



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 6, 2026 11:00 AM

As a courtesy
to others, please
silence your phone.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Timothy T. Boggess

PRELUDE

Meditation from Thaïs
(Michelle Champion, flutist)

Jules Massenet

from
Psalm 149:1-9

CALL TO WORSHIP

Charlie Weitekamp

Sing to the Lord a new song; praise God among the congregation.

We rejoice in our Maker and celebrate the goodness of our King.

The Lord delights in us and crowns us with grace and salvation.

With hearts full of praise, we worship our faithful God.

***HYMN 301** (vv. 1, 3, 4, 5) *Let Us Build a House*

TWO OAKS

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain:

all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine, and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: (Refrain)

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: (Refrain) *(continued next page)*

* Please rise in body
or in spirit.

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

Refrain:

all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God,
you call us to live in peace with one another,
yet we confess that we often allow resentment to grow,
avoid difficult conversations,
and fail to seek reconciliation with each other.
We are quick to judge and slow to forgive,
wounding the unity you desire for us.
Forgive us.
Give us humble hearts,
courage to speak the truth in love,
and grace to seek and extend forgiveness.

(a moment for silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

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

***SONG OF JOY 269** (v. 2) *Lead On, O King Eternal!*

GLORY TO GOD

Lead on, O King eternal,
till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper
the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords' loud clashing,
nor roll of stirring drums;
with deeds of love and mercy
the heavenly kingdom comes.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

text from
Psalm 145

ANTHEM

I Will Praise You, O My God
(The Chancel Choir)

Dale Grotenhuis

I will praise you, O my God.
I will praise your holy name.
You are gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and rich in love.

You, Lord, are faithful to your word.
On your gracious deeds my thought shall dwell.
You, Lord, are just in all your ways,
and are near to all who call upon you.

Lord, you are good in all your ways.
All your creatures know your constant care.
I will praise you, my God and King,
forever and ever.

I will praise you, O my God.
I will praise your holy name.
I will praise you, O my God,
forever and ever.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 18:15-20

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Where Two or Three Are Gathered

Rev. Boggess

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PARTAKING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

Minuet and Dance of the Blessed Spirits
(Michelle Champion, flutist)

Christoph Gluck

***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**

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 306** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

Before our Maker's throne
we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes;
our mutual burdens bear.
And often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

When we are called to part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.

From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

Spiritual/arr. 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.

Today we welcome guest musician **Michelle Champion**. She is an attorney who works in estate law in Sarasota, and is delighted again to be using the skills she honed as a flute performance major at Southern Adventist University near Chattanooga, Tennessee.



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