***Doxology GG 607** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow *Genevan Psalter*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

Prayer of Dedication

*** Hymn GG 700** I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me *African American Spiritual*

***Charge and Benediction**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Amen!

*** Congregational Response** I'm Gonna Let My Little Light Shine
(from He Has Done Great Things for Me) *Shirley M.K. Berkele*

I'm gonna let my little light shine, shine! shine!
I'm gonna let my little light shine.

Postlude I Sing the Mighty Power of God *Text: Isaac Watts/Music: Gesangbuch der Herzogl*

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12th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 16, 2026 **10:30 a.m.**

THE GATHERING

Let all enter the sanctuary in a spirit of prayer.
Please remember to turn off your cell phones for worship.
** Indicates please stand if you are able. Congregation reads words in **bold.***
GG indicates Glory to God Hymnal found in the pews.

This worship service is being livestreamed to the internet, and you may appear on our Facebook page channel.

Prelude CHOPIN Prelude Op.28 Nr.15 in D-flat Major (excerpt)

Ringing of the Hour

Prelude Be Thou My Vision *Text: Irish poem/Music: Irish ballad*

Welcome

*** Call to Worship** *Adapted from Psalm 119*

L: Your decrees are wonderful, therefore my soul keeps them.
P: The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.
L: With open mouth I pant, because I long for your commandments.
P: Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your custom toward those who love your name.
L: Keep my steps steady according to your purpose, and never let iniquity have dominion over me.
P: Redeem me from human oppression, that I may keep your precepts.
L: Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.
P: My eyes shed streams of tears because your law is not kept.

*** Hymn GG 305** Come Sing, O Church, in Joy! *Text: Brian Dill/ Music: John Darwall*

*** Call to Confession** *Rom. 5:8, Heb. 4:16*

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin:

*** Prayer of Confession**

O God, we yearn to be a community of believers, united in your Spirit. And yet we are fraught with divisions: denominational, political, theological. We are weighed down by tensions and the things that break us apart. Forgive us, great God, for this great sin. Help us to learn to live in community together, loving one another, in spite of our differences, and respecting one another in everything that we do and say. Help us to be as you call us, one in heart and mind. Only through the grace of your son, Jesus Christ, can we achieve this. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon *Based on Psalm 103:17*

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Alleluia! Amen.

The Peace

May the peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(Please share the peace with a few neighbors.)

*** Welcome Song** You Are Welcome in the Name of the Lord *Traditional West African Song*

You're welcome in the name of the Lord. You're welcome in the name of the Lord,
for we see in you the glory of the Lord, you're welcome in the name of the Lord.
We love you in the name of the Lord. We love you in the name of the Lord,
for we see in you the glory of the Lord, we love you in the name of the Lord.

(Visitors, welcome, please fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering plate.
Prayer request cards will be collected later in the service, please prepare them ahead of time.)

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

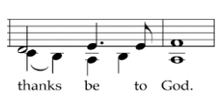
Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture Lessons NRSV translation

Hebrew Bible – Psalm 67

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.



Message for Children *Rev. Nancy Clark*

Gospel – Matthew 15:10-20

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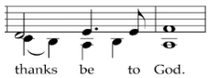

Sermon Not What Goes In, But What Comes Out *Rev. Nancy Clark*

Sermon Hymn GG 722 Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak *Text: Frances Ridley Havergal*
Music: Robert Schumann

*** Affirmation of Faith** *Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

THE THANKSGIVING

Announcements

Call for the Offering

With glad and generous hearts, let us return to God our tithes and offerings,

For all God has done for us in Jesus Christ.

Offertory Music Oceans *Hillsong United*

Soloists: Pearl Meh-Kangha, Zandra Brown