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10th Sunday after Pentecost



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**In cooperation with Chapel by the Sea Presbyterian Church  
and former Beach United Methodist Church**

*Throughout the service  
the congregation reads aloud the bold print*

## **Prelude/Gathering Music**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose compassion endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Compassionate God,

**we confess to you all our sins.**

**Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.**

**In your mercy, call us back to you.**

**Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.**

**Restore us to dwell in your peace.**

**In Christ's name we pray,**

**Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me,  
all you who are weary  
and are carrying heavy burdens,  
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

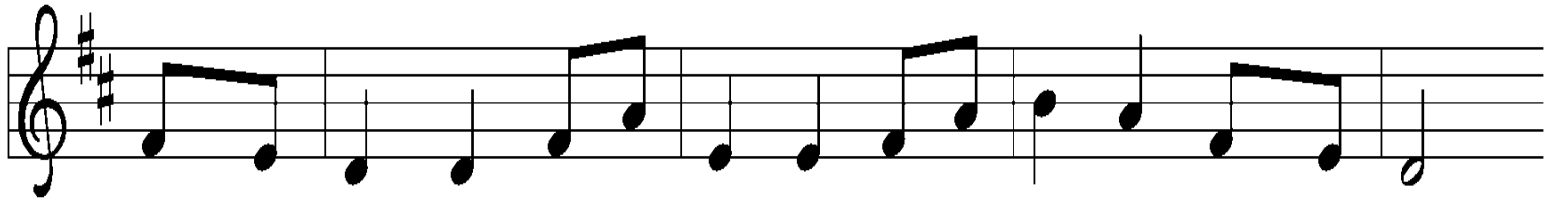
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

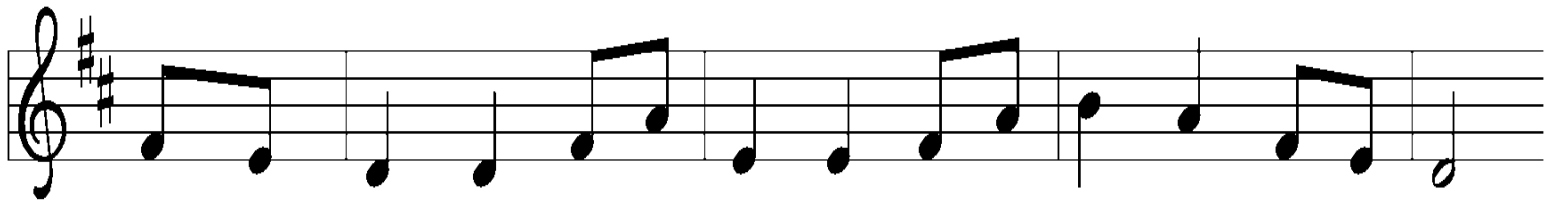
Rest in God's love.

**Amen.**

# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



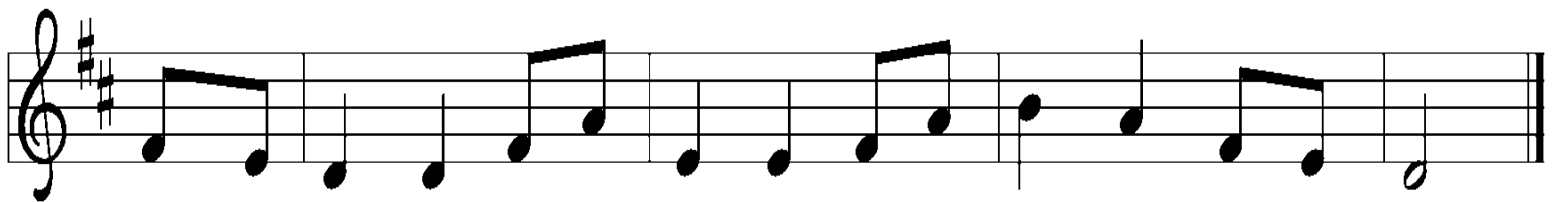
- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.  
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.  
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

**Greeting** The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you**

### Prayer of the Day

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### Glory Be to the Father

Glo-ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly

The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major (two flats). It consists of a treble and bass staff. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics 'Glo-ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly' are written below the notes.

Ghost; As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and ev - er

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and harmony. It begins with a measure rest in the treble staff, indicated by a '6' above the staff. The lyrics 'Ghost; As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and ev - er' are written below the notes.

shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. It begins with a measure rest in the treble staff, indicated by a '10' above the staff. The lyrics 'shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.' are written below the notes. The system ends with a double bar line and a final chord in the bass staff.

## **Call to Worship** is from Psalm 145

- <sup>8</sup> The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- <sup>9</sup> **LORD, you are good to all,  
and your compassion is over all your works.**
- <sup>16</sup> **You open wide your hand  
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.**
- <sup>17</sup> You are righteous in all your ways  
and loving in all your works.
- <sup>18</sup> **You are near to all who call upon you,  
to all who call upon you faithfully.**
- <sup>19</sup> You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;  
you hear their cry and save them.
- <sup>20</sup> **You watch over all those who love you,  
but all the wicked you shall destroy.**
- <sup>21</sup> My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;  
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.

