

September 13, 2026  
16th 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,  
who pours love into our hearts  
and healing upon the earth.

**Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,  
let us confess our sin.

Compassionate God,  
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness  
in the world and in our own hearts.**

**Creation groans from overuse.**

**Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.**

**Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.**

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love  
to others.**

**Turn our hearts back to you.**

**Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.**

**Renew us to live as your holy people,**

**following the way of Jesus Christ.**

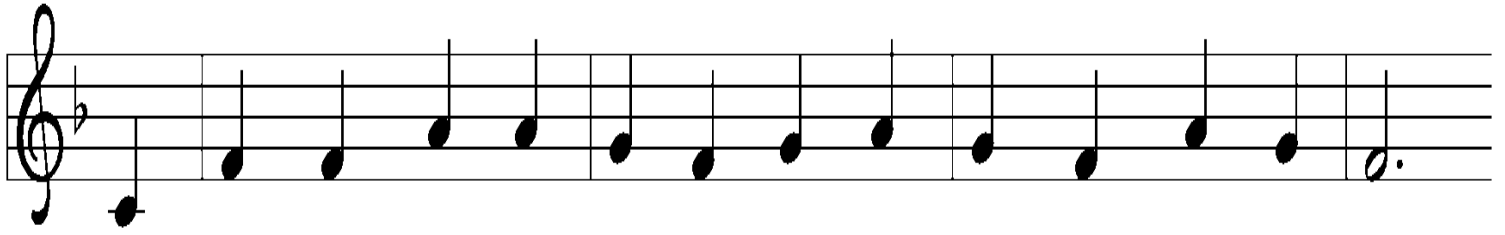
**Amen.**

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ✝ Jesus Christ,  
in whom there is no condemnation,  
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.  
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

**Amen.**

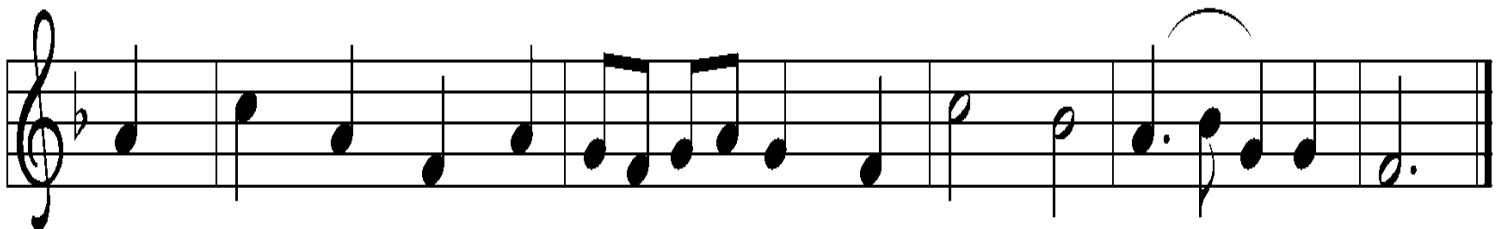
# All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!



- 1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
- 2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
- 3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—
- 4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.  
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.  
the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.  
go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.



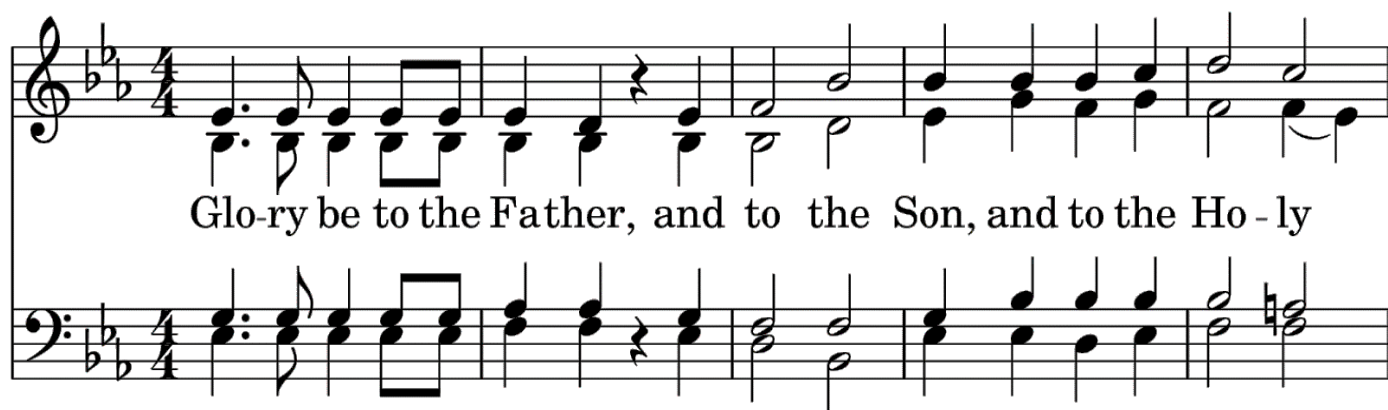
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**Greeting** The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you**

