congregation); or 3) transfer of membership from another congregation (your membership is with another church). New members and prospective members are invited to participate in Orientation Classes, which are scheduled several times a year, and are a wonderful way to meet others and learn about our church and all the opportunities here. We always stand ready to be in communication with you about your particular situation. The contact information for all staff members is in the bulletin each week.

WORSHIP BAGS FOR 4 YRS. - 5TH GRADE Age-appropriate activities for readers and non-readers to encourage their participation in following along in worship are available in the narthex. Please return the bag to the basket after worship.

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