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16 PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 ✕ 9:30 AM

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MUSIC FOR GATHERING

September 13, 2026

Voluntary No. 4 - Paul F. Page
Sweet Peace - Gregg Sewell
Joanne Vasey, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

PRELUDE

Trompette Prelude - James D. Kimball
Joanne Vasey, organ

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed by the Holy Trinity ✠ one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Brief silence

P Most merciful God,

C **We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have neglected to nurture the new growth you cause to sprout among us. We have failed to protect those tender and vulnerable in faith from the choking weeds of our indifference and inflexibility. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, rededicate us, and compel us, So that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C **Amen.**

*** GATHERING HYMN**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty - ELW # 858

Arr. Floyd McCoy

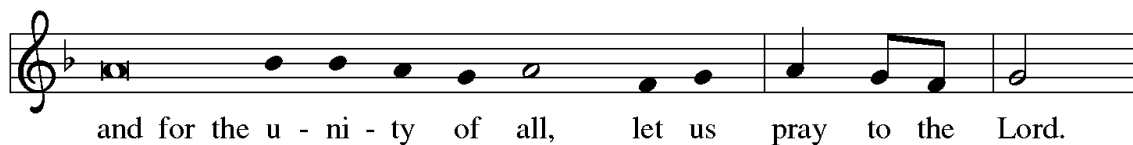
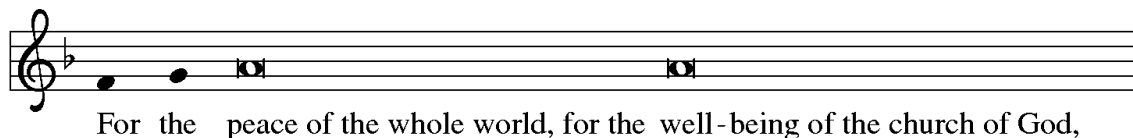
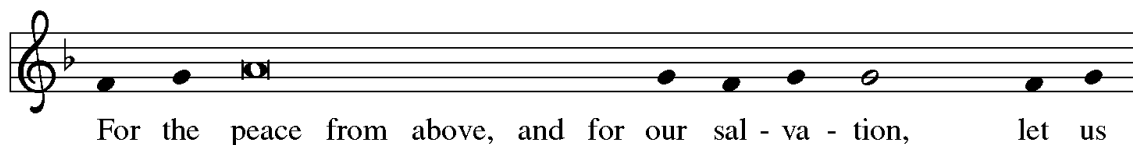
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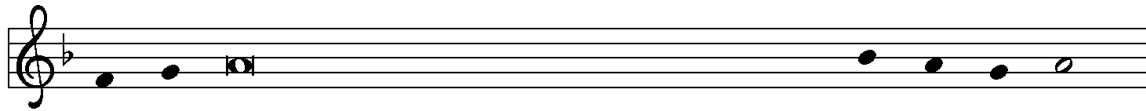
*** GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

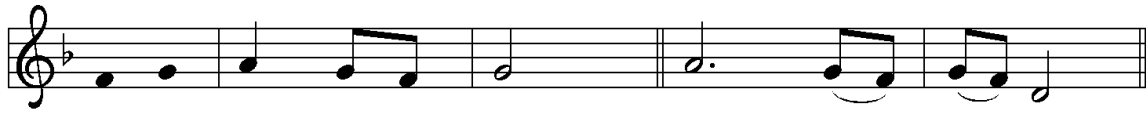
C And also with you.