### Prayer of the Day

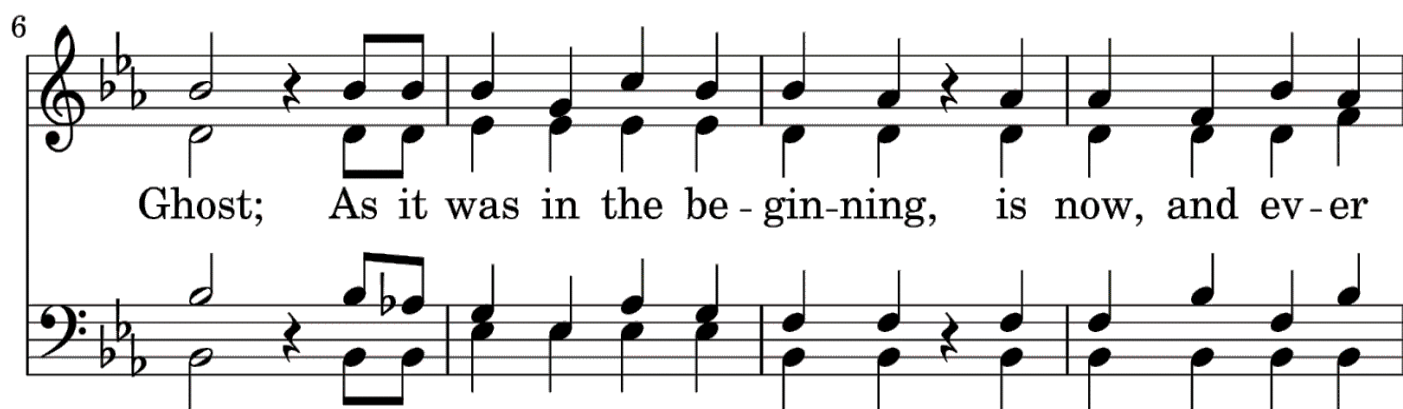
O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## Glory Be to the Father



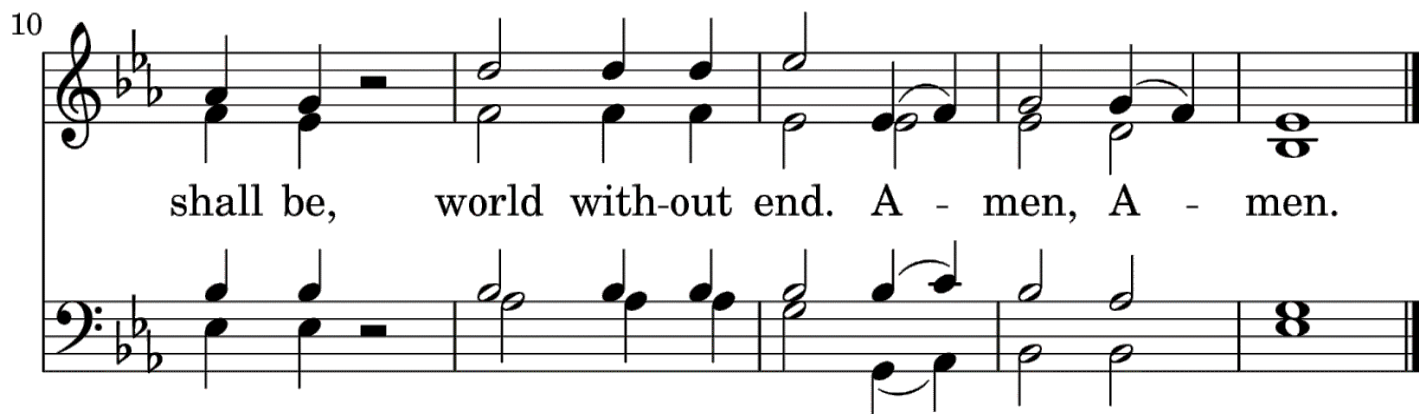
Glo-ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly

The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time, featuring a treble and bass staff with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the notes.



