



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

July 19, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



We are called to be a welcoming and supportive community whose inspiring worship of God encourages everyone to deepen their faith and to respond to the needs of the world with the compassion of Christ.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

***Please rise in body or in spirit.**

Chiming of the Hour

We encourage you to quiet your minds and hearts for worship at this time.

Welcome and Announcements

Sign the Friendship Register at the end of your pew and pass it to your neighbor.

Organ Voluntary

Duo

Nicolas de Grigny

WE ADDRESS OURSELVES TO GOD

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We gather today as many people, many hearts, many minds.

People: Knit us together, Creator God.

Leader: We carry the wounds of our ancestors with us.

People: Heal our divisions, Christ Jesus.

Leader: We carry the hope of Christ within us.

ALL: By Your Spirit, carry us forward and make us one.

***Hymn**

We Are One In the Spirit

Hymn #300

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Merciful God, we join in one voice to confess our sins before You. We confess our desire for power and exchange it for Your peace. We confess our pride and exchange it for Your perfect will. We confess our fears and exchange them for faith. We confess our temptation to deceive and exchange it for Your truth. We confess our willingness to exploit and exchange it for Your divine justice. Forgive us, we pray. We are Your people, and we submit ourselves to You again.

***Silent Confessions**

***Assurance of God's Grace**

***Response to Confession**

We Are Forgiven

Hymn #447

We are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

***The Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share that peace with one another.

A Conversation with Young Disciples

All children are invited to come forward for the children's message.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

1 Cor 1:10–18; Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 166

Leader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

People: Thanks be to God.

Solo

Mothering God

text: Jean Janzen
music: Tom Trenney

*Mothering God, You gave me birth in the bright morning of this world.
Creator, source of every breath, You are my rain, my wind, my sun.
Mothering Christ, You took my form, offering me Your food of light,
grain of life, and grape of love, Your very body for my peace.
Mothering Spirit, nurturing one, in arms of patience hold me close,
so that in faith I root and grow until I flower, until I know.*

Scripture Reading

Genesis 29:15–28; Pew Bible, O.T., pg. 26

Leader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Same Old Story
Rev. Rachel Finken

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Hymn #716

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Offertory Sentences

Offertory Solo

Lord, Here Am I

text: Frannie Crosby
music: John Ness Beck

*Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey. Only direct me, and I'll find Thy way.
Teach me the mission appointed for me. What is my labor, and where it shall be.
Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."*

*Willing, my Savior, to take up the cross. Willing to suffer reproaches and loss.
Willing to follow, if Thou wilt but lead. Only support me with grace in my need.
Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."
Living or dying, I still would be Thine. Yet I am mortal while Thou art divine.
Pardon, whenever I turn from the right. Pity, and bring me again to the light.
Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I!"*

Prayer of Dedication

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LORD

*Closing Hymn	Called as Partners In Christ's Service	Hymn #761
*Benediction		
Organ Voluntary	Point d'Orgue sur les Grands Jeux	Nicolas de Grigny

Worship Leaders:

Rev. Rachel Finken, *Associate Pastor*; Lisa Ward, *Liturgist*

Music Ministry:

Bill Stein, *Director of Music Ministries*; John Richey, *soloist*

Livestream Host: Gary Hepp **Usher Captain:** Amy Freshwater

Ushers: Missy Wulff, John Becker, Charlene McFarland, Terry McFarland

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