

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 18, 2026
11:00 AM

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

As a courtesy to others, please silence your phone.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Rev. Timothy T. Boggess

PRELUDE *Be Still My Soul* arr. Steven Phillips

based on Psalm 96

CALL TO WORSHIP Mariah Martin

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name;
bring an offering, and come into God's courts.
Worship the Lord in holy splendor;
tremble before God, all the earth.

***HYMN 711** *Lord of All Good* TOULON

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
use them your holy purpose to fulfill,
tokens of love and pledges brought anew,
that our whole life is offered to your will.

We give our minds to understand your ways;
hands, eyes, and voice to serve your great design;
heart with the flame of your own love ablaze,
till for your glory all our powers combine.

Father, whose bounty all creation shows;
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:
to you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God whose giving knows no ending,
we confess that we struggle to be generous
with our time, talents, and treasure.
More than that, we confess that we forget
that it is your time, your talents and your treasure
that we have been entrusted with for a season.
Forgive us for both our pride and our procrastination
that keep us from being good stewards of these good gifts.
Teach us to be generous as you are generous.

(a moment for silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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

***SONG OF JOY 611** (v. 1) *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

Garrett Watkins Shana Watkins

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Jovie Lee Watkins

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT George Chorba

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Celebrate!* Keith Hampton
(The Chancel Choir with Matt Jarvis, soloist)

Lyrics from Psalm 97: 6, 9

Refrain
Oh why don't you celebrate the blessings of the Lord!
Oh why don't you celebrate what God has already done!
You need to thank him for his mighty acts:
how he turned you around, so don't look back!
Celebrate the goodness of the Lord. Celebrate!

Have faith in God, for he will see you through.
Trust and believe that he's right there just for you.
Through troubled time and pain and despair,
Yes, my God will surely be there.
Yes, my God will be there, he'll be there. Celebrate! (Refrain)

For the Lord is high above all the earth.
Thou art exalted far above all gods.
Rejoice in Holy God and give thanks.
Yes, my God will surely be there.
Yes, my God will be there, he'll be there. Celebrate! (Refrain)

The heavens declare your righteousness,
and all of the people see your glory.
We need to thank him for his mighty acts:
how he turned you around, so don't look back!

Celebrate!
Rejoice in the Lord!

Celebrate the goodness of the Lord.
Celebrate!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 36:2-7

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Much More Than Enough* (Stewardship 2027) Rev. Boggess

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Mariah Martin

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 *Lasst Uns Erfreuen (From All That Dwell Below the Skies)* Paul Manz

***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**

2 Corinthians 13:1-7

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Mariah Martin

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels,
but do not have love,
I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.
And if I have prophetic powers,
and understand all mysteries and all knowledge,
and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains,
but do not have love, I am nothing.
If I give away all my possessions,
and if I hand over my body so that I may boast,
but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient;
love is kind;
love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.
It does not insist on its own way;
it is not irritable or resentful;
it does not rejoice in wrongdoing,
but rejoices in the truth.
It bears all things,
believes all things,
hopes all things,
endures all things.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***DEDICATION OF PLEDGES**

Gracious God, creator of the world, giver of all that is good,
bless the gifts and the pledges we bring to you today.
These pledges represent our work, our hopes, and our dreams,
and we offer them in thanksgiving for all we have received.
May they be the first fruits of all we have,
and not what we have left over.
May we see these pledges as a sacred offering,
and not a gift of obligation or exchange.
May we use them wisely for your service,
to reflect your love for this city and this world.
May they move us to be more faithful disciples
and energize us for lives of generosity.
In gratitude for the grace of God,
in the warmth of God's hospitality,
and in the spirit of the generosity embodied by Christ,
we dedicate these pledges to the work of God.
Thanks be to God!
Alleluia! Amen.

***HYMN 612** *We Praise You, O God* KREMSER

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE Improvisation on *We Shall Go Out With Joy* 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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