*** KYRIE**





For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

* HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



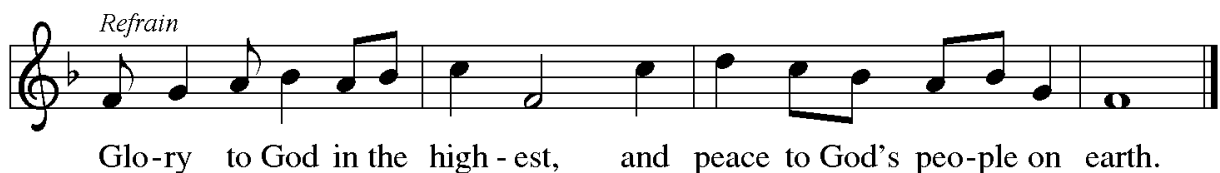
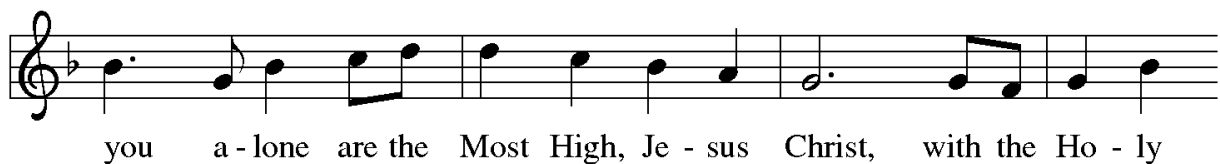
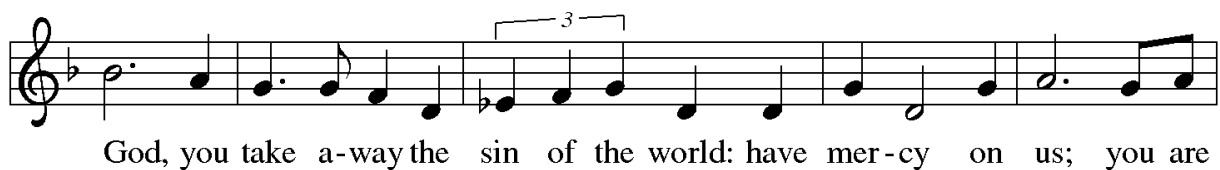
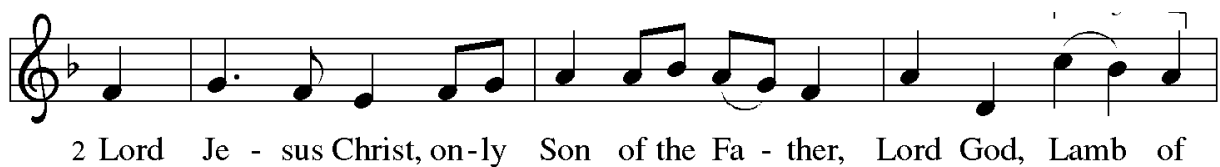
1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



*** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P O God, you have promised through your Son to be with your church forever. We give you thanks for those who founded this community of believers and for the signs of your presence in our congregation. Increase in us the spirit of faith and love, and make our fellowship an example to all believers and to all nations. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12

¹ Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷ For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

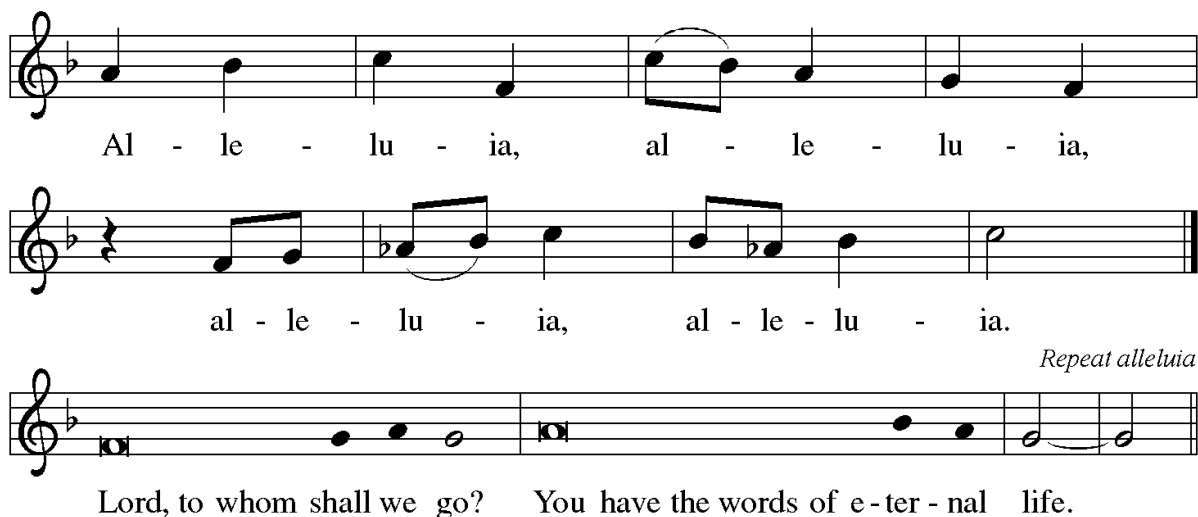
¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

