

# THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 6, 2026

10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion: Rite II



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Sunday Services at 8 and 10 AM • Wednesday at 6 PM

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## WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

**Restrooms:** Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

**We have gluten-free wafers available:** Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

**Standing, sitting, and kneeling:** Throughout the bulletin, there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

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**A gentle Reminder:** Please enter the Nave quietly and reverently and silence your phones.

Most of the sung music is found in the blue hymnal, *The Hymnal, 1982*. In the bulletin, an "H" indicates the hymn section of the book; an "S" indicates it's from the service music section in the front of the book.



Virtual Worship Bulletins

## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

### VOLUNTARY

Toccata (in five movements)

Georg Muffat  
(1645?-1704)

Adagio—Allegro moderato—Adagio—Allegro—Allegro

*During the Voluntary, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ENTRANCE HYMN H-376

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

*All* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS S-280

Robert Powell

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray... Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

# THE WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST READING

*The people sit.*

Exodus 12:1-14

*Lector      The First Reading is taken from Exodus chapter 12...*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

*Lector      The Word of the Lord.*

*People      **Thanks be to God.***

*All sing this refrain, the cantor sings the verses.*



Sing praise to the Lord, come sing a new song,  
amid all the saints God's praises prolong.  
Let Israel be glad in their Maker and sing;  
let all Zion's people rejoice in their King. (*Refrain*)

With timbrel and harp and joyful acclaim,  
with dancing and song give praise to God's name.  
For God in the faithful great pleasure will seek,  
with robes of salvation adorning the meek. (*Refrain*)

For this is God's word; the saints shall not fall,  
but o'er the earth their faith shall prevail.  
All kingdoms and nations shall yield to their sword—  
thus God shows great glory, sing praise to the Lord! (*Refrain*)

## THE SECOND READING

Romans 13:8-14

*Lector The Second Reading is taken from Romans chapter 13...*

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand as able.*

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

John Schiavone

*All sing this refrain; cantor sings the verse:*



*Cantor:* One does not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. Alleluia. (*Refrain*)

**THE GOSPEL**

Matthew 18:15-20

*Celebrant*    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Celebrant*    Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

*Celebrant*    The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SERMON**        *The people sit.*                      The Reverend Kathleen Walter

## NICENE CREED

*All stand as able.*

*People*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.  
**AMEN.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.*

*Celebrant*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Lector*

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

*Lector*

Lord, in your mercy

*People*

**Hear our prayer.**

*Lector*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

*Lector*

Lord, in your mercy

*People*

**Hear our prayer.**

*Lector*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We give thanks for the flowers given to the Glory of God, and for all the blessings of this life, especially the birthdays this coming week of Brad Guerrie, Bill Lasko, Ted Dorner, Frank Kneen, and Sloan Punch; and the anniversary of Brian and Patty Shannon.

*Silence*

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially those on our parish prayer list and those we now name aloud or in our hearts (*Pause*), give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector* We commend to your mercy all who have died, and those we now name aloud or in our hearts (*Pause*) that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *Please kneel or stand as able.*

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*People* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

*Celebrant*     The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*        **And also with you.**

*All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE**        *Please be seated.*

**OFFERTORY**                Four Favorite Hymns Beyond Our Hymnal

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed:  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

I Danced in the Morning (Lord of the Dance)

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth. At Bethlehem I had my birth.  
Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

Surely the Presence of the Lord

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty power and his grace.  
I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;  
surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

When Peace like a River (It Is Well with My Soul)

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul). It is well, it is well with my soul.

**PRESENTATION HYMN H-380**

OLD HUNDREDTH

*(stanza 3)*

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.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Celebrant adds a proper preface.*

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

**SANCTUS S-129**

Robert Powell

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is My Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All* **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*People* **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant* And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*People* **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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

## THE FRACTION ANTHEM S-161

David Hurd

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are invited to receive the Sacrament. If you would like to receive wine you may do so by sipping from the Chalice or allowing the Eucharistic Minister to intinct (dip) the wafer for you.  
If you desire a blessing instead of Communion, cross your arms over your chest.*

## COMMUNION

O Rest in the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn

# COMMUNION HYMN

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in  
 2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our  
 3. We share each oth - er's woes, our mu - tual  
 4. When we a - sun - der part, it gives us

