



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 11:00 AM

As a courtesy
to others, please
silence your phone.

based on Psalm
105:1-6, 37-45

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Timothy T. Boggess

PRELUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. Phillips

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lisa Saba

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name;
tell of God's mighty works among the nations.

**We remember the wonders God has done
and rejoice in God's faithfulness.**

We praise the God who blesses us
and guides us.

**We will worship the Lord with grateful hearts,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

*HYMN 36

For the Fruit of All Creation

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For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor,
God's will be done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will be done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will be done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

* Please rise in body
or in spirit.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God,
you are generous beyond all measure,
yet we confess that we often compare ourselves to others
and resent the grace you show them.
We measure worth by our own efforts,
seek recognition for our achievements,
and forget that all we have is a gift from your hand.
Forgive us.
Teach us to trust your justice,
delight in your generosity,
and give thanks for the mercy you freely extend to all.

(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. (twice)

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

The Lord is My Shepherd
(The Chancel Choir)

Howard Goodall

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
For you are with me, you will comfort me.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 20:1-16

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

God is Not Fair, and Other Good News

Rev. Boggess

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lisa Saba

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

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
(Rick Holdsworth, Solo Ringer)

arr. Cathy Moglebust

*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

Lisa Saba

In a world of sin, God condemns exploitation and tyranny.
But God also acts with justice and mercy.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given. (continued next page)

For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving
for the goodness of our Lord.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE

Rondeau

Jean-Josef Mouret

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

The Session

Class of 2026

Mark Carleson, **P**

Leah Cotter, **E**

Steve Largo, **S**

Lisa Saba, **W**

Shelley Watson, **P**

Class of 2027

Jaime Bressan, **W**

Victoria Gunther, **N**

Janet Olschewsky, **F**

Seth Stottlemeyer, **N**

Denver Stutler, **S**

Class of 2028

Rick Foltz, **M**

Frank Frey, **F&P**

Victor Garraus, **F&P**

Pat Higgins, **E**

Randy Huffman, **M**

Kim Whitford, **F**

Moderator: The Rev. Dr. Timothy T. Boggess, Pastor

Clerk: John A. Matta

Treasurer: Reva Mitchell

E = Education **F** = Fellowship & Membership **F&P** = Finance & Property **M** = Mission & Justice
N = Nominating **P** = Personnel **S** = Stewardship **W** = Worship & Music

The Staff

The Rev. Dr. Timothy T. Boggess, Pastor

Jimi Camastro, Tech Manager

Lisa Garcia, Finance Manager

Darwin Goldsmith, Sexton

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