¹² So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 18: 21-35

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the eighteenth chapter:

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³ “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’

²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

P The Gospel of our Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

The Rev. Katy Moran

* HYMN OF THE DAY

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death - ELW # 452

* THE APOSTLES’ CREED

P Living together in trust and hope with believers around the world, we confess our common faith:

**C 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 catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*** PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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

A brief silence.

**P Move your church throughout the world away from judging and despising others.
Lead us to embody the forgiveness you have given us in Jesus. Hear us, O God.**

C Your mercy is great.

**A The endless beauty of your creation reminds us of your mercy. Protect those who
care for farms and ranches. Guide those who lead us to wonder at your creation. Hear
us, O God.**

C Your mercy is great.

**P Raise up leaders to hold all in authority accountable for any misuse of the power
entrusted to them. Hear us, O God.**

C Your mercy is great.

A Calm the fears of all in need with your promises. Compassionately free the lives of any who feel bound by their failures. Remember your children in need especially those we name aloud or in our hearts (*brief pause*). Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P Ground this congregation in the welcome you show us in forgiving our sin. Inspire each of us to welcome others for your honor and glory. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A With you is found the joy and promise of eternal life. Keep us in that joy as we remember all those who have gone before us. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P We give thanks to you for the members and the ministry of this congregation: for those who had the vision to begin this congregation, those who sustain its present ministry, and those who will carry its mission forward into the future.

C **Your mercy is great.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

*** SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

(Worshippers are encouraged to share the greeting "Peace be with you" with one another.)

OFFERTORY INTERLUDE

*Two-Fold Amen - G.F. Handel; Arr. Lani Smith
Joanne Vasey, organ*

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*OFFERTORY VERSE

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW # 181

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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* OFFERTORY PRAYER

A 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.

C Amen.

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*** SANCTUS**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Jesus was always the guest. In the homes of Peter and Jairus, Martha and Mary, Joanna and Susanna, he was always the guest. At the meal tables of the wealthy where he pled the case of the poor, he was always the guest. Upsetting polite company, befriending isolated people, welcoming the stranger, he was always the guest.

P But here, at this table, he is the host. Those who wish to serve him must first be served by him. Those who want to follow him must first be fed by him. For this is the table where God intends us to be nourished. This is the table where we who are broken are made whole. So, come, you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith, for a better life, for a fairer world. Jesus Christ, who has sat at our tables, now invites us to be guests at his.

P 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.

P 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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P So now we do as Jesus did. We take this bread and wine, the produce of the earth
and fruit of human labor. In these, Jesus has promised to be present; through these,
Christ can make us whole. We ask, merciful God, that you send, in kindness, your
Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of
Jesus. Let that same Spirit rest on us, call us from the folly of this world, until in
wisdom, we conform to the shape of him whose food we now share.

P All this we ask through your son, Jesus Christ. By him, with him, and in him, in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, All honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and
forever.

C **Amen.**

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us saying:

