



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 23, 2026 11:00 AM

As a courtesy
to others, please
silence your phone.

based on
Psalm 124:1-8

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Timothy T. Boggess

REPORT FROM PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY

Rev. Dr. Randy Moody, Stated Clerk

PRELUDE

Doxology Dance

arr. Steven Phillips

(with Isaac Mingus, upright bass and Mark DeRose, drums)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Victoria Turner-Guenther

Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

The Lord has rescued us and delivered us from every snare.

Give thanks to God, whose steadfast love surrounds us.

We will worship the Lord, our help and our salvation.

***HYMN 321** (vv. 1, 2, 4 & 5) *The Church's One Foundation*

AURELIA

The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride.
With his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation:
one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore:
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest. *(continued next page)*

* Please rise in body
or in spirit.

Yet she on earth has union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
may live eternally.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God,
you have revealed Jesus Christ as your Son,
yet we confess that we do not always acknowledge him as Lord.
We allow other voices to shape our lives,
and we place our trust in things that cannot save.
Forgive us.
Strengthen our faith,
that with Peter we may confess Jesus as the Messiah,
the Son of the living God.
Grant us courage to follow him faithfully and to live as your people,
proclaiming his truth with humility and love.**

(a moment for silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

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.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Somebody's Calling My Name
(The Chancel Choir)

Spiritual/arr. Ferguson

Hush, hush! Somebody's calling my name!
Don't you hear, don't you hear? He's calling my name.
Sounds like Jesus, Jesus a-calling your name.
Don't you hear? (Yes, I hear!) He's calling your name.
I'm so glad Jesus is calling my name.
Brothers can't you hear? Sisters can't you hear?
Hush, hush! Is Jesus calling your name?
Can you hear, can you hear?

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16:21-28

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Over the Edge

Rev. Boggess

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

Be Thou My Vision

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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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**The Christian Church is the congregation of brothers and sisters
in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord
in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit.
As the Church of pardoned sinners,
it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world,
with its faith as with its obedience,
with its message as with its order,
that it is solely his property,
and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort
and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance.**

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 366

Love Divine, All Love Excelling

HYFRYDOL

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE

Lead on, O King Eternal

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.



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