



ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 9, 2026 11:00 AM

As a courtesy
to others, please
silence your phone.

based on
Psalm 105:1-6,
16-22, 45b

* Please rise in body
or in spirit.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Timothy T. Boggess

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP - CUBA

Carol Papa

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

CALL TO WORSHIP

Janet Olszewsky

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.

We remember the wonders God has done and praise his faithfulness.

The Lord keeps his promises, guides his people,
and works his purposes through every season.

Let us worship God, who is faithful from generation to generation.

*HYMN 475

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God,
you call us to trust you in all circumstances,
yet we confess we are often overcome by fear.
When the storms of life come,
we tend to lose sight of Christ
and rely on our own strength.
Forgive us.
Help our little faith to grow,
so that we may trust in your loving
and saving reach always.

(a moment for silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

***SONG OF JOY 647**

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart;
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say,
"We are strong";
let the poor say,
"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" (repeat)

Give thanks.
Give thanks.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

BACKPACK BLESSING

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14:22-33

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Take Heart

Rev. Boggess

TRIO

My Life Flows On
(Carrie Mills, Matt Jarvis, Steven Phillips)

Robert Lowry/
arr. Andy Beck

My life flows on in endless song
Above life's lamentation.
I hear a real, though far-off hymn
That hails a new creation.

No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to the Rock I'm clinging.
It sounds an echo in my soul,
How can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest 'round me roars,
I know the truth, it liveth.
What though the darkness round me close,
Songs in the night it giveth.

No storm can shake my inmost calm,
I hear the music ringing.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth.
How can I keep from singing?

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Janet Olszewsky

**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.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

How Firm a Foundation

arr. Steven Phillips

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Janet Olszewsky

**We believe that in the life, death,
and resurrection of Jesus,
God has acted to save the world.
Jesus' life and death declare that God is with us,
that God shares our earthly lot,
and that God's love is stronger
than any powers of destruction.**

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 526

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

MELITA

Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word
the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep,
and calm amid its rage did sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who did brood
upon the chaos wild and rude,
and bade its angry tumult cease,
and gave, for fierce confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,
all travelers guard in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad praise from air and land and sea.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on *Simple Gifts*

Steven Phillips

The postlude
concludes our
worship today.
It's the custom
of this
congregation to
sit and enter into
this moment with
gratitude and
celebration.



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