



August 2, 2026

WE GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC
Merideth Sanders

“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly” Sylvia Dunstan
All who hunger, gather gladly, Holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering.
Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, All around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing,
here in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

“Above All” Baloché/LeBlanc
Above all powers, above all kings,
Above all nature and all created things;
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man,
You were here before the world began.

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones,
Above all wonders the world has ever known;
Above all wealth and treasure of the earth.
There’s no way to measure what You’re worth.

Crucified, laid behind the stone;
You lived to die, rejected and alone; like a rose,
Trampled on the ground
You took the fall and thought of me above all.

“Change My Heart” Eddie Espinoza
Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; May I be like you.

You are the Potter; I am the Clay.
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.[2x]

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Ron Tingle

CHIMING THE TRINITY

PRELUDE “Come, All Christians” arr. Joel Raney
Sarah Cifani, flute Diane Combs, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP, responsive
Leader: Come, all who hunger for God’s presence.
People: We come to be nourished by God’s grace.
Leader: Come, neighbors and strangers, saints and seekers.
People: At Christ’s table there is room for everyone.

*OPENING HYMN
“Come, Christians, Join to Sing” #267
1. Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!
2. Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; to us he’ll condescend;
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

3. Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven’s blissful shore his goodness we’ll adore,
Singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION, in unison
Merciful God, forgive us when our hospitality has limits. Forgive us when our compassion has conditions. Teach us to serve before we seek to be served. Make us a church whose doors—and whose hearts—remain open, reflecting the generous welcome we have received in Jesus Christ.

:: A MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION ::
ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Leader: Hear the good news! Jesus Christ came not to call the righteous, but sinners.
People: He welcomed the outsider, healed the forgotten, ate with those whom others rejected and made room at God’s table for all.

Leader: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
All: Thanks be to God!

*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 Jesus is Lord!
from a Declaration of Faith
:: 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 “A Vessel in Your Hands”
Sanctuary Choir Larry Shackley

FIRST SCRIPTURE Psalm 145:14-21
SECOND SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 18:1-8

SERMON “The Potter and the Clay”
Rev. Jim Moseley

HYMN OF PREPARATION (seated)
“Come to the Table of Grace” #507 Vs. 1, 4, 5
1. Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.
This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine.
Come to the table of grace.

4. Come to the table of hope. Come to the table of hope.
This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine.
Come to the table of hope.

5. Come to the table of joy. Come to the table of joy.
This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine.
Come to the table of joy.



:: HOLY COMMUNION ::

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE
The Lord be with you.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
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.

THE LORD’S PRAYER, sung
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.



COMMUNION PRAYER, *in unison*
Gracious God, may this meal strengthen us to live the faith we have proclaimed—to seek justice, to love kindness, to practice generous hospitality, and to build communities where every person knows they have a place at your table.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”
Diane Combs 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** “Have Thine Own Way, Lord”
1. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Thou are the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after Thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still.

3. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me, I pray!
Power—all power—surely is Thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

4. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Hold o’er my being absolute sway!
Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me! *Amen.*

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**
“God Be With You Till We Meet Again “ #542 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** “Canticle of Joy” J. S. Bach
Diane Combs

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



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coffee and conversation in the Fellowship Hall.