

# WE PRAISE THE TRIUNE GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

*The Summons*

Scottish traditional  
Arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CENTERING SILENCE

Rev. Dr. Steve Gorman

\* UNISON INTROIT

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty. Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, hoy! Merciful and mighty. God in three persons—Blessed Trinity.*

\* OPENING RESPONSES (from Psalm 113)

Rev. Dr. Steve Gorman

Praise the Lord, all you servants of God.  
**Blessed is the name of the Lord from this time and forever.**  
From the rising of the sun to the setting of the same,  
**May God’s name be praised among the nations.**  
With joy, let us bless the name of the Lord together.  
**Amen.**

\* HYMN 475

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

NETTLETON

\* 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

UNISON CONFESSION

God of grace, when we have acted out of fear, anger, and selfishness, we have sinned.  
Forgive us and set us free. When our thoughts are bitter, resentful, and arrogant, we  
have sinned. Forgive us and set us free. When we waste the abilities you gave us,  
squander our resources, and become stingy and ungrateful, we have sinned and  
grieved your Spirit. Forgive us and set us free to love and serve you above all else,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

# WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

\* GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 4:30-32

(Pew Bible, N.T. p.38)

ANTHEM

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

Simeon B. Marsh  
Summer Handbell Choir  
Arr. Rober Groth

SECOND LESSON

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

(Pew Bible, O.T. p.259)

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

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

“Who Is Anointed?”

The Rev. Eric Dillenbeck

“The Lord does not see as mortals see...for God looks on the heart”

# WE PRAY AND GIVE THANKS

\* HYMN 286

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

TRENTHAM

## 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

*Duo from The Suite of the Second Tone*

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

\* DOXOLOGY  
*Praise God from whom all blessing flow. Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

\* HYMN 295                                      “Go to the World!”                                      SINE NOMINE

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* DEPARTING MUSIC                      *Those who allow dear God to lead them*                                      J.S. Bach  
*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.

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  
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 31, 2025  
10 a.m.

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