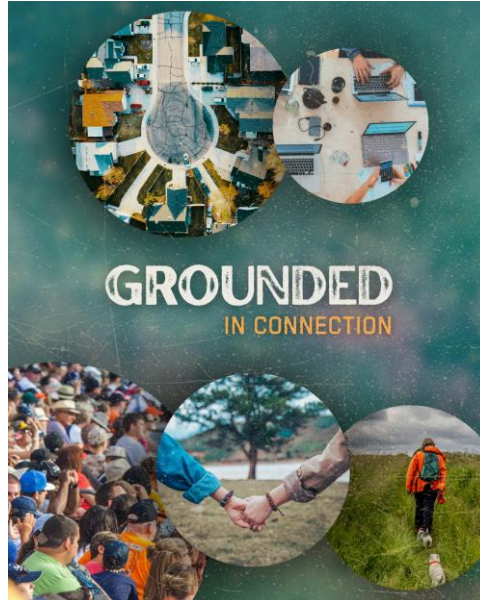


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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 16, 2026
8:30 am

The Holy Spirit Empowers Us for Ministry in Daily Life

Gathered by God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we invite and welcome all people to join us on our journey
to become more faithful ministers of Jesus Christ
in our homes, our communities, and the world.

We welcome all who worship with us today.

Visitors are invited to sign the guest register located in the lobby.

If you are interested in joining our family of faith,
please talk with one of our Pastors or call the church office.

Children are welcome and celebrated!

The “Children’s Ministry” table and basket in the lobby
contains a variety of items for children’s use during worship.
Stop by to borrow a book or pick up some coloring sheets and crayons.

Please silence all communication devices.

Our services are live streamed and recorded. In-person attendance implies consent
to be included in the live streamed and recorded worship service.

HOLY COMMUNION

All who believe in the presence of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to receive the Sacrament. To facilitate flow, the ushers invite people to come forward starting with the back rows and working forward. You should come forward using the center aisle to receive the elements in a continuous style from pastor and worship assistant. Afterward you may choose to kneel or stand at the altar rail for a brief moment of prayer or return to your seat up the side aisle, depositing your empty cup in the receptacle on your way. Gluten free wafers are available. Our wine is grape juice so that all may freely receive.

Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Communion kits are available at the usher stands for those who prefer to remain in their seats, and they will be communed along with our Zoom worshippers at the beginning of distribution.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Gathering Music

Stand by Me
Glenn Hinderliter, solo & percussion

King

Relevant “pop tunes” are not necessarily religious, in the sense that they were probably not intended for incorporation by the church. But they are spiritual in the sense that they beautifully bring to light deep aspects of our human condition in honest ways - ways that an artist-God who so wonderfully creates space and time and substance is certainly in beautiful and honest aspects of our own creativity. This may be new, and that’s OK. The goal of this practice is that faith and daily life come closer together, as we learn to listen for the God-message all around us. Because Sacred God stepped into our secular world with redemptive and creative power, we are invited to continue challenging the “sacred-secular” divide, growing in awareness of and participation in God’s active presence in all areas of our lived experience.

Welcome and Announcements

We rise in body or spirit.

Invitation to Worship

Come gather in worship today as we celebrate the joy, grace,
and strength found in living and growing together as one faithful community.

We join in our Mission Statement:

**Gathered by God’s grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we invite and welcome all people to join us
on our journey to become more faithful ministers of Jesus Christ in our homes,
our communities, and the world.**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be God, who gives us life,
who makes water rise from the earth,
whose mercy rolls down like an ever-flowing stream.

Amen.

In baptism, we are given new life
through the grace, love, and connection of Christ.
We come in gratitude for kinship and community,
for forgiveness and resurrection,
for beginning anew each day.

Water may be poured into the font.

We give you thanks, God of all creation,
for the water that has given us birth;
for your call to care for one another;
for welcoming us into the ever-flowing current
of your mercy and love.

Pour your grace into each of us and all of us
that we may live together in your newness and life.

Let us rest in you,
knowing that we are loved, held, and sent forth to care
for your creation, for our whole selves, and for one another.
In the name of the Holy Trinity +
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHORUS

♩ = 120 D G A D F#m7 G A

All are wel - come, friend and stran - ger, at the ban - quet of the Sav - ior.

VERSE

D G A D F#m7 G A G

5 *Last time to Coda*

All are wel - come. All are wel - come here.

