

WE GATHER IN CHRIST’S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC *Moment Musical* No. 1 in C Major Franz Schubert
Op. 94, D. 780
Mikhail Grazhdanov, guest musician

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

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

* OPENING RESPONSES The Rev. Dr. Arvid Whitmore
Holy and blessed is the Triune God—Creator, Christ, and Spirit.
May God’s name be praised today and forever.
The Creator God is the power behind all things—
The energy in a storm, the heat of a million suns, the ability to think and reason.
Unto you, O God, we bow our hearts and heads as we sing and rejoice.
Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN 19 “God of Great and God of Small” GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL

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

CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT REFLECTION

UNISON CONFESSION
Merciful and redeeming God, sometimes we err and stray from your ways like lost and disobedient sheep. Rather than following Jesus, we follow the devices and desires of our own hearts. We fail to love our neighbors as we love ourselves; we call evil “good” when we know better; we do not forgive as we have been forgiven; we violate the image of God in those who are different from us. Deliver us, O Lord, and help us trust and follow Jesus Christ, our good and faithful shepherd. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON Psalm 105:1-6 (Pew Bible, O.T. p.556)

SOLO “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” arr. Mark Hayes
Abraham Roos

* GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 14:22-33 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.16)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SUNG BLESSING
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 “Prove It” Dr. Butler
“If it is you, Lord, then command me to come to you on the water.”

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

* 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 *Andante Religioso* Felix Mendelssohn
From Organ Sonata No. 4

* **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 8**

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

MELITA

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* DEPARTING MUSIC

Fugue in E Major, BWV 878

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

Dr. Kaori Hongo, Minister of Music

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2026

10 a.m.