

# WE GATHER IN CHRIST’S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC *Prelude from Partita on Foundation* Charles Callahan

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CENTERING SILENCE The Rev. Dr. Steve Gorman

**\*UNISON INTROIT** (Hymn 816, vs. 1)  
*If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hopeful heart through all the ways,  
God will give strength, what e’re betide thee, to bear thee through the evil days.  
Who trusts in God’s unchanging love builds on the rock that nought can move.*

**\*OPENING SENTENCES** Mary Ann Redifer  
The Lord is my Rock and my Redeemer.  
**It is You, O Lord, I call the Living Stone!**  
Upon God’s foundation I choose to live;  
**Upon this Rock I take my stand.**  
God, alone, is my Rock and my salvation.  
**Blessed be the Lord, my Rock and my God!**

**\* HYMN 394** “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation” WESTMINSTER ABBEY

**\* ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**  
Beloved in Christ: God is with us!  
**We are not alone!**

CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT REFLECTION

**UNISON CONFESSION**  
Gracious God, Rock of our being, Foundation of our lives, we confess we choose to walk on rocky ground centered on ourselves. Therefore, we too often stumble, trip and fall. We do not choose to walk firmly upon the ground of our Being. Forgive the sinful pathways we do choose. Move us anew onto Your faith-pathways of obedience. Turn us from the distractions of our unsettling world. Let us walk firmly upon the pathway of love, justice and peace. For upon the Living Rock, this Christ, we have confidence to move forward on a right pathway on the journey of faith. Amen

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**  
It is by God’s grace that forgiveness comes.  
**Upon God’s foundation of mercy and love comes new life.**  
Trust in this strong gift from our Lord.  
**Give thanks and praise to our Living Stone!**

**GLORIA PATRI** (Hymn 581)  
*Glory be 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. Amen.*

# WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON 1 John 2:7, 9-11; 20-24 (Pew Bible, N.T. p. 239)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

**SUNG BLESSING** (sung to the tune of hymn 468, “In My Life”)  
*You’re our Rock, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
You’re our Rock, Love, be glorified today.  
In You, we stand, be glorified, be glorified;  
In You, we stand, be glorified today.*

SECOND LESSON 1 Peter 3:8-12 (Pew Bible, N.T. p. 234)

**SERMON** “The Rock in Rocky Times” The Rev. Dr. Steve Gorman  
“...like living stones, let yourself be built into a spiritual house...”

# WE PRAY AND GIVE THANKS

**\* HYMN 463:** “How Firm a Foundation” FOUNDATION

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.

**OFFERTORY** *Rock of Ages* Arr. Robert Olson  
Summer Choir

Rock of Ages cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee. Let the water and the blood from Your wounded side which flowed be of sin the double cure. Save from wrath and make me pure. Could my tears forever flow, could my zeal no languor know. These for sin could not atone. You must save and You alone. In my hand no price I bring. Simply to Your cross I cling. When I draw my final breath, when my eyes shall close in death. When I soar to worlds unknown, see You on Your judgement throne. Rock of Ages cleft for me let me hide myself in Thee.

\* **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 THANKSGIVING**

**WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

\* **HYMN 339** “Lift Every Voice and Sing” LIFT EVERY VOICE

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **DEPARTING MUSIC** *Postlude from Partita on Foundation* C. Callahan  
*The people are welcome to depart or remain seated while the Departing Music is played.*

**Mission Statement**

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

**Staff**

The Rev. Dr. James Butler, Pastor  
The Revs. Dr. Steve and Dr. Cinda Gorman, Parish Associates  
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**SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY**

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 17, 2025

10 a.m.

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