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**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ENGLISH LANGUAGE WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 • 10:00 am
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

(Please be sure to silence your cell phones. Thank you!)

PRELUDE 前奏: – Shane Cantanho

WELCOME 歓迎: — Rev. John Oda, Senior Pastor

***CALL TO WORSHIP 招きの言葉:** – Lori Longmire

Leader: Jesus turned to the disciples and said, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

Congregation: We have come today to lay something down.

Leader: For those who want to save their life will lose it,

Congregation: and those who lose their life for Christ’s sake will find it.

Leader: What will it profit us to gain the whole world

Congregation: and forfeit our very souls?

Leader: Come, people of God, come with empty hands and open hearts.

All: Let us worship the Living God this morning at Wesley!

***OPENING PRAYER 祈禱:** – Lori Longmire

Gracious God, you actually did not call us to experience only comfort, but to the “cross”. Like Peter, we would rather you spare us the hard road, we would rather hear only of the easy things and skip the suffering that precedes it. Forgive us for the ways we have set our minds on human things rather than on yours. Give us the courage to take up whatever cross is ours to carry, trusting that you walk every step beside us. Loosen our grip on the things of this world, that we might take hold of the life you alone can give. Amen.

***SONG: “Holy Forever”** – Wesley Praise Band

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A thousand generations
falling down in worship
to sing the song of ages to the Lamb,

and all who've gone before us
and all who will believe
will sing the song of ages to the Lamb.

Your name is the highest,
your name is the greatest,
your name stands above them all.
All thrones and dominions,
all powers and positions,
your name stands above them all.

And the angels cry, "Holy."
All creation cries, "Holy."
You are lifted high, Holy, Holy forever.

If you've been forgiven
and if you've been redeemed,
sing the song forever to the Lamb.
If you walk in freedom and if you bear his name,
sing the song forever to the Lamb.
We'll sing the song forever and amen.

And the angels cry, "Holy."
All creation cries, "Holy."
You are lifted high, Holy, Holy forever.
Hear your people sing, "Holy,"
to the King of kings, "Holy."
You will always be Holy, Holy forever.

Your name is the highest,
your name is the greatest,
your name stands above them all.
All thrones and dominions,
all powers and positions,
your name stands above them all.

Jesus, your name is the highest,
your name is the greatest,
your name stands above them all.
All thrones and dominions,
all powers and positions,
your name stands above them all.

And the angels cry, "Holy."
All creation cries, "Holy."
You are lifted high, Holy, Holy forever.
Hear your people sing, "Holy,"
to the King of kings, "Holy."
You will always be Holy, Holy forever.
You will always be Holy, Holy forever.

***SONG: "I Will Follow" – Wesley Praise Band**

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Where you go, I'll go; where you stay, I'll stay;
when you move, I'll move.
I will follow.

All your ways are good, all your ways are sure;
I will trust in you alone.
Higher than my sight, high above my life;
I will trust in you alone.

Where you go, I'll go; where you stay, I'll stay;
when you move, I'll move.
I will follow you.
Whom you love, I'll love;
how you serve, I'll serve;
if this life I lose, I will follow you, yeah.
I will follow you, yeah.

Light into the world, light into my life;
I will live for you alone.
You're the one I seek,
knowing I will find all I need in you alone.
In you alone.

Where you go, I'll go; where you stay, I'll stay;
when you move, I'll move.
I will follow you.
Whom you love, I'll love;
how you serve, I'll serve;

if this life I lose, I will follow you, yeah.
I will follow you, yeah.

In you, there's life everlasting.
In you, there's freedom for my soul.
In you, there's joy, unending joy.
And I will follow.

Where you go, I'll go; where you stay, I'll stay;
when you move, I'll move.
I will follow you.
Whom you love, I'll love;
how you serve, I'll serve;
if this life I lose, I will follow.

Where you go, I'll go; where you stay, I'll stay;
when you move, I'll move.
I will follow you.
Whom you love, I'll love;
how you serve, I'll serve;
if this life I lose, I will follow you, yeah.
I will follow you, yeah.
I will follow you, yeah.
I will follow you, yeah.

***Children, Youth, and teachers
are excused to their classes.***

ANTHEM: “The Life of Praise” – Chancel Choir

conducted by Denise Rawlinson.

Words by Phil Speary and music by John Leavitt

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SCRIPTURE 聖書: – Lori Longmire

Matthew 16:21-28

²¹From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see

the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

MESSAGE 説教: “Loosen Your Grip on Your Life”

— Rev. John Oda, Senior Pastor

SONG: “Take My Life and Let It Be”

— Wesley Praise Band

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Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love,
at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee;
take my voice and let me sing
always, only for my king,
always, only for my king.

Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages for thee;
take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold.

Take my love, my God, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;

take myself and I will be
ever, only all for thee,
ever, only all for thee.

Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages for thee;
take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold.

Take my love, my God, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only all for thee,
ever, only all for thee.

COLLECTION OF OUR OFFERING 献金: — Lori Longmire

If this is your first time or you are new, please don't feel any obligation to put anything in the offering plate. Your presence with us is truly gift enough.

OFFERTORY MUSIC: — Shane Cantanho
"In the Garden"

Today's Altar Flowers are given by Carolyn Kameya in honor of Mas Kameya's 97th birthday. In Okinawan tradition, the 'kajimayaa' year honors people who have reached 97 years of age. It is named after the word for 'pinwheel' because the

belief is that people return to childlike innocence and begin a new cycle of life at this age.

***DOXOLOGY 頌榮:** – Shane Cantanho

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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

In Japanese:

A-me-tsu-chi ko-zo-ri-te

Ka-shi-ko-mi ta-ta-e-yo

Mi-me-gu-mi a-fu-ru-ru

Chi-chi mi-ko mi-ta-ma wo. Amen

***OFFERTORY PRAYER 祈禱:** – Lori Longmire

Eternal God, Jesus asked what it profits us to gain the whole world and forfeit our very souls. In a world that measures worth by what we keep, you teach us that our lives are made whole by what we give away. We bring these gifts not as leftovers, but as a first fruit of hearts that have chosen to follow. Take what we offer, our money, our time, our very selves, and use it for the building up of your kingdom, in this church, in this

Japantown neighborhood, and in this world you so love.
Multiply these gifts beyond what we could ask or
imagine. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER 牧会祈祷: — Rev. John Oda

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Creator, 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.

***SONG:** “Power of Your Love” – Wesley Praise Band

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Lord, I come to you,
let my heart be changed, renewed,
flowing from the grace that I've found in you.
And Lord, I've come to know
the weaknesses I see in me
will be stripped away by the pow'r of your love.

Hold me close, let your love surround me.
Bring me near, draw me to your side.
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle,
and I will soar with you,
your Spirit leads me on
in the pow'r of your love.

Lord, unveil my eyes,
let me see you face to face,
the knowledge of your love as you live in me.
Lord, renew my mind,
as your will unfolds in my life,
in living every day in the pow'r of your love.

Hold me close, let your love surround me.
Bring me near, draw me to your side.
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle,
and I will soar with you,
your Spirit leads me on
in the pow'r of your love.

***BENEDICTION 祝禱:** – Rev. John Oda

***RESPONSE 応答:** – “Go Now In Peace” – Shane Cantanho

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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 God 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.

POSTLUDE MUSIC 後奏: — Shane Cantanho

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