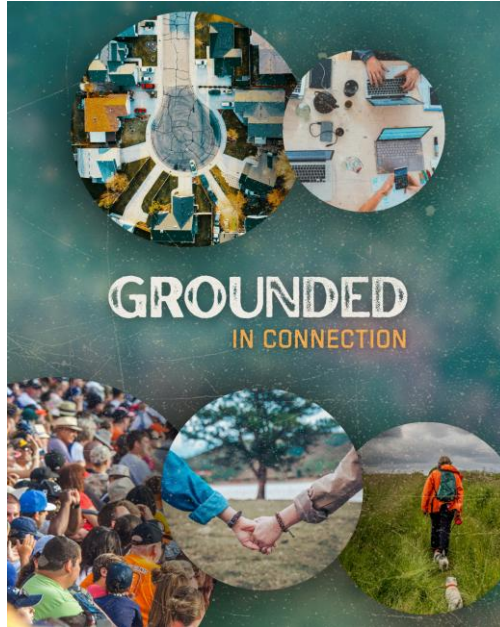


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14th Sunday after Pentecost  
August 30, 2026  
10:45 am

## 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.

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**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**

Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For  
Ray Starego, solo; Glenn Hinderliter, percussion

U2

*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**

## **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.**



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

## Greeting

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.**

## Hymn of Praise

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



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.



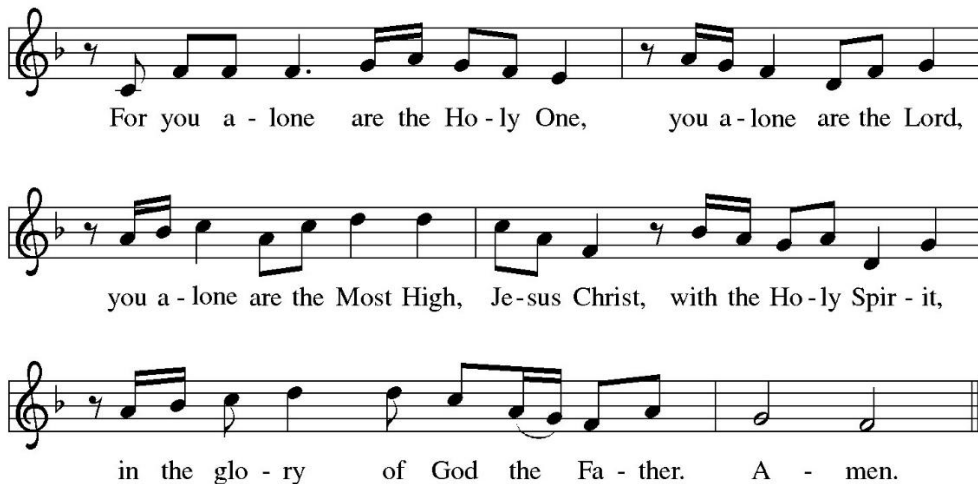
Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



### Prayer of the Day

We pray. God of welcome,  
**you call us back to your table of grace again and again.**  
**Gather us around the fire of your love,**  
**that we may be warmed and sent into the world.**  
**Help us to know that your forgiveness is ever-present,**  
**for each of us and for all of us.**  
**In Christ's name we pray.**  
**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

# WORD

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

**Psalm** (read responsively) Psalm 103:1-10

Translation: NIV

Praise the Lord, my soul;  
**all my inmost being, praise his holy name.**  
<sup>2</sup> Praise the Lord, my soul,  
**and forget not all his benefits—**  
<sup>3</sup> who forgives all your sins  
**and heals all your diseases,**  
<sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the pit  
**and crowns you with love and compassion,**  
<sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires with good things  
**so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**  
<sup>6</sup> The Lord works righteousness  
**and justice for all the oppressed.**  
<sup>7</sup> He made known his ways to Moses,  
**his deeds to the people of Israel:**  
<sup>8</sup> The Lord is compassionate and gracious,  
**slow to anger, abounding in love.**  
<sup>9</sup> He will not always accuse,  
**nor will he harbor his anger forever;**  
<sup>10</sup> he does not treat us as our sins deserve  
**or repay us according to our iniquities.**

**Reading** 1 Peter 5:6-11

Translation: NIV

A Reading from 1 Peter, the 5th Chapter

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

*We rise in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.*

### **Gospel Acclamation**



**Gospel** John 21:10-17

Translation: NIV

The Good News from John, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**Open our hearts, Lord.**

Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.”  
So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore.  
It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn.  
Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.”

