



May 17, 2026

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC

Merideth Sanders

“Shout to the Lord”

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days, I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength,
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands;
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you. (2x)

“There's Something About That Name” *Gloria & Wm. Gaither*

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! There's something about that name!
Master, Savior, Jesus! Like the fragrance after the rain.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! Let all heaven and earth proclaim;
Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,
But there's something about that name! (2X)

“Seek Ye First”

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Al-le-lu, Alleluia

2. Ask and it shall be given unto you.
Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Al-le-lu, Alleluia

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Ron Tingle*

CHIMING THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

“All Hail the Power”
Diane Combs, organ

arr. Janet Linker

***CALL TO WORSHIP, responsive**

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ lives within our hearts!

Leader: As the Father and Son are one, so are we gathered as one.

**People: We come to worship the Source of our life,
the God of our salvation.**

Leader: Let us pray for unity, hope, and the power of the Spirit.

All: Come, let us worship God.

- We bring forward our 'Daily Change' offering -

***OPENING HYMN “Rejoice, the Lord is King!” #363**

**1. Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**2. Our savior, Jesus, reigns, the God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**3. His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell area to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**4. Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come
And gather all the saints to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION, unison

Almighty God, you have raised your Son Jesus from death to life,
and crowned Him Lord of all. We confess that we have failed to
bow before him, or acknowledge his rule in our lives. Instead, we
have followed the ways of the world, and failed to receive the full
life he offers.

Hear our confession, forgive us, and prepare our hearts to wor-
ship you. Establish us as your faithful people, who seek to abide
in him and to live in ways which glorify him. We offer this prayer
in his name.

:: A Moment of Silence for Personal Prayer & Reflection ::

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, Apostles' Creed—in unison**

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, suf-
fered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell; the third day He arose 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
Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and
the life everlasting. Amen.

:: PASSING THE PEACE ::

*And now, as people who are loved and forgiven by the grace of God,
we pass the peace of Christ, remembering God's command to love
and forgive one another.*

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM: “Praise, O Praise the King of Heaven!”
Sanctuary Choir *Lloyd Larson*

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Acts 1:6-14 *Riley Covin*

SECOND SCRIPTURE: John 17:1-11

SERMON: “What is Eternal Life?”
Rev. Dr. Jody Welker, Bridge Interim Pastor

:: PRAYERS of the PEOPLE ::

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #610

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of God's grace!
2. The name of Jesus charms our fears,
and bids our sorrows cease,
Sings music in the sinner's ears,
Brings life, and health, and peace.
3. Christ speaks, and listening to his voice
New life the dead receive;
The mournful waken to rejoice;
The poor in heart believe.
4. My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad,
The honors of thy name.
5. To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever given
By saints below and saints above,
The church in earth and heaven.

GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated"
Diane Combs arr. Cindy Berry

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CLOSING HYMN** "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" O. Westendorf

1. Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended, O now be extended
The fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer the call.



2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
The tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
Embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Go In the Grace of the Lord" James Barnard

Go in the Grace of the Lord.
Walk in the way of His Word.
Stand in the strength of His promises,
And believe in your heart they are true.

Sit at the feet of the Savior.
Pray in the power of the Spirit.
Rise and run the race with patience,
And go in the Grace of the Lord.

POSTLUDE "Break Forth Into Joy" J. S. Bach
Diane Combs

* Please stand as you are able for these portions of the service.

The "Daily Change Offering"

A mission project of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina
(formerly known as "Ten Cents A Meal")
and

a tangible, daily reminder of our blessings.
Participants save their pocket change for each meal they eat,
give their collected change to the church, which sends the funds
to the WNC Presbytery's Hunger Program.
In addition, half of this offering from First Presbyterian
Waynesville is sent to Nkhoma Hospital in Malawi,
which we have supported for many years.



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"We love because he first loved us."
— 1 John 4:19

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If you are visiting today, we're delighted to have you!
Please stay on after worship for the
Covered Dish Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall.