



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNE 14, 2026 10:00 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

Let My People Go

Spiritual/arr. Phillips

CALL TO WORSHIP

Susan McDonald

What shall we return to the Lord
for all his bounty to us?

**We will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.**

We will pay our vows to the Lord
in the presence of all God's people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord.

We will praise the Lord!

*HYMN 315

In the Midst of New Dimensions

In the midst of new dimensions,
in the face of changing ways,
who will lead the pilgrim peoples
wandering in their separate ways?

Refrain

God of rainbow, fiery pillar,
leading where the eagles soar,
we your people, ours the journey
now and ever, now and ever,
now and evermore.

Through the flood of starving people,
warring factions, and despair,
who will lift the olive branches?
Who will light the flame of care? (refrain)

As we stand, a world divided
by our own self-seeking schemes,
grant that we, your global village,
might envision wider dreams. (refrain)

We are man and we are woman,
all persuasions, old and young,
each a gift in your creation,
each a love song to be sung. (refrain)

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* Please rise in body
or in spirit.

Should the threats of dire predictions
cause us to withdraw in pain,
may your blazing phoenix spirit
resurrect the church again.

(Refrain)

God of rainbow, fiery pillar,
leading where the eagles soar,
we your people, ours the journey
now and ever, now and ever,
now and evermore.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of promise and surprise,
we confess that we often laugh at what seems impossible.
Like Sarah, we struggle to trust your word
when hope feels delayed or beyond reach.
We cling to what we can control
instead of resting in your faithfulness.
We close our hearts to wonder,
doubt your mercy,
and resist the new life you desire to bring.
Forgive us, O Lord.
Teach us to welcome your presence with open hearts
and to trust that nothing is too wonderful for you.**

(a moment for silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

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

***SONG OF JOY 583**

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

TAIŽE

Glory to God, glory to God,
glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God,
alleluia, alleluia!

Gloria, gloria,
in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria,
alleluia, alleluia!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Eric Robinson

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP - RESURRECTION HOUSE

Kim Schmeits

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Our anthem
combines a spiritual
with words from
Matthew's Gospel
and those inscribed
on the Statue of
Liberty.

ANTHEM

Keep Your Lamps/I Lift My Lamp
(The Chancel Choir)

Andre Thomas &
Gwyneth Walker

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning; the time is drawing nigh.
Children, don't get weary 'till your work is done.

When I was hungry did you feed me?
When I was shivering did you bring me clothes?
When I was thirsty did you bring me water?
When I was homeless did you give a home?

When I was fearful did you give protection?
When I was injured did you offer care?
When I was threatened did you stand for justice?
And when imprisoned, keep a vigil there?

O my sisters, O my brothers!
If you do this for the least of these, you do this for me...
With God in your heart.

Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Last Laugh
(Sermon Series: Down the Great Unknown)

Rev. Boggess

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL COMMISSIONING

Eric Robinson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Susan McDonald

**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

Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly
(New Song Band & Congregation)

Tomlin,
Ingraham, Barrett

Verse 1

It all comes down to this:
What you require of me,
Love my neighbor as myself,
And You above all things.

Chorus

Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly
With You God.
In all things in all ways walk humbly
With You God.

Verse 2

It all comes down to this:
To be Your hands and feet,
Good news to all the world;
The truth will set us free! (Chorus)

Bridge

It's beauty for ashes,
It's mourning to dancing,
It's closer and closer,
The Kingdom of heaven!

Verse 3

Years from now we'll see
The fruit our hands have sown,
Faith just like a seed,
The only way it grows. (Chorus)

*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

Susan McDonald

**In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
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 708

We Give Thee But Thine Own

SCHUMANN

We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus
as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us,
to thee our firstfruits give.

The captive to release,
to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace:
it is a Christ-like thing.

And we believe thy word,
though dim our faith may be;
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,
we do it unto thee.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on *How Firm a Foundation*

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.

The Session

Class of 2026

Mark Carleson, **P**
Leah Cotter, **E**
Randy Huffman, **M**
Steve Largo, **S**
Lisa Saba, **W**
Shelley Watson, **P**

Class of 2027

Jaime Bressan, **W**
Victoria Guenther, **N**
Janet Olshewsky, **F**
Seth Stottlemeyer, **N**
Denver Stutler, **S**

Class of 2028

Rick Foltz, **M**
Frank Frey, **F&P**
Victor Garraus, **F&P**
Pat Higgins, **E**
Kimberly 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

Steven Phillips, Director of Music

Eric Robinson, Director of Christian Education

Rachel Martin, Operations Manager

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