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

The second system continues the melody and harmony. It begins with a measure rest in the treble staff, followed by the lyrics. The notation includes various note values and rests, with the bass staff continuing the harmonic accompaniment.



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

The third system concludes the piece. It features a final cadence in the treble staff, with the lyrics 'A - men, A - men.' The bass staff ends with a double bar line and a final chord. The system number '10' is written at the beginning of the staff.

## **Call to Worship** is from Psalm 103

<sup>1</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

<sup>2</sup> **Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all God's benefits—**

<sup>3</sup> who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases;

<sup>4</sup> **who redeems your life from the grave  
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

<sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

<sup>6</sup> **O LORD, you provide vindication  
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

<sup>7</sup> You made known your ways to Moses  
and your works to the children of Israel.

<sup>8</sup> **LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**

<sup>9</sup> you will not always accuse us,  
nor will you keep your anger forever.

<sup>10</sup> **You have not dealt with us according to our sins,  
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**

<sup>11</sup> For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

<sup>12</sup> **As far as the east is from the west,  
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**

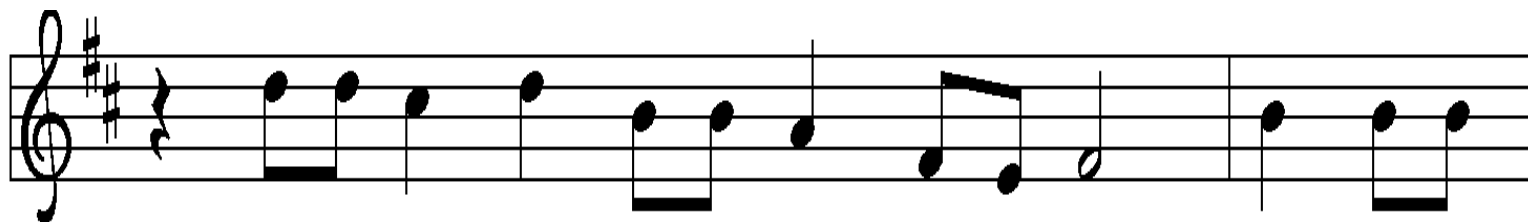
<sup>13</sup> As a father has compassion for his children,  
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

*The first reading is from Romans, the 14th 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 28th chapter

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

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

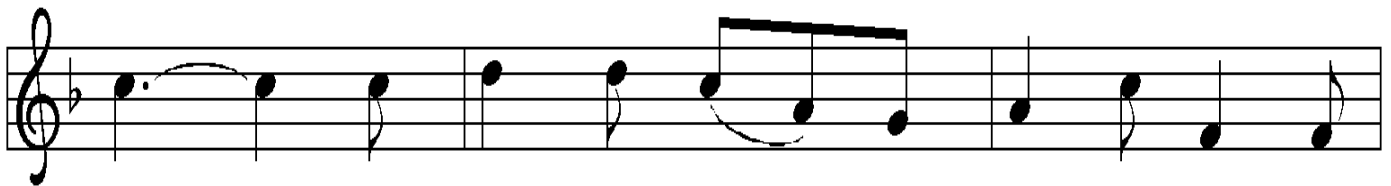
**Sermon – Rev. Steve Wigdahl**

V 1,2,3

# I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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## **Prayers of the People**

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

(Congregation will respond to each petition with  
**Your mercy is great**)

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## **Offering & Special Music**

Choir Anthem

## **Offering Prayer**

God of creation,  
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.  
All blessings are from you;  
make us generous with what we have.  
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts  
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,  
today and always.

**Amen.**

**BAPTISM – see insert**

**Hymn – “Borning Cry” see insert**

## **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**

Christ invites you to this table.

All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

All are welcome

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

## **Prayer after Communion**

Sustaining God,

with this bread and cup,

you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.

By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.

Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,

following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **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 out in joy. Be led forth in peace. Share the good news!  
**Thanks be to God.**

## SERVING TODAY

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Worship Assistant      Trudy Archer

Organist/Choir Director      Carl Lauderman

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## **READINGS FOR 9/26**

JONAH 3:10-4:11, PSALM 145:1-8,  
PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30, MATTHEW 20:1-16

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## **Baptism Bible Verses**

### **Galatians 3:26-27**

<sup>26</sup> So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, <sup>27</sup> for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

### **1 Corinthians 12:12-13**

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.