Chris - tian love; the fel - low - ship of  
 ar - dent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our  
 bur - dens bear; and of - ten for each  
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.  
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

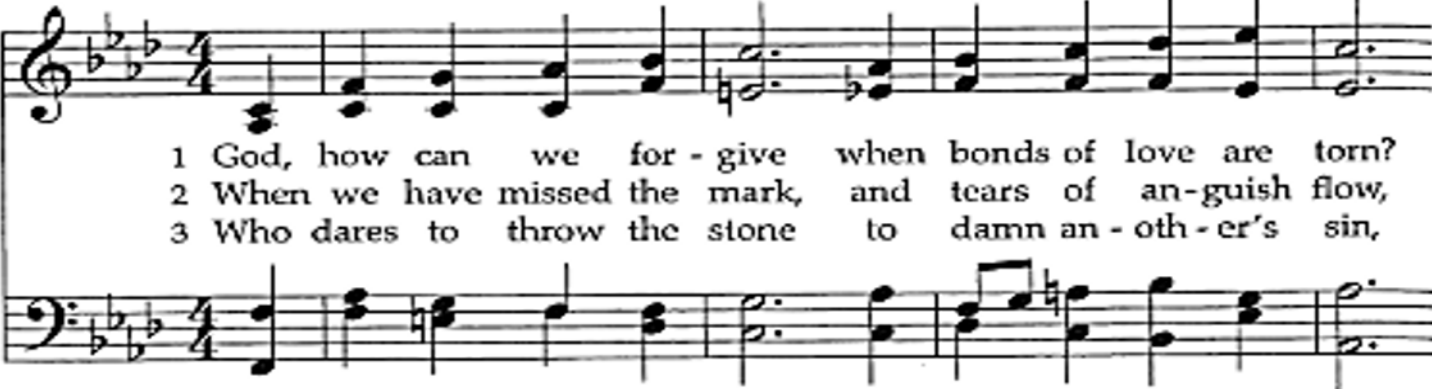
*Celebrant*

Let us pray...

