



Order of Worship  
August 23, 2026  
13th Sunday of Pentecost



**SPIRIT CAFE**  
**AWAKEN+INSPIRE+MOTIVATE**



**GATHERING SONG** – We Are God's Hands – *Pastor Frank Waugh*  
*Inspired by Matthew 25:40*

When a stranger's standing hungry  
At the corner in the rain,  
When a weary heart is waiting  
For a little hope again,  
May we see Your face before us  
In the ones the world forgets—  
Let our love become the answer,  
Let our kindness be Your hands.

**[Chorus]**

*We are God's hands,  
We are God's feet,  
When we lift the low,  
We serve the Christ we meet.  
In the least of these, Your light is seen—  
Lord, help us understand: We are God's hands.*

When the lonely sit in silence  
With no one to call their name,  
When the prisoner needs forgiveness  
And the sick are worn with pain,  
May we bring a cup of water,  
May we stay and make their day;  
For the love we give to others  
Is the love You give today.

**[Chorus]**

Not by strength or grand achievement,  
Not by words that fade away,  
But by bread and open doorways,  
By compassion day by day,  
Till the whole world knows Your kingdom  
Through the lives we choose to share—  
Jesus, make us faithful servants,  
Make Your presence known through care.

**[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, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 138 (*sung responsively*)

### REFRAIN:

Lord, \_\_\_ your love \_\_\_ is e - ter - nal; \_\_\_ do not for - sake \_\_\_ the work \_\_\_ of your hands.  
is e - ter - nal;

## **THE READING: Matthew 18:18-20**

“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.”

*Pastor:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**THE MESSAGE** – The Power of Boundless Agreement – *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**