

WE GATHER IN CHRIST’S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC Published Peace Clay Christiansen

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

*UNISON INTROIT (Hymn 644, vs. 1, 2)
Give thanks, O Christian people, for workers of our day,
Who heed the call to service and make it their life’s way.
To go to feed the hungry, to tend to those in need,
To work for equal justice, till all God’s folk are freed.

Give thanks, O Christian people, for leaders of our years,
Who live to share with others our joy when Christ appears.
To teach the ones who seek light, to guide the faltering feet,
To lead the followers forward, our living Lord to meet.

* OPENING SENTENCES (Hebrews 12:1-2) Abraham Roos
Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
Let us also lay aside every weight and the sin which clings to us;
Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
Looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.
Let our worship strengthen us in this lifelong endeavor,
Of moving forward, disciples of our Lord!

* HYMN 726 “Will You Come and Follow Me” KELVINGROVE

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

CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT REFLECTION

UNISON CONFESSION
O God, we confess that we have not looked to you to command our lives. We have not run the race-of-faith according to the rules. We have not cultivated well all that you have planted in us. Instead, we have chosen our own ways, sought out the shortcuts

in service to others and have honestly not grown 30, 60 and 100 fold. Forgive our lack of attention. Forgive out weakness. Forgive our impatience. Help us seek your will, first. Move us along the race before us. Now hear our praise as we reap the blessings before us. In Jesus’s name. Amen.

LITANY OF ASSURANCE (Isaiah 40:31)
Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.
They shall mount up with wings like eagles;
They shall run and not be weary.
They shall walk and not faint.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON Proverbs 3:1-8 (Pew Bible, O.T. p.585)

HANDBELL CHOIR ANTHEM My Faith Looks Up to Thee Lowell Mason
Summer Handbell Choir Arr. Robert Groth
While life’s dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide. Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow’s tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside
(Glory to God # 829, v. 3)

SECOND LESSON 2 Timothy 2:1-7 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.212)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

DEPARTING SONG (Hymn 757, 4)
May we in service to our God act out the living Word,
And walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord
To God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

SERMON The Lists The Rev. Dr. Steve Gorman
“Think over what I say....” 2 Timothy 2:7a

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

* HYMN 741 “Guide My Feet” GUIDE MY FEET

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 *A Lesson, II* William Selby

* 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

* HYMN 731 “Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm” REPTON

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (1 Corinthians 9:24-27)

* DEPARTING MUSIC *A Lesson, III* W. Selby
The people are welcome to depart or remain seated while the Departing Music is played.

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

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026

10 a.m.