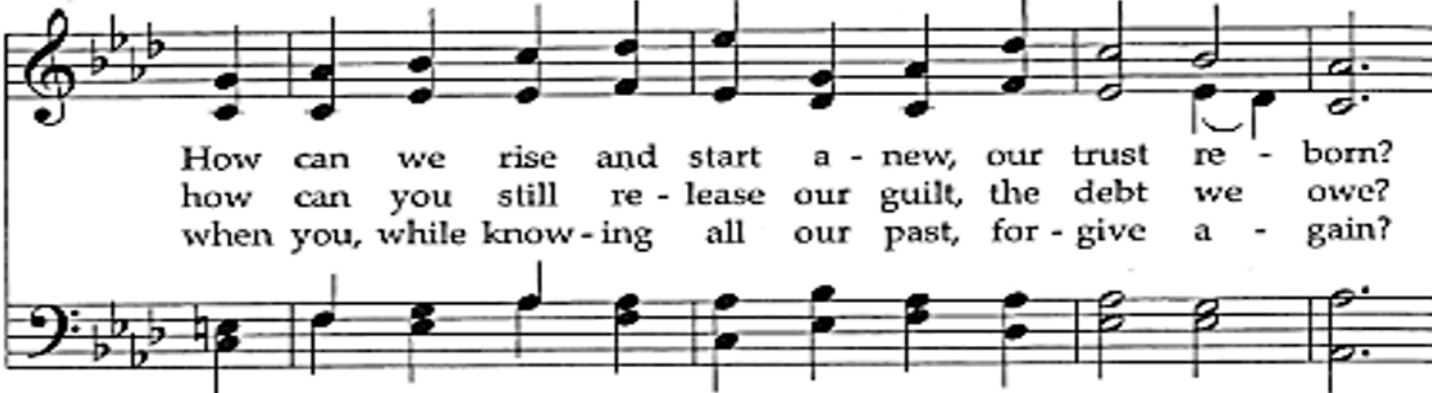
*All*

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

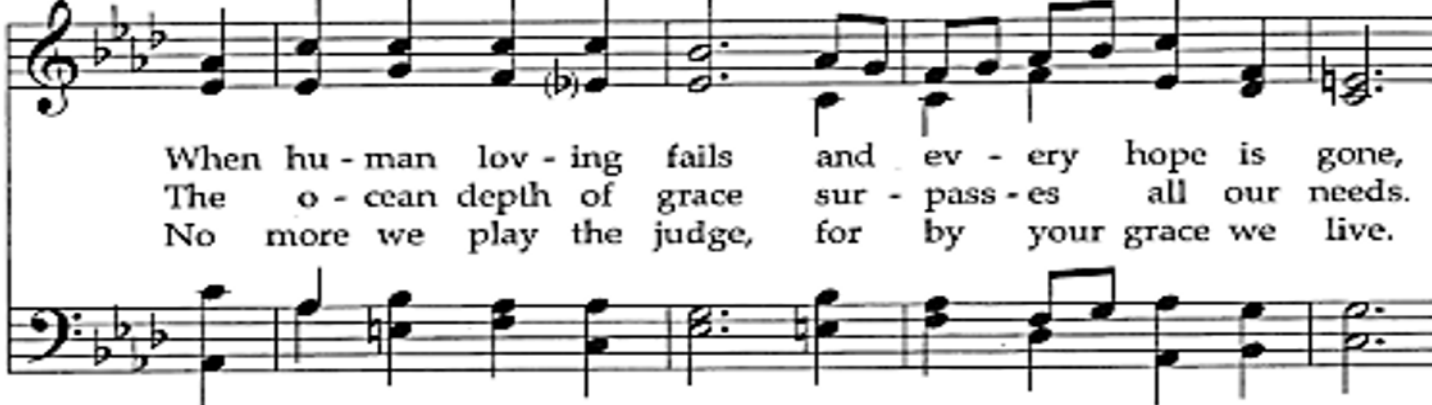
## THE BLESSING



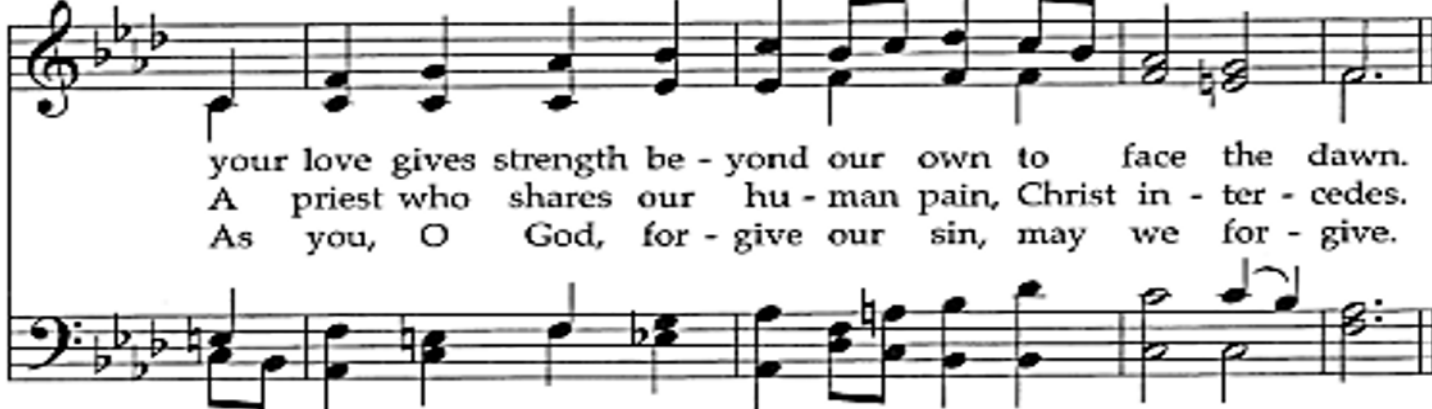
1 God, how can we for - give when bonds of love are torn?  
2 When we have missed the mark, and tears of an - guish flow,  
3 Who dares to throw the stone to damn an - oth - er's sin,



How can we rise and start a - new, our trust re - born?  
how can you still re - lease our guilt, the debt we owe?  
when you, while know - ing all our past, for - give a - gain?



When hu - man lov - ing fails and ev - ery hope is gone,  
The o - cean depth of grace sur - pass - es all our needs.  
No more we play the judge, for by your grace we live.



your love gives strength be - yond our own to face the dawn.  
A priest who shares our hu - man pain, Christ in - ter - cedes.  
As you, O God, for - give our sin, may we for - give.

## THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

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| You are invited to remain for the closing voluntary. |
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## VOLUNTARY

Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir  
(OLD HUNDREDTH)

Johann Pachelbel  
(1653-1706)

## SERVING US TODAY

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|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Celebrant             | The Reverend Kathleen Walter                                        |
| Organist/Choirmaster  | Tom Huffman                                                         |
| Cantor                | Cindy Huffman                                                       |
| Crucifer              | Pat Cates                                                           |
| Torch/Chalicists      | Joe Nixon and Miriam Benitez-Nixon                                  |
| Lector                | Linda Corliss                                                       |
| Prayers of the People | Miriam Benitez-Nixon                                                |
| Ushers                | Marc Jacobson and Linda Corliss<br>Crystal Collyer and Ayden Watson |
| Building & Grounds    | Cheryl Sharpe                                                       |



### **PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR**

Bernie L, Norman L, Mandeville P, Angela P, Mavis S, Jonquil S, Michael W, Butchie L, Eva P, John W, Patrick R, Jay O, Rose Marie, Mary Ann W, Elena G, Judy W, Carol B, Millie L, Hilda M, Sharon D, David M, Hazel D, Reverend Kathy, Rosemarie W, Pat and Carol C, Sherry B, Tony and Priscilla, Linda, Gus R-P, Cheryl S, the Ozbun family, Jim and Barbara G, Ana M, the people of Ukraine, Jay H, Gloria and Dan S, Maureen B, Bill G, Indra E, Mark and Maryellen, Kam M.



### **CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK**

**Birthdays** – Brad Guerrie, Bill Lasko, Ted Dorner, Frank Kneen, and Sloan Punch

**Anniversary** – Brian and Patty Shannon

## FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

**Wednesday Bible Study** has resumed from 1:30-3 PM. We are continuing the book of Mark. See Cindy Huffman for more information.

**Soul Sisters** will start again on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM in Kirk Hall.

**Dunedin Cares** collection is sent every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday.

**Daughters of the King** meet each 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 11:30 AM in the lounge.

**Cursillo Gathering** is every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the Patio Room.

**Sunday School** is available during the 10 AM service. Kiddos kindergarten through grade 6 begin in the church with their families and return prior to communion.

The **Nursery** is available for infants through pre-K and begins at 9:45 AM on Sundays.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**My Favorite Hymn** - Today we will have a “bonus day” of singing your chosen favorite hymns. During the month of August we sang favorites from *The Hymnal 1982*. Today we will sing four of the several choices that are not in the book. As we’ve been doing we’re singing the first stanza of each during the Offertory. The number one choice was Amazing Grace; number two Morning Has Broken; tied for third Lift High the Cross, How Great Thou Art; tied for fourth Come, Thou Fount, Lift High the Cross, Love Divine, Here I Am Lord and Lord of the Dance.

**Acolyte and Usher training** will take place on Saturday, Sept 12 at 10 AM. Lectors need not attend. Meet at the church entrance.

**Pedals, Pipes, & Pizza** - Saturday, September 12 9:00 am to 1:30 pm at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 701 Orange Ave., Clearwater. Open to all students grades 3-12. Learn about the pipe organ, the carillon, assemble a real pipe organ from its parts, play these instruments and watch a silent movie with live organ accompaniment. Register online at [clwago.org/ppp](http://clwago.org/ppp). See Tom Huffman if you have any questions.

**Daughters of the King** will be giving a Discernment class to be a Daughter starting the week of September 14th. This class is a 3-month course. Installation will be Sunday, November 8th. Any women of the church interested in becoming a Daughter of the King should call Marianne Heredia or Donna Charles for more information.

**Cursillo #154** will take place at DaySpring Camp and Conference Center on September 17-20. See Reverend Kathy for more information.

**Blessing of the Animals** will be on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM.

**Choir Resumes in October** - Choir will be returning on the second Sunday of October. Rehearsals will be weekly on Thursdays from 6:00-7:30 p.m. with a 9:30 a.m. warmup on Sundays. Your voice is needed. Talk to Choirmaster/Organist Tom Huffman about it.