

Full Service Bulletin

MISSION SERVICE

AUGUST 9, 2026

11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)

PRELUDE AND PREPARATION *During the prelude, prepare your heart for worship, read the introduction, look up the Scripture readings and pray: Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of Your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship You with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.*

CHILDREN *of all ages are welcome! The Children's Library is available if a child needs a break during the service.*

LISTENING DEVICES *for the hearing impaired are available at the sound board (in the back of the sanctuary).*

INTRODUCTION *Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence.*

When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid,"

Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears, grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.



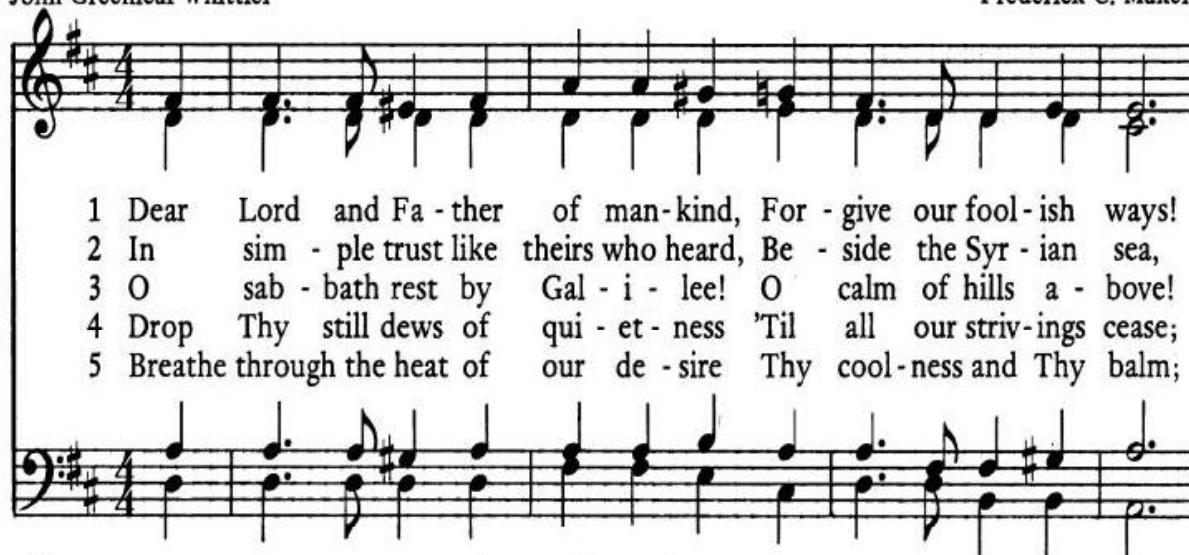
WELCOME AND MEDITATION

GATHERING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" (Maj # 475 - favorite)

John Greenleaf Whittier

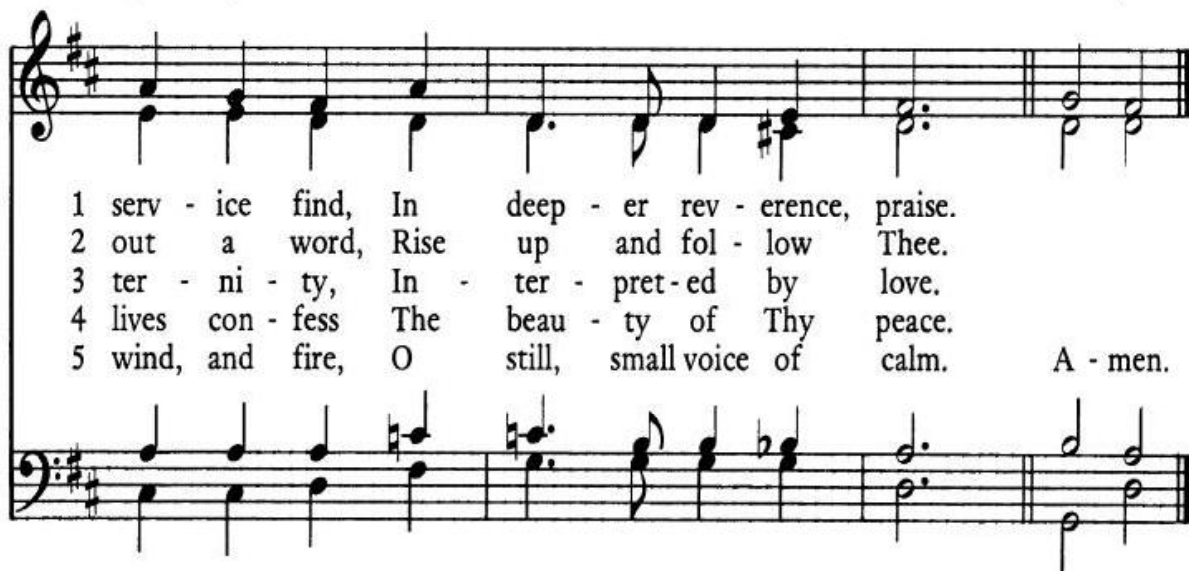
REST
Frederick C. Maker



1 Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man-kind, For - give our fool - ish ways!
2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, Be - side the Syr - ian sea,
3 O sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O calm of hills a - bove!
4 Drop Thy still dews of qui - et - ness 'Til all our striv - ings cease;
5 Breathe through the heat of our de - sire Thy cool - ness and Thy balm;



