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November 15, 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.

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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 Blessed are the Humble Kendrick
Lisa Walton, solo; Glenn Hinderliter, percussion

Welcome and Announcements

Please rise in body or spirit.

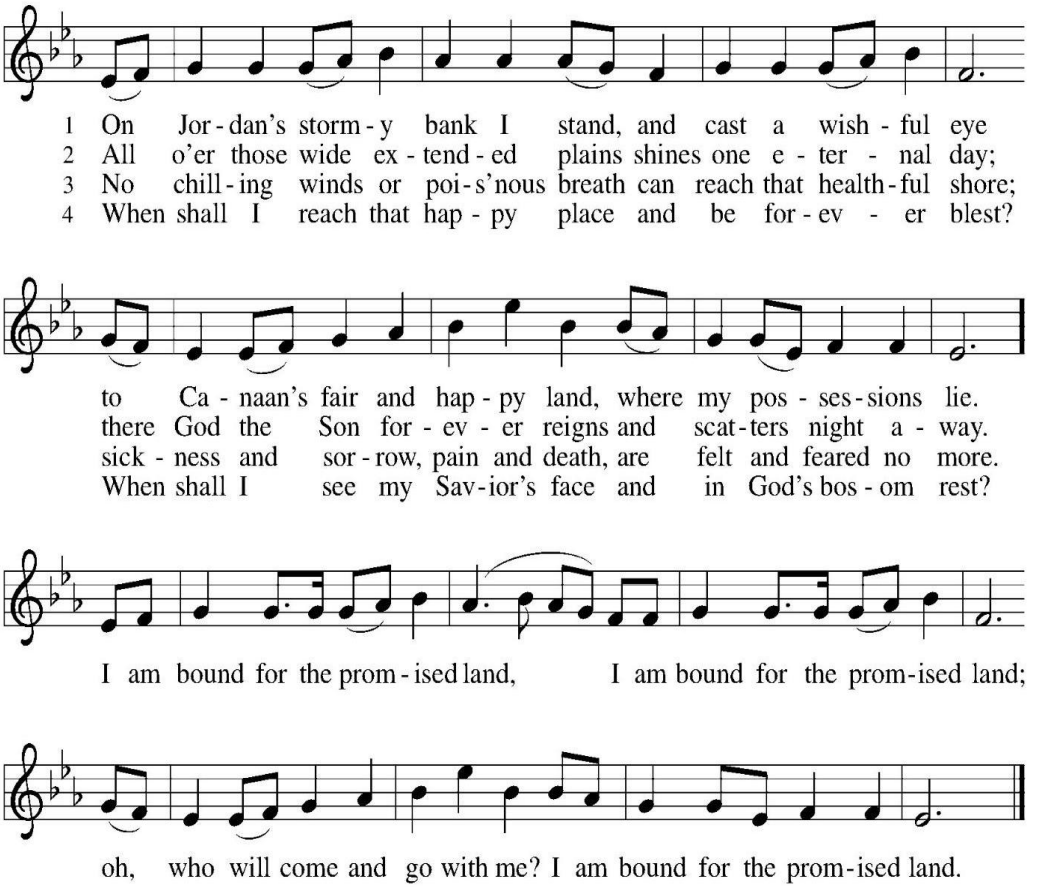
Gathering Litany

Raise our eyes to the God of heaven and earth.
We raise our hearts and voices with songs of praise.

Awaken our minds to the mysteries of God.
We open ourselves to listen and learn in new ways.

Notice our blessings and gifts, given by God.
We offer our lives and gifts to bless and grow God's love in the world.

Gathering Song On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand ELW 437



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. O God, **the gift of your Son is the life-changing treasure that is truly beyond all value. Your generosity and goodness astound us! Inspire us to teach your commandments and share your gospel that all may enter into the joy of Christ. Amen**

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

1st Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Translation: NRSVue

A reading from 1st Thessalonians:

> Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.
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> Word of God, Word of Life.
> **Thanks be to God!**

Please rise in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.

Gospel Matthew 25:14-30 Translation: NRSVue

> The holy gospel according to St. Matthew
> **Glory to you, O Lord**
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> [Jesus said to the disciples:] "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.

Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground.

Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest.

So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

The gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

Sermon Pastor Shari Duminy

Please rise in body or spirit.

Word in Song Here on Jesus Christ, I Will Stand ACS 1024



Bible Sunday

Today we joyfully gift 3-year olds, third graders, and 6th graders beginning confirmation a new Bible. This is a way that we as a congregation help parents to keep their baptismal promise to "place in their child's hand God's Holy Word."

We pray. We rejoice with all receiving Bibles today as a step in their faith journeys.
We pray God will guide each one, their families, and our congregation.
May the Bibles be used in homes, Sunday School classes,
and in worship as we learn together and grow in our love for God's Word. Amen

Prayers of the People

Invitation to prayer:
Let us enter into a time of prayer for the world.

After each petition:
O God of hope,
awaken us to your new world.

Pastor's closing prayer:
Give us the courage to acknowledge human frailty, limitation, and even death, with confidence in your eternal plan. For we dwell forever in light with you, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. **Amen**

Peace

Continue encouraging one another and building one another up
as we share signs of peace this day.

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 Shall We Gather at the River (vs. 1) ELW 423



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow-ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti-ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Offering Prayer

We pray. God, you have been our dwelling place throughout the generations.
We offer the gifts of our lives to you, the one who has given us life.
Transform these gifts to be instruments of your love, justice, and mercy.
Amen

Please rise in body or spirit.

Great Thanksgiving

May the God of promises be with you!
And also with you!
Rejoice in the One who surprises us.
We lift our hearts to God who brings us salvation.
Children of God, join in glad song to the Giver of mercy.
Our voices join in praise to the God of love and hope.

Words of Institution

Word in Meal

Your grace showers down upon the seeds you have planted,
your hope warms the harvest planted in our hearts.
As the Spirit gathers your gifts and prepares them for your Table,
make us ready to receive them with joy and gratitude, this day and always.
Amen

Lord's Prayer

We pray together the prayer Jesus taught us:

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, children of God.
The Table has been prepared, let our hearts meet Christ here.

The assembly is seated.

Distribution of Communion

Communion Song Light Dawns on A Weary World ELW 726



Communion Song The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing ELW 531



Please rise in body or spirit.

Prayer after Communion

We pray. Gracious God, at this Table we have received a foretaste of the feast to come. Now send us forth to grow the realm of God's love on earth.
Amen

SENDING

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

Blessing

Let us go forth to be God's faithful servants.
We will not hide our gifts but share them with everyone we meet.
Let us go forth to be the followers of Jesus.
We will not hold back our compassion, but will offer it to all.
Let us go forth to be the Spirit's hope and peace.
We will be the grace, the joy, the wonder others need in their lives.
Amen

Sending Song *Please see next page.*

Dismissal

Go in peace, grow in love.
Thanks be to God!

Sending Song Christ, Be Our Light (vs. 1, 2, & 5) ELW 715



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- Mail your offering check to the church;
- Text your offering to 610-981-1312;
- Download our mobile app for recurring or one-time gifts;
- Establish automatic contributions to the church using your bank's bill pay service.

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