



Order of Worship
August 9, 2026
11th Sunday of Pentecost



SPIRIT CAFE
AWAKEN+INSPIRE+MOTIVATE



GATHERING SONG – No Longer Slaves

**You unravel me with a melody
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies
'Til all my fears are gone**

CHORUS

***I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
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**From my mother's womb
You have chosen me
Love has called my name
I've been born again to your family
Your blood flows through my veins**

CHORUS

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

SONG OF PRAISE – Sanctuary

**Lord prepare me
To be a sanctuary
Pure and holy
Tried and true
And with thanksgiving
I'll be a living
Sanctuary, oh for You**

**It is You Lord
Who came to save
The heart and soul of everyone
And it is You Lord
Who knows my weakness
Who gives me strength with your own hand**

**I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee
I exalt Thee, O Lord
I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee
I exalt Thee, O Lord**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our defender, storms rage around and within 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.

Psalm 85:8-13 (*read responsively*)

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.

The LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness will go before him
and will make a path for his steps.

THE READING: Matthew 18:10-14

"Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven. What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray?

And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

THE MESSAGE – The God Who Pursues – *Pastor Frank Waugh*

THE CREED – Creedsong – *Frank Waugh*

Refrain: **Come and worship God, worship God together.
Give God all the praise, all the praise forever.
We believe in God – Father, Son and Spirit
Author of the universe and all that we inherit.**

Verses: **The Lord is light and created us to be
Good and right, God's image plain to see.
The birds, the trees, and all creation sings
To share with us the joy that living brings.

Jesus came, walked the Earth in a heyday,
Born of flesh, begotten, not made.
Tested and crucified, He rose on a Sunday
To bring to all God's amazing grace.

The Spirit calls – God's work through us imparting,
The Church of Christ in us new life is starting.
Enlightened, just and sanctified,
we follow with anointing
The way of love and peace
to which the Lord is pointing.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: Let us approach God in the presence of one another, seeking reconciliation, peace and the abundant life.

People: **Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you and to one another that we have fallen short of your perfection and have sinned both in our actions and in our failures to act according to your call on our lives. We seek restoration through your grace and mercy. Receive our prayer and renew us in the name of Jesus.**

Pastor: We are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ our Lord. Therefore, let us be reconciled with one another and share the peace of the Lord.

THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE OFFERING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

THE INVITATION

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

SHARING THE MEAL

A PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance
of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your
love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

THE SENDING

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

SENDING SONG – Crowded Table

**You can hold my hand
When you need to let go
I can be your mountain
When you're feeling valley-low
I can be your streetlight
Showing you the way home
You can hold my hand
When you need to let go**

[Chorus]

***I want a house with a crowded table
And a place by the fire for everyone
Let us take on the world while we're young and able
And bring us back together when the day is done***

**If we want a garden
We're gonna have to sow the seed
Plant a little happiness
Let the roots run deep
If it's love that we give
Then it's love that we reap
If we want a garden
We're gonna have to sow the seed**