

September 20, 2026

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE Reverie by Debussy

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, all you who are thirsty for the living water.

People: We come, drawn by the currents of divine love.

Leader: Gather at the river's edge, where we anticipate God's action.

People: God acts today, and God speaks to us today.

Leader: Hear the voice of God bestowing upon your identity.

People: That we are Beloved children.

*OPENING PRAYER

*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

*HYMN #488 I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and Gentle God, We confess that we are a people who believe that we are truly Beloved. Though Your Voice has spoken, declaring that you love us, we spend our days listening to lesser voices, which feed our insecurity and shame. Forgive our reluctance to rest in your grace. Drown our doubts in the waters of your love. Help us to claim our belovedness with confidence, so we may remind others of their belovedness.

Leader: Let us continue our confession together in silence.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God hears all our questions and all our concerns. God sees all our failures and all our mistakes. Yet God defines us by none of these things. God always welcomes us in; God always forgives; God always loves. Friends, hear the Good News: You are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

First Reading

Psalm 29

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

Spirit of the Living God

ERPC Choir

Second Reading

Matthew 3:13–17

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON

Where Do We Start?

SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN #482

Baptized in Water

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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OFFERING

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*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*CHARGE AND SENDING

POSTLUDE

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