1. From the wo - man
2. From the ones who
3. Go in - to the

10 D/F# Em D G

who comes cry - ing, leav - ing tears at Je - sus' feet, to the man who
feel for - got - ten, those who sense their place is gone, to the ones who
streets and ci - ties, to the farms and fam - i - lies, tell a - bout the

14 F#m7 E G *D.C. al Coda*

knows the right way but can - not see.
live in hun - ger; here you be - long.
splen - did ta - ble, God's mer - cy.

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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

We pray. God of abundance,
**you nourish us even when all seems bare. Help us to trust in your provision
and connection, and open our hearts to your hospitality and care.
Let us entrust our whole selves to you so that we may welcome one another
in your love. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching, and song.

Reading | Kings 17:8-16

Translation: NRSVue

A Reading from 1st Kings, the 17th Chapter

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there, for I have commanded a widow there to feed you."
So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said, but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

We rise in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.

The Good News from Luke, the 4th chapter.

Open our hearts, Lord.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set free those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down.

The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is this not Joseph’s son?” He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months and there was a severe famine over all the land, yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many with a skin disease in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.”

When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage.

They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

This is the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

The assembly is seated.

We rise in body or spirit.

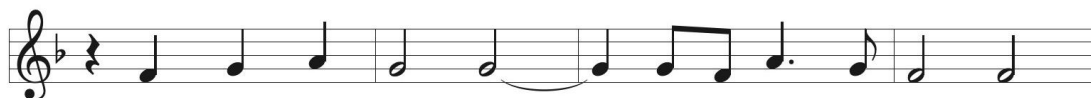
Word in Song

When We Are Living

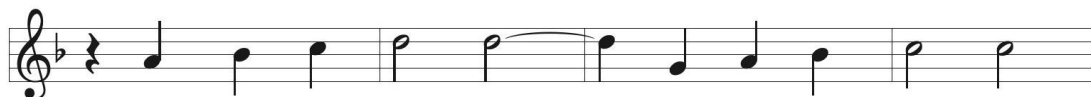
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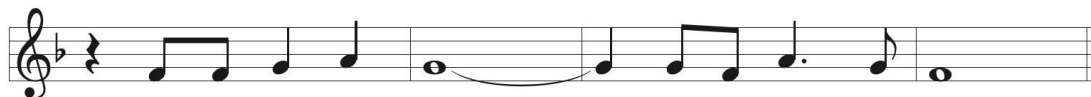
Pues si vi - vi - mos, pa - ra él vi - vi - mos,
 1 When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,
 2 'Mid times of sor - row and in times of pain, . . .
 3 A - cross this wide world, we shall al - ways find . . .



y si mo - ri - mos pa - ra él mo - ri - mos.
 and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord. . .
 when sens - ing beau - ty or in love's em - brace, . . .
 those who are cry - ing with no peace of mind; . . .



Sea que vi - va - mos o que mu - ra - mos,
 Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,
 wheth - er we suf - fer, or sing re - joic - ing,
 and when we help them, or when we feed them,



so - mos del Se - ñor, so - mos del Se - ñor.
 we be - long to God, we be - long to God.
 we be - long to God, we be - long to God.
 we be - long to God, we be - long to God.

Affirmation of Faith

God calls us out of loneliness and into the family of faith.

We affirm that our faith is not a solitary journey.

We are connected by one faith, one baptism, and one Parent of all.

At the table of grace, we are made one with Christ and one with each other. Therefore, we reject all that can divide us and are united with one another through Christ's boundless love.

We go forth from this place as agents of reconciliation, extending the grace we have received, building a community of hope, justice, and love. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to prayer:

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

After each petition:

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Pastor's closing prayer:

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised.
All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace by saying,
"Peace be with you."*

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

During the Offering Song, the gifts will be brought forward. You may remain seated.
If you wish you may leave your offering in the additional offering plates located on the tables in the back of the sanctuary as you leave.