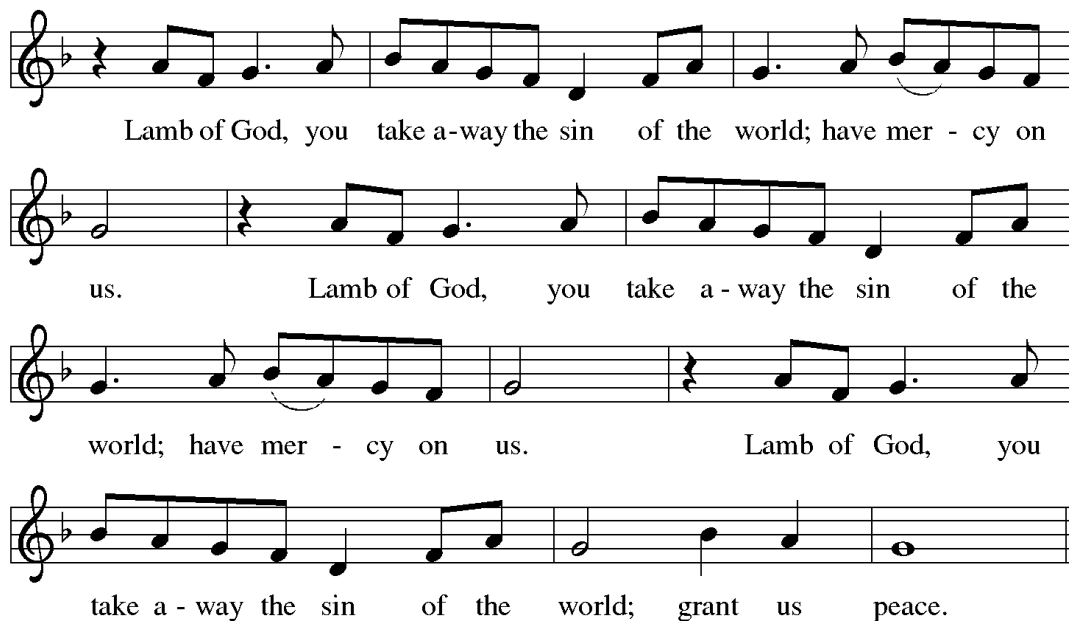
C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

*** INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

C **Thanks be to God.**

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Communion With God - Franklin Ritter
Joanne Vasey, organ

COMMUNION HYMN

I Come With Joy - ELW # 482

* POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

* POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A 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.

C **Amen.**

* BENEDICTION

P The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

P The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

C Amen.

P The God of grace ✕ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

* SENDING HYMN

God's Work, Our Hands - ACS 1000

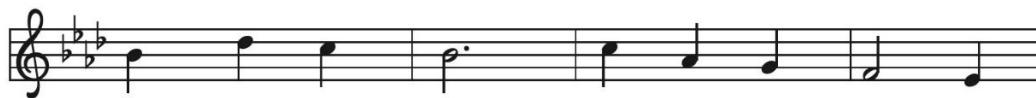
With Pop-Up Orchestra Dale Biesecker, piano



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
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Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922–1987

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* DISMISSAL

P Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C **Thanks be to God.**

* POSTLUDE

Baroque Trumpet - Gordon Young

Joanne Vasey, organ

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THE WHITE CARNATION on the Altar is placed there in loving memory of Sharon Patton, in remembrance of the one year anniversary of her passing on September 17, 2025.

THANKS to the Pop-Up Orchestra and Dale Biesecker (piano) for accompanying the Gathering and Sending Hymns.

Today's orchestra personnel (alphabetically): Brandy Aguirre (violin), Diana Aguirre (violin), Dale Biesecker (piano), Laura Faux (piccolo/flute), Maddy Hauck (trombone), Violet Hauck (clarinet), Bob Lamparter (violin), Joey Martin (trombone), Tom Milbrand (baritone horn), Dan White (bassoon), Kailyn White (violin), Laurel White (violin), Lennox White (violin), Addie Williamson (clarinet), Toletha Yoder (clarinet)

Choir & Ensembles for Fall 2026 –

New folks welcome and encouraged to participate!

Parish Choir: Rehearsed choir for mixed voices. Rehearsals begin Mon., Sept. 14 at 7:15 pm. MS/HS students welcome as well as adults of all ages. Contact Brandy Aguirre.

Parish Peal Handbell Choir/Handbell Ensemble: Rehearsed choir of bell ringers. MS/HS students welcome as well as adults of all ages. Ability to read music is helpful, but not a deal breaker. New folks interested in learning to ring are asked to contact Joanne Vasey. Rehearsals begin Mon., Sept. 14 at 6:30 pm.

