

WE GATHER IN CHRIST’S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC *Blessed Assurance* Arr. Victor Labenske
Perfect submission, all is at rest. I in my savior am happy and blest. Watching
and waiting looking above. Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CENTERING MOMENT The Rev. Dr. James Butler

* UNISON INTROIT (Hymn 393, v. 1)
*O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light;
A balm for care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright.
On you, the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune;
Sing ‘Holy, holy, holy’ to God the Great Triune.*

* OPENING SENTENCES The Rev. Dr. Steve Gorman
Friends in Christ: The presence of the Lord is within us and among us.
Not to shield us from heartache or the ordinary pains of life.
But to heal us and inspire us, and to gently guide and direct us.
Until we see and embrace this world as God does—sacred and beloved.

* HYMN 333 “How Our Hearts with Joy Abound” GOTT SEI DANK DURCH

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

CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT REFLECTION

LITANY OF CONFESSION
From evil, when it masquerades as good,
Merciful God, deliver us.
From selfishness and vain desires,
Merciful God, forgive us and set us free to serve you.
From envy and jealousy,
Merciful God, pardon us and help us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.
From hardness of heart and longings for revenge,

Merciful God, help us to forgive as we have been forgiven. Amen

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON Romans 7:14-20 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.157)

ANTHEM *Fairest Lord Jesus* Silesian Folk Melody
Summer Handbell Choir

* GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 11:25-30 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.12)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

DEPARTING SONG (Hymn 418, v. 1)
*Softly and tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals he’s waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.
Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home!
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, “O sinner, come home!”*

SERMON “Heavy Yokes?” Dr. Butler
“Come to me, all of you who are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

* HYMN 183 “Come to Me, O Weary Traveler” AUSTIN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’ 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

Pastorale

Léon Boëllmann

*** 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**

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*** HYMN 182**

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

KINGSFOLD

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** DEPARTING MUSIC**

Praeludium & Fuga

Johann Sebastian 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

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2026

10 a.m.
