



Order of Worship
August 30, 2026
14th Sunday of Pentecost



SPIRIT CAFE
AWAKEN+INSPIRE+MOTIVATE



GATHERING SONG – Morning Has Broken

**Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**

**Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.**

**Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation
Praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day!**

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, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 63 (sung responsively)

REFRAIN:



THE READING: Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?'

And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE MESSAGE – Scandalous Forgiveness – *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**