Pop-Up Choir: Unrehearsed choir of mixed voices who provides the communion anthem on announced Sundays. Anthems are familiar hymns sung in harmony as written. Children, youth and adults welcome! Contact Brandy Aguirre.

Children's Choir: For pre-school and elementary children. Rehearses during the Sunday School hour. Singing, rhythm instruments, Orff, color-coded handbells, and more! Contact Brandy Aguirre.

What's Happening This Week at CELC?

Rally Day/Sunday, Sept. 13

Anniversary Sunday Worship, 9:30am

Sunday School, 10:45am

Synod Youth Game Night – CELC, 2:00pm –4:00pm

Faith Lab – UIC, 4:30pm – 6:30pm

Monday, Sept. 14

Counters, 9:15am

Parish Peal Handbell Choir, 6:30pm

Al-Anon-YR, 7:00pm

Parish Choir, 7:15pm

Wednesday, Sept. 16

Holy Sew 'N' Sews - LCH, 9:00am

Thursday, Sept. 17

Ladies Bible Study - Rm. 204-206, 9:30am & 3:30pm

Dinner by the River - Presbyterian Church, 4:00pm – 8:00pm

Sunday, Sept. 20

Worship, 9:30am

Sunday School, 10:45am

Faith Lab– UIC, 4:30pm – 6:30pm

9:30 am	<i>September 13 Rally Day Sunday</i>	<i>September 20 17 Pentecost</i>
Worship Asst.	Joseph Martin	Sarah Patte
Lector	Tom Milbrand	Jim Snyder
Acolytes	Maddy Hauck / Lilley Tillson	Lilly Patte / Claire Hershberger
Communion Ushers	Tim Apple Miriam Milbrand	Mel Wunder Laura Faux
Communion Assistant	Tess Trowbridge	Jackie Goff
Communion Pourers	Tim Goff / Darlene Rowe	Adelynn & Mark Elliot
Usher Team	Laura Faux Jackie Cvik	Rick Slear Tess Trowbridge
Welcome Desk	Beverly Harvey	Laurie Slear
Grocery Cards	Pam Baker	Beckie Stahlnecker
Altar Guild	Diane Miller	
CPIC	Laura Adams	

ATTENDANCE: 9:30am: September 6, 2026: 85

September Prayer Requests

Are you or a loved one in need of prayer?

Submit your prayer request by calling 570-524-0745

or emailing it to christchurch@dejazzd.com

MEMBER CONCERNS:

Patti Faux -cancer treatment Emmy Gearhart -health Bonnie Hetherington -cancer treatment The friends & family of Barbara Hilferty -bereavement Dennis Lucas -health John & Dottie Michaels -health Gary Rickenbach -health The friends and family of Sharm Liddick -bereavement Janet Shuman -health Rick Slear -cancer recovery	Julie Stefan - breast cancer & treatment Tracy -concerns Joanne Vasey -health Lisa Veloz -health DeeDee Wagner -health Ruth Ann Wallis -health Diane Warner - health Jay Warner -diabetes Roberta Winder -health Charlotte Winter -health Toletha Yost -health
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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS & THOSE IN LONG TERM CARE:

Cori Hetherington	Bryan Berry	Joanne Gundrum
Jodi Jarrett	Joyce Beck	Matt Hepner
Ben & Marian Thomas	Leola Dornsife	

EXTENDED FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Gustavo Amaya -renal failure	Marc Pompeo -health
Jared Carvell -ALS	Wade Reese -cancer treatment
Kathy Davis -health & recovery	Emily Rowe -chemotherapy for colon cancer
Nick Donaldson -cancer	Scott Smith -cancer
Dave Lohr -cancer	Andrew White -health
The family of Ken Hall -bereavement	Dave White -surgery
Erin May Kellett -cancer	Nikk Wintersteen -cancer
Albert Lee -Parkinsons	
Dave Lohr -cancer	

Please pray for our members & friends serving in the military!

**Please note, your prayer requests will stay on the prayer list for 8 weeks unless you contact the church office (570.524.0745) and request otherwise. If you see an asterisk by a name it indicates an update is needed from the person who placed them on the prayer list.*