1 Re - clothe us in our right - ful mind; In pur - er lives Thy
2 The gra - cious call - ing of the Lord, Let us, like them, with -
3 Where Je - sus knelt to share with Thee The si - lence of e -
4 Take from our souls the strain and stress, And let our or - dered
5 Let sense be dumb, let flesh re - tire; Speak through the earth-quake,



1 serv - ice find, In deep - er rev - erence, praise.
2 out a word, Rise up and fol - low Thee.
3 ter - ni - ty, In - ter - pret - ed by love.
4 lives con - fess The beau - ty of Thy peace.
5 wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm. A - men.

INVOCATION (*✠ = All may make the sign of the cross.*)

L: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the Source of life, the Word of salvation, the Spirit of mercy.

C: AMEN.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Let us confess our sins to God, Who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

(Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection.)

L: God of compassion, **C: We confess that we have neglected Your commandments and have sinned against You in our thoughts, in our words and in our deeds. Forgive our sins, Merciful God, those known and unknown, things done and left undone. Make our hearts burn with love for You and those in need, so that our lives may witness to Your never-failing love. AMEN.**

L: Brothers and sisters, buried with ✠ Christ by baptism into His death, your sins are forgiven. The death Christ died, He died to sin, once for all; but the life He lives, He lives to God. So you also, by the power of the Holy Spirit, are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

C: AMEN.

GREETING *(Please rise.)*

L: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad. The God who created the world and fills it with life be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

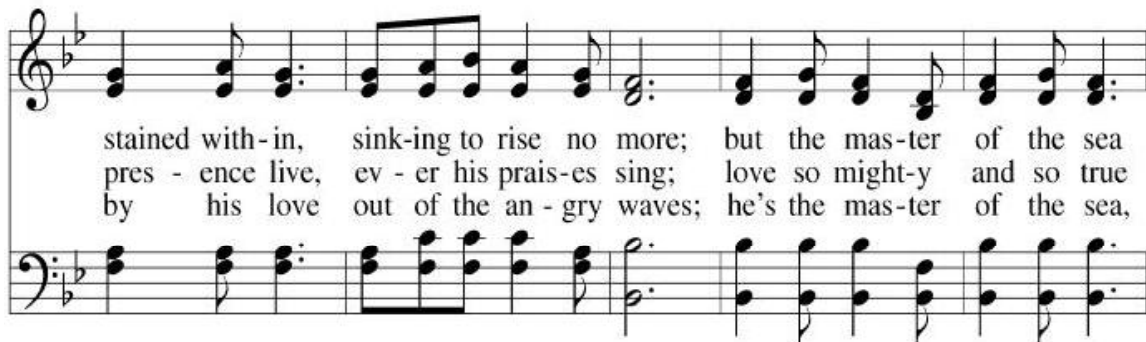
“Let all the peoples praise him.” (Romans 15:6,11)

PRAISE SONG *(Please sit.)*

“Love Lifted Me” (Maj # 641 - favorite) →



1 I was sink-ing deep in sin, far from the peace-ful shore, ver-y deep-ly
 2 All my heart to him I give, ev - er to him I'll cling, in his bless-ed
 3 Souls in dan - ger, look a - bove, Je - sus com-plete-ly saves; he will lift you



stained with-in, sink-ing to rise no more; but the mas-ter of the sea
 pres - ence live, ev - er his prais-es sing; love so might-y and so true
 by his love out of the an - gry waves; he's the mas-ter of the sea,



heard my de-spair-ing cry, from the wa-ters lift - ed me, now safe am I.
 mer - its my soul's best songs; faith-ful lov-ing ser-vice, too, to him be - longs.
 bil - lows his will o - bey; he your Sav-ior true will be: be saved to - day.

Refrain



Love lift-ed me! Love lift - ed me! When noth - ing
 e - ven me! e - ven me! e - ven me!



1 else could help, love lift - ed me. 2 love lift-ed me.

Text: James Rowe, 1865-1933 Music: SAFETY, Howard E. Smith, 1863-1918

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray together: **C: O God our defender, storms
rage around and with us, and cause us to be afraid.
Rescue Your people from despair, deliver Your sons
and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of
Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.**

RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 85:8-13

(congregation reads indented)

I will listen to what God the LORD will say;

**He promises peace to His people, His saints—
but let them not return to folly.**

Surely His salvation is near those who fear Him,

that His glory may dwell in our land.

Love and faithfulness meet together;

righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,

and righteousness looks down from heaven.

The LORD will indeed give what is good,

and our land will yield its harvest.

Righteousness goes before Him

and prepares the way for His steps.