*The first reading is from Romans, the 9th Chapter*

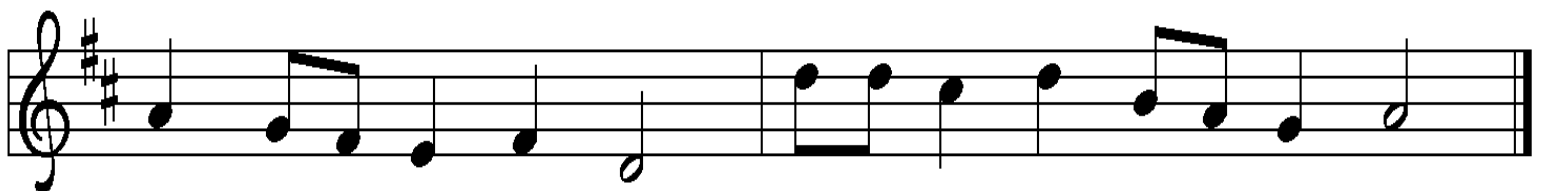
The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **PLEASE STAND FOR THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

# **Gospel**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 14th chapter

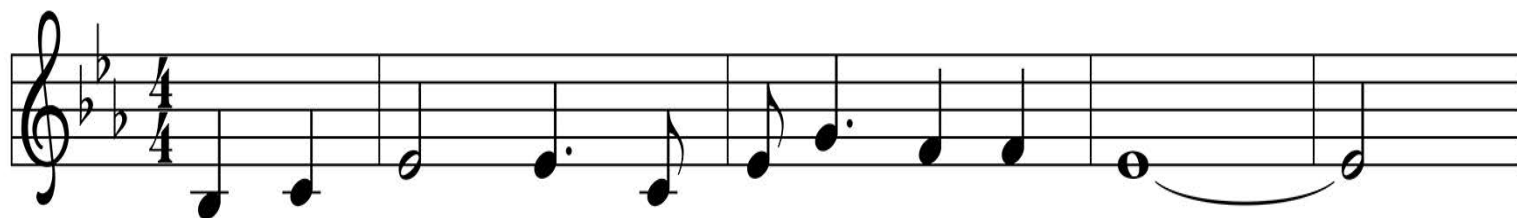
## **Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup> When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup> When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup> They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." <sup>18</sup> And he said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup> Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup> And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup> And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.      **Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon – Rev. Steve Wigdahl**

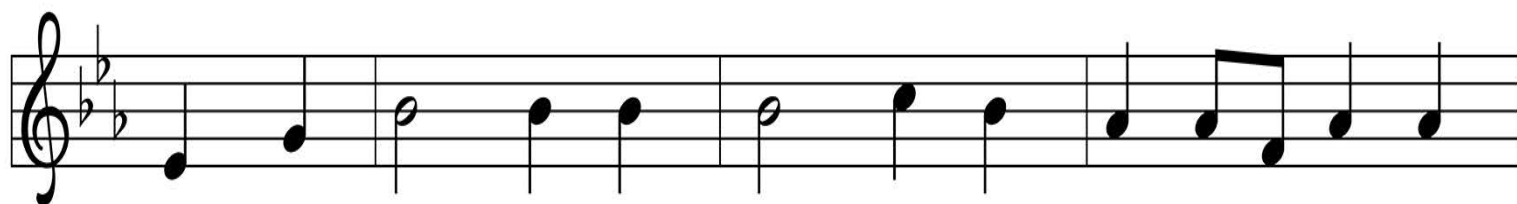
# Let Us Break Bread Together



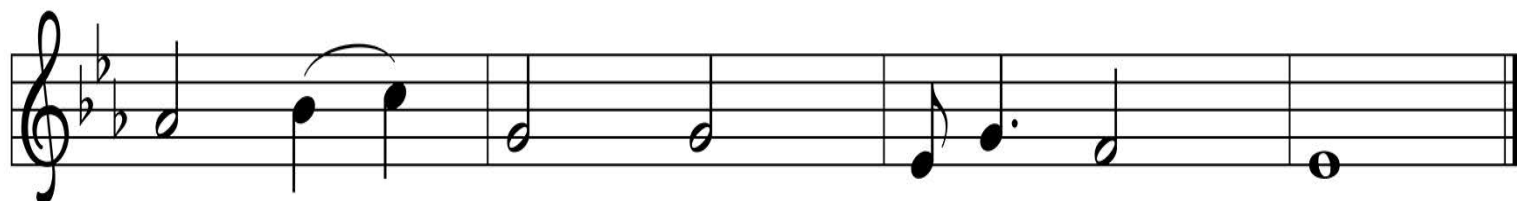
- 1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
- 2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;
- 3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.  
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.  
let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

Let us affirm our faith through the words of 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 Christian church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

(Congregation will respond to each petition with  
**Hear our prayer**)

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised.  
All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **Offering & Special Music**

Choir Anthem -

### **Offering Prayer**

Loving God,  
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.  
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,  
so that all creation can taste your abundance.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Words of Institution**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord  
Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and  
gave it to his disciples, saying;  
Take and eat; this is my body given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave  
it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood shed for you and  
all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## **Lord's Prayer**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach 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 and ever. Amen.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## **Invitation to Communion**

Heaven has come near.

Come, share in the feast!

All are welcome

**Blessing** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his Grace.

## **Prayer after Communion**

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**

## **Benediction**

As you go on your way,  
May God go with you!  
May He go before you..to show you the way;  
May He go behind you...to encourage you;  
Beside you...to befriend you;  
Above you...to watch over you;  
And within you...to give you His Peace!  
In the Name of the Father, and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## **"Go Now in Peace"**

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.  
**Amen, Amen, Amen**

Go in peace. Share the good news!

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SERVING TODAY**

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### **Readings for 8/9/2026**

1 Kings 19:9-18, Psalm 85:8-13,  
Romans 10:5-15, Matthew 14:22-33

The Apostle Paul recognized the power of prayer, often asking others to pray for him as he shared the gospel. In the same way, prayer warriors today uphold churches, pastors, families, and communities. We've all seen the power of prayer at work. Continue to pray for each other.

**WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!**