



September 13, 2026

WE GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC

Merideth Sanders

“I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord”

James H. Filmore

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever.
I will sing, I will sing.
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

With my mouth will I make known your faithfulness,
Your faithfulness;
With my mouth will I make known your faithfulness
To all generations.
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

“Grace Alone”

Scott Brown & Jeff Nelson

Every promise we can make, ev’ry prayer and step of faith,
Every difference we will make is only by His grace.
Every mountain we will climb,
Every ray of hope we shine,
Every blessing left behind is only by His grace.

Grace alone which God supplies,
strength unknown he will provide.
Christ in us our Cornerstone;
We will go forth in Grace alone

“Come, Now Is The Time To Worship”

Brian Doerksen

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are, to worship.
Come, just as you are, before your God. Come.

One day ev’ry tongue will confess You are God,
One day ev’ry knee will bow.
Still, the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose You now.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
CHIMING THE TRINITY

Ron Tingle

PRELUDE “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

James Pethel

Diane Combs

CALL TO WORSHIP, responsive

Leader: Give praise to God!

People: Praise the Lord, for it is God who saves.

Leader: It is God who forgives.

People: It is God who delivers.

ALL: Give thanks and praise to the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN “Open Now They Gates of Beauty” #403

1. Open now they gates of beauty,
Zion, et me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty
Waits for God who answers prayer;
O how blessed is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace.

2. Gracious God, I come before thee;
Come thou also unto me;
where we find thee and adore thee,
There a heaven on earth must be;
To my heart O enter thou;
Let it be thy temple now.

3. Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee;
Let thy will be done indeed;
May I undisturbed draw near thee,
While thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
here is balm for all our woes.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION, in unison

Gracious and loving God, you lived for us — we have not lived
for you. You have forgiven us — we have not forgiven others.
You have loved us — we have not loved ourselves nor have we
loved one another. Take pity on us and forgive us, God.
Help us to forgive. Help us to live for you.
Help us to love through Christ our Lord. Amen.

:: A MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION & PRAYER ::

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, responsive

Leader: What do we believe?

People: We believe in God, who loves us and
made us.

Leader: Who do we follow?

People: We follow Jesus Christ, who saves us and
frees us.

Leader: How do we live?

People: We live by the Holy Spirit, who guides us,
comforts us and encourages us to love one another.

:: 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, I Stretch My Hands to You” Jay Althouse
Sanctuary Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Psalm 103:8-13 Lee Hutchison
SECOND SCRIPTURE: Matthew 18:21-35

SERMON:

“One Bad Apple”
Rev. Dr. Jim Moseley

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE, seated

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” #761 Vs. 1, 2, 4

1. Called as partners in Christ’s service,
called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment
fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing,
side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring
to fulfill God’s chosen end.



2. Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,
Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering,
Reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer,
All God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together
gracious gifts from God unfold.

4. So God grant us for tomorrow
Ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow
With a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living,
Our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving
hope and confidence and peace.

:: Prayers of the People ::

Leader: God in your mercy, **People:** Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung by the choir)

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 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"
Diane Combs arr. Maureen Howell

***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, in unison**

O God, we thank you for these gifts. Multiply them, and enable the work of love and the righteousness of your kingdom in the world.

We thank and praise you. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing" #547

1. Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Walking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river,
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.



2. Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story;
Here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

3. Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you;
Here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

***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** "Postlude on "Faithfulness" Douglas E. Wagner
Diane Combs

Flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are from the garden of
Charlotte Casey's landlord, Larry Rue.

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



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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.