Offering Song

We Are An Offering (no repeat)

ELW 692

CHORUS 1

BRIDGE

CHORUS 2

1 **2**

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in 4/4 time with a tempo of 60 beats per minute. It consists of six staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a tempo marking of J=60. The first staff contains measures 1 through 3, with lyrics 'We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an'. The second staff contains measures 4 through 6, with lyrics 'of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our'. The third staff contains measures 7 through 9, with lyrics 'lives, they are Yours, we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have,'. The fourth staff contains measures 10 through 13, with lyrics 'all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You.'. The fifth staff contains measures 14 through 17, with lyrics 'We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an'. The sixth staff contains measures 18 through 21, with lyrics 'of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing. We lift our of-fer-ing.'. The score includes various musical notations such as rests, eighth notes, quarter notes, and triplet markings. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: G7, C, Dm7, C/E, F, C/E, Dm7, G7sus, G7, C, Dm7, C/E, F, C/E, Dm7, G7sus, G/F, Em7, Asus, A7, Dm7, G7sus, G7, Esus, D/F#, E/G#, Am, F, C/E, Bb/C, A/C#, Dm7, G7sus, G7, C, Dm7, C/E, F, C/E, Dm7, G7sus, G7, C, G7sus, G7, C. The score is divided into sections: CHORUS 1 (measures 1-6), BRIDGE (measures 7-9), CHORUS 2 (measures 14-17), and a final section (measures 18-21) with first and second endings. The first ending (measures 18-20) leads back to the beginning of the song, and the second ending (measure 21) is a final cadence.

Offering Prayer

We pray. God of abundance, you have blessed us with life together in you.
Let us share all that we have been given, knowing that there is enough for all,
and that you bind us to one another in love.

Amen.

We rise in body or spirit.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, God of grace, God of care, God of relationship.
You birthed us all in the waters of creation.
You brought us from death to life through your Son Jesus,
and you meet us at your table where a place is set for each of us.

Words of Institution

Word in Meal

At your table, we remember the self-giving love of Jesus
who taught us to gather around his love
and share in the feast together.
Send us your Spirit to bind us together
in all time and in all places
with your love that knows no end.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

God in community, Holy in One, hear us as we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to the Table

Come gather at the table where all belong,
to share in Christ's grace
and connect with one another as one family.

The assembly is seated.

Distribution of Communion

Communion Song

Shepherd Me, O God

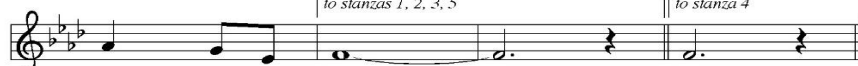
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Refrain
All



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from

to stanzas 1, 2, 3, 5 *to stanza 4*



death in - to life. life.

Leader or All



1 God is my shep-herd, so noth - ing shall I want, I
2 Gent - ly you raise me and heal my wea - ry soul, you
3 Though I should wan - der the val - ley of death, I



rest in the mead-ows of faith - ful - ness and love, I
lead me by path-ways of righ - teous-ness and truth, my
fear no e - vil, for you are at my side, your

Refrain



walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace.
spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your name.
rod and your staff, my com - fort and my hope.

Leader or All



4 You have set me a ban-quet of love in the face of

Refrain



ha - tred, crown-ing me with love be-yond my pow'r to hold.

Leader or All



5 Sure-ly your kind-ness and mer-cy fol-low me all the days of my life;



I will dwell in the house of my God for-ev - er - more.

Final refrain
All



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -



yond my fears, from death in - to life.



1 Guide my feet
 2 Hold my hand
 3 Stand by me while I run this race.
 4 I'm your child
 5 Search my heart



Guide my feet
 Hold my hand
 Stand by me while I run this race.
 I'm your child
 Search my heart



Guide my feet
 Hold my hand
 Stand by me while I run this race,
 I'm your child
 Search my heart



for I don't want to run this race in vain.

We rise in body or spirit.

Prayer after Communion

We pray. God of all,
you have gathered us around your table
and you have given us abundant nourishment and life.
May we be filled with your grace
and open our arms to one another,
knowing that you hold all in your love.
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

May the God of care hold you.
May the God of connection tend you.
And may the God of all creation +
bind us together in love. **Amen.**

Sending Song *Please see next page.*

Dismissal

Go forth now into the world as one body, carrying the love and connection
we shared here today into every community.
Thanks be to God.



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
 last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Please join in supporting our church's ministries using your preferred method of giving:



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- Enroll in our on-line giving program, Simply Giving (recommended);
- Mail your offering check to the church;
- Text your offering to 610-981-1312;
- Download our mobile app for recurring or one-time gifts;
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Additional information is located in the Stewardship section of the church's website at:
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