



Order of Worship
September 6, 2026
15th Sunday of Pentecost



SPIRIT CAFE
AWAKEN+INSPIRE+MOTIVATE



GATHERING SONG – Borning Cry

"I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell."

"When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun."

"In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been,
with just one more surprise."

"I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold."

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 95:1–2, 6 –7, 8 –9 (127) *(sung responsively)*

REFRAIN:



THE READING: Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE MESSAGE – *Chaplain Matt Doby*

SONG OF THE DAY – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

**Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

THE CREED – The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

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 – In Christ There Is No East or West

**In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one community of love
throughout the whole wide earth.**

**In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.**

**Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.**

**In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.**