

August 16, 2026

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE Comptine d'un autre ete - Yann Tiersen

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, children of God, rejoice in your Maker!

People: Sing songs and hymns, old and new; celebrate with voices and instruments, with praise and prayers.

Leader: Open your eyes to the life-giving presence of Jesus Christ.

People: For God is already here, among us and within us, bringing new life to all who believe. Let's praise God together!

*OPENING PRAYER

*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

*HYMN #761 Called As Partners in Christ's Service

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy and compassion, we find ourselves overwhelmed with feelings of frailty and fragility, exhausted by news of the latest crisis, guided by our own shortcomings. You call us to hold fast to what is good, but so often we flounder, unable to find our footing on solid ground. Help us, we pray. Help us to see you as our center, and to cling to the good that you create in the world. Help us to set aside our jealousies and prejudices, our betrayals and lies. Help us to heal the world, rather than hurt the world. Help us to grow even more into Christ's likeness, that we will bear his love and truth to the world.

Leader: Let us continue our confession together in silence.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Know that God loves you beyond all comprehension. In Christ, God forgives and extends hope to all. Let us open our hearts to receive the grace which Christ brings to us in faithfulness. We are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Visio Divina

Christ among the Doctors in the Temple by Paolo Veronese

ANTHEM Good Good Father by Chris Tomlin Praise Band

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:39-52

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON Coming of Age

SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN #757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*CHARGE AND SENDING

POSTLUDE

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Back to School Weekend:
August 22 at 5 pm BBQ & cookout & August 23 Blessing of the Backpacks. Contact: Todd Vermeer, tvermee@gmail.com

Tiny Tunes is back: Starting in September, every Wednesday morning 9:30-10:30 am
For information on this free, community event contact our Spiritual Director, Emma Kate Lander, 410-858-7311; eland@erpc.org
