



July 26, 2026

You're invited to explore the hymnal
before today's service to suggest songs
for our gathering music this morning.

:: HYMN SING ::

"Seek Ye First" Hymnal pg. 175
accompanied by Chimes Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Ron Tingle
Minute for Earth Care Andrea Croskery

CHIMING THE TRINITY

PRELUDE "Christians, We Have Met to Worship"
Chimes Choir arr. Lloyd Larson

CALL TO WORSHIP, responsive
Leader: With what shall we come before the Holy One,
and bow ourselves before God on high?
God has shown us what is good.
People: What does the Holy One require of us,
but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk
Humbly with our God?

***OPENING HYMN "How Firm a Foundation" #463 Vs. 1,3,5**

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

3. When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

5. The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never for sake.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION, in unison
Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we have lived for our-
selves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors,
and refused to bear the burdens of others. In your great mercy,
forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may
choose your will and obey your commandments.

:: A MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION & PRAYER ::

ASSURANCE OF PARDON, responsive
Leader: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ,
and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for
us, Christ prays for us.
People: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Leader: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

***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**, in unison from a Declaration of Faith
We are in the world, but not of the world.
Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom; to
serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the con-
sequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight,
to hope for what we have not seen.

:: 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 "Lord, Make Me An Instrument of Thy Peace"
Sanctuary Choir Mary McDonald

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Psalm 128 Paul Koptak

SECOND SCRIPTURE: Matthew 11:28-30

SERMON: "Lean on Me"
Rev. Jim Moseley

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE
"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" #182

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one,
lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.

:: 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.

GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Where He Leads / He Leadeth Me"
Sarah Cifani, flute Diane Combs, piano
arr. Tom Fettke



***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**
"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" **#700**

1. I'm, gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, any time!
I'm gonna live so God can use me,
Anywhere, Lord, any time!

2. I'm, gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, any time!
I'm gonna work so God can use me,
Anywhere, Lord, any time!

3. I'm, gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, any time!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me,
Anywhere, Lord, any time!

4. I'm, gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, any time!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me,
Anywhere, Lord, any time!

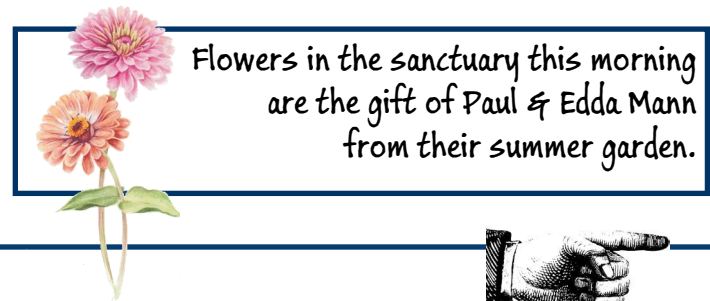
***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:**
"God Be With You Till We Meet Again " **#541 Vs.1**

God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

***POSTLUDE** "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"
Diane Combs, organ arr. Lani Smith

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



Word has come that one of our long-standing members,
Lalla Overby, has entered Hospice Care
at her home in Charlotte. Lalla was 101 in March.
Please send up prayers on her behalf.



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

