

September 13, 2026 | 11:00 | Traditional Worship

ENTER INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Assisted listening devices are available in the sound booth.

PRELUDE

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Arr. by Mark Hayes

† INTROIT AND CALL TO WORSHIP

† Indicates the congregation should stand.

Choir

I was glad when they said to me: "Let us go to the house of God!"

L: For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

P: Whether we plant or harvest, whether we laugh or weep, God is with us in every moment.

L: From the freshness of new beginnings to the quietness of waiting, the Lord oversees our days.

P: Let us enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise!

L: For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever.

P: Praise be to God, who is the anchor and source of our lives in every season!

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN 139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

† PRAYER

Gracious God, fill us with a deep sense of Your holy presence, just as You moved among the early believers in awe and wonder. Unite our hearts as one body, tear down the dividing walls between us, and open our eyes to the needs of our neighbors. Give us glad and generous hearts that we may daily praise Your name, share our lives with simplicity, and reflect Your love to a watching world. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

† PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Welcome each other. Welcome the stranger. Welcome all who come. As Christ welcomes everyone, let us open our hearts and homes and lives. Let us be Christ to everyone we meet. Now greet one another as a sign of God's peace.

L: The peace of Christ is here among us.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Covenant Choir

Gloria

Music by Jim Stanton

Offer unto the Lord finest fruits from your vineyards and wheat from your fields and sing gloria to His name. Offer unto the Lord fairest songs of elation and poems of peace and sing gloria to His name. For His kingdom on earth and His kingdom above are one world without end. Offer unto the Lord hymns of joyous thanksgiving and sonnets of grace and sing gloria to the Lord. Open your hearts to a moment of peace. Open your mouths to an hour of praise. Open your eyes to a day of delight and sing gloria in excelsis Deo.

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

CALL TO THE WORD

Today's scripture reveals a powerful spiritual foundation built by those who came before us, marked by radical generosity, deep fellowship, and awe-inspiring faith. They shared their lives and resources so no one was in need, creating a living model of Christ's love. Today, our responsibility is to honor that sacred legacy by stewarding this unity and caring for our communities with the same devotion. We must pass on a vibrant, compassionate faith to those who come after us, ensuring the light of that early fellowship continues to burn bright for future generations.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 2:43-47

⁴³Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Season's Greetings!

Pastor Markus Wegenast

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

To the tune GIFT OF LOVE

**The church of Christ, in every age beset by change but
Spirit led, must claim and test its heritage and keep on
rising from the dead.**

**Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs
to be a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's
humanity.**

**We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our
Lord, to care for all, without reserve, and spread his
liberating word.**

A CHURCH FOR ALL SEASONS

OFFERTORY

God Will Take Care of You

Arr. Albin Whitworth

† DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Heavenly Father, we offer our gifts to You today knowing that You have brought us together in this time and place. Acknowledging our role in the work of this church, use our offerings and shape our hearts to honor the work to which You have called us. Help us live today in a way that honors both our past and our future. We ask this in the name of Christ Who taught us to pray:

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. Amen.

GO FORTH WITH GOD'S BLESSING

† RECESSIONAL HYMN 438

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord

DUKE STREET

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

O Worship the King

Arr. Albin Whitworth

IN WORSHIP TODAY

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Pam Senefeld and Russ Naber in honor of their granddaughter, Amelia Jean Dowdle's third birthday and for her soon-to-arrive little brother.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Markus Wegenast, *Senior Pastor*

Samuel Yuhas, *Acolyte*

Mary Stapleton, Cathy Rosenbaum, *Lay Readers*

Joe Galyon, *Director of Worship and Arts*

Covenant Choir and Moyue Zhou (piano), *Musicians*

David Eberhardt, *Director of Contemporary Worship*

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