None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?”  
They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them,  
and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his  
disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter,  
“Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”  
“Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.”  
Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.”

Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”  
He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.”  
Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.”

The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”  
Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time,  
“Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things;  
you know that I love you.”  
Jesus said, “Feed my sheep.

This is the Good News!  
**Thanks be to God!**

*The assembly is seated.*

**Sermon**

Pastor Tami Reichley

*We rise in body or spirit.*



1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in  
 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the  
 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the  
 4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so  
 wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that  
 pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that  
 til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
 we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.  
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.  
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

## Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in the God who calls us into community.

**We believe in God the Parent, who created us for relationship, weaving our lives together in love and purpose.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. He broke down the walls of hostility that divide us, teaching us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to serve rather than be served.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of life. The Spirit binds us together as one body, distributing unique gifts for the common good and empowering us to live in peace. As one body with many members, we covenant with God and one another. We promise to bear one another's burdens, to rejoice in one another's joys, and to guard the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 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**

$\text{♩} = 60$

G7 C Dm7 C/E F C/E

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an

4 Dm7 G7sus G7 C Dm7 C/E

of-fer-ing, Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our

7 F C/E Dm7 G7sus G/F Em7 Asus A7

**BRIDGE**

lives, they are Yours, we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have,

10 Dm7 G7sus G7 Esus D/F# E/G# Am F C/E Bb/C A/C# Dm7

all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You.

14 G7sus G7 C Dm7 C/E F C/E

**CHORUS 2**

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an

18 Dm7 G7sus C G7sus G7 C

of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing. We lift our of-fer-ing.

## 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.*

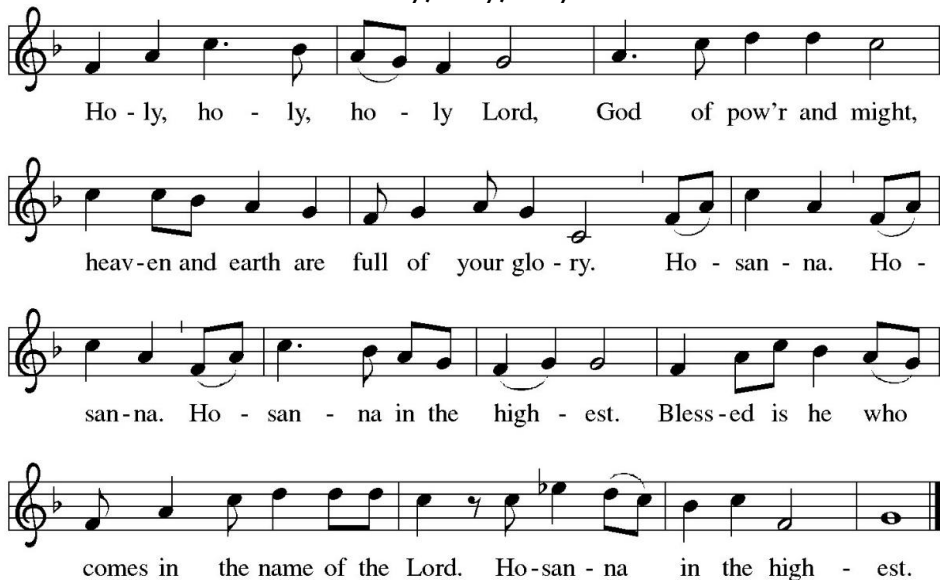
## Great Thanksgiving

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.

## Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

## **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.**

## Agnus Dei

## Lamb of God

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.

## 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



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

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



1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for  
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for  
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,  
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,  
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

*Refrain*

watch - ing for you and for me.  
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!"  
 par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

*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 Hymn** *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 you touch.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sending Music**

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

setting: Rizzotto



1 Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in  
2 Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our

us a strong foun - da - tion. Lead us to do your  
lives re - flect your glo - ry. Cast a - way all our

ho - ly will; form and shape your new cre - a - tion.  
doubts and fears; help us tell the world your sto - ry.

Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we  
Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us

guide and teach each oth - er, help us to share your love with the  
bear good fruit for you, Lord, give us vi - sion and keep us

world: ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er.  
sure. Grant us faith that's stead - fast and true.

*Refrain*

Grow - ing in Christ, we plant seeds for the king - dom; we fol - low in

faith what's be - gun! Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your

word to spread the news of your Son!

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- Text your offering to 610-981-1312;
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