

WE GATHER IN CHRIST’S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC

Awake, the Voice is Calling

Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CENTERING SILENCE

Evan Greif

* UNISON INTROIT (Hymn 409, v. 1)

God is here! And we your people meet to offer praise and prayer.

May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.

Here, in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech.

Here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

* OPENING RESPONSES

Evan Greif

May the grace and peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know.

Be still.

Be.

* HYMN 410

“God is Calling Through the Whisper”

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* ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Eric Dillenbeck

Beloved in Christ: God is with us!

We are not alone!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT REFLECTION

Evan Greif

UNISON CONFESSION

God of grace, although you have promised the faithful a life of meaning and purpose, sometimes we become anxious and unfaithful, following other enticing “gods.” When we fall into fear, save us, and set us free. When we hold on to old wounds and resentments, grant us your grace to forgive as we have been forgiven. And when we withhold help and compassion, open our hands and hearts to love others as we love ourselves. Open our eyes to the wonders all around, that we may enjoy the fullness of life in this world and the next; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 33:12-22

(Pew Bible, O.T. p.507)

SOLO

Deep River

Old Negro Melody

Abraham Roos, baritone

Arr. H.T. Burleigh

Deep river, my home is over Jordan. Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into Camptown. Oh, don’t you want to go to that gospel feast. That promised land where all is peace? Oh, deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into Camptown.

* GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 12:32-40

(Pew Bible, N.T. p.75)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

The Rev. Eric Dillenbeck

SUNG BLESSING

Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.

SERMON

“Prepared for the Promise”

The Rev. Eric Dillenbeck

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit...”

WE PRAY AND GIVE THANKS

* HYMN 360

“Christ is Coming!”

UNSER HERRSCHER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Evan Greif

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.

OFFERTORY *Near to the Heart of God* Arr. Dick Bolks

* DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION The Rev. Eric Dillenbeck

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* HYMN 65 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” CWM RHONDDA

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION The Rev. Eric Dillenbeck

* DEPARTING MUSIC *Toccata in g* Johann Pachelbel
The people are welcome to depart or remain seated while the Departing Music is played.

Our Mission
To extend the gracious welcome of God in Jesus Christ through worship,
service and spiritual growth in a supportive community of faith.

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 10, 2025
10 a.m.