PRAISE SONG *(Please sit.)* “His Name Is Wonderful”

(Maj # 173 - favorite - Audrey Mieir) →

His name is Won-der-ful, His name is Won-der-ful, His name is Won-der-ful,

Je- sus, my Lord; He is the might-y King, Mas-ter of ev- ery-thing,

His name is Won-der-ful, Je- sus, my Lord. He's the great Shep-herd, the Rock of all

ag- es, Al- might- y God is He; Bow down be- fore Him, Love and a -

dore Him; His name is Won- der- ful, Je- sus, my Lord. Lord.

1 Repeat optional 2

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

For everything was written to teach us, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)

FIRST LESSON1 Kings 19:9-18.....Pg. 559

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSONRomans 11:1-5, 29-36.....Pg. 1761

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

COLLECT FOR CHILDREN *(When children are present.)*

L: We will dismiss for Children's Church after the Gospel reading.

Let us pray the Collect for Children together: **C: Lord, we lift up to You the children of our church, asking for Your protection, guidance, and blessings over their lives.**

May they grow in faith, wisdom, and love, finding their identity in You and walking in the purpose You have for them. Surround them with Your grace, strengthen their families, and raise them to be lights in this world for Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Please rise.)*

"Jesus, Name Above All Names" (Maj # 183 - favorite)

Naida Hearn

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Unison

The musical score is written for a unison voice part. It consists of four systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 12/8. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau-ti - ful Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord. Em - man - u - el, God is with us, bless-ed Re - deem - er, Liv - ing Word.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the last system.

Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau-ti - ful Sav - ior,
glo - ri - ous Lord. Em - man - u - el, God is
with us, bless-ed Re - deem - er, Liv - ing Word.

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPELMatthew 14:22-33.....Pg. 1520

L: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

(Young children may go to Children's Church.)

(Please be seated. See space for sermon notes in Announcements insert.)

SERMON Bill (& Critty) Fairback

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.
(Romans 15:13)*

HYMN OF THE DAY *(Please rise.)*

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (Maj # 46 - favorite)

Charles Wesley AZMON
Carl G. Gläser

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing My great Re-deem - er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Mas - ter and my God, As - sist me to pro - claim,
3 Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, That bids our sor - rows cease,
4 He breaks the power of can-celled sin, He sets the pris - on-er free;
5 Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, Your loos-ened tongues em-ploy;

1 The glo - ries of my God and King, The tri-umphs of His grace!
2 To spread through all the earth a-broad The hon-ors of Thy name.
3 'Tis mu - sic in the sin-ners ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
4 His blood can make the foul-est clean, His blood a-vailed for me.
5 Ye blind, be-hold your Sav-ior come; And leap, ye lame, for joy! A-men

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

OFFERING *We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!*

(Please sit.)

MISSION MOMENT

Sarah Stein, short-term trip to Scotland

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please kneel as you are able.)*

(Response: L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)

THE LORD'S 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 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, forever and ever. AMEN.

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)

BLESSING

L: God gives rest to all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens.
Almighty and merciful God, the Father, the ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you, this day and forevermore.
C: AMEN.

SENDING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

"Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me" (Maj # 402 - favorite)

Edward Hopper PILOT
John E. Gould

1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me O - ver life's tem-pes-tuous sea;
2 As a moth - er stills her child, Thou canst hush the o - cean wild;
3 When at last I near the shore, And the fear - ful break - ers roar

1 Un - known waves be - fore me roll, Hid - ing rocks, and treach' - rous shoal;
2 Boist'rous waves o - bey Thy will When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!"
3 'Twixt me and the peace - ful rest Then, while lean - ing on Thy breast,

1 Chart and com - pass come from Thee, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me!
2 Won - drous Sov' - reign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me!
3 May I hear Thee say to me, "Fear not, I will pi - lot thee!"

PASSING THE PEACE

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit,
let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we
have received. The peace of the Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS *Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments. Snacks, coffee and hot water are available in the Gathering Place. You can brew your own coffee/tea using the Keurig® in the Parlor.*

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SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK

COVER ART: Karen Brown

GREETER: 8:30-Sally Stein | 11:00-Eileen Dunn

SOUND: 8:30-Rich Stein | 11:00-**Volunteer needed**

LIVESTREAM: 8:30-Jan Stryker

SONG LEADER: Nancy Cook

LITURGIST: 8:30-Patty Werley | 11:00-Lyn Stryker

LECTOR: 8:30-Patty Werley | 11:00-Lyn Stryker

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Ruthann Kistler

GUEST PREACHER: Missionary Bill (& Critty) Fairback

ALTARGUILD: Sharon Branigan & Irene Graham

COUNTERS: Jan Stryker, **Volunteer needed**

GRASS CUTTERS (8/3-8): Rich Stein, Sam Glasmire

HOSPITALITY: Holy Cross Social Ministry

SEXTON: **Volunteers needed**

PHONETREE/PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Stephen Zeiner

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Volunteers Needed, Sexton † Karen Steiner, *Pre-school*

Lisa Wechsler, *Bookkeeper* † Stephen Zeiner, *Webmaster*

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship - 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM

(Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts)

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