



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 30, 2026 11:00 AM

As a courtesy
to others, please
silence your phone.

based on
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-
26, 45

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Timothy T. Boggess

PRELUDE

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

arr. Phillips

CALL TO WORSHIP

Judy Knudtson

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;
proclaim his mighty works among the nations.

**The Lord has guided us through every generation
and fulfilled his promises to us.**

We trust in the God who leads, provides, and saves.

We will worship the Lord, whose faithfulness endures forever.

*HYMN 363

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

DARWALL'S 148TH

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Our Savior, Jesus, reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!
For Christ, the Judge, shall come
and gather all the saints
to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! (*repeat verse*)

* Please rise in body
or in spirit.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God,
you call us to follow Jesus on the way of the cross,
yet we confess that we often seek the path of comfort
instead of the path of discipleship.
We resist sacrifice, cling to our own desires,
and set our minds on human things rather than on your will.
Forgive us.
Turn us from our selfish ambitions and teach us
to take up our cross each day with faith and hope.

(a moment for silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

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

***SONG OF JOY 447**

We Are Forgiven

We are forgiven.
We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.
Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven.
We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.
Thanks be to God.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Prayer for Peace
(The Chancel Choir)

Benjamin Harlan

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy;

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16:21-26

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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**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***Amazing Grace*

arr. Bish

DOXOLOGYPraise 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**

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**We hold that what God says to us and does for us
centers in Jesus Christ our living Lord
as he is remembered, known, and expected.**

**In Christ, God's Word of acceptance takes flesh:
by grace through faith we are set right with God,
adopted as children of God,
not because of anything we have done.**

**The Spirit adds no different Word from God,
but leads us deeper into the truth of God uttered in Jesus Christ.**

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD***HYMN 726***Will You Come Follow Me*

KELVINGROVE

"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?" *(continued next page)*

“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”

“Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE

Carillon

Louis Vierne

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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