



Traditional Worship Service

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Prelude in E Flat

Charles V. Stanford

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY LIFE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of our God, who made heaven and earth.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving.

Make music upon the harp. How good it is to celebrate God's presence and sing praise throughout each day!

How good it is to sing praise and give honor to our God!

Our God rebuilds the people of earth. The wandering ones are gathered together, the brokenhearted are healed, the hungry are fed, the prisoners are freed, the blind are given sight, the lonely are befriended.

How good it is to sing praise and give honor to our God!

All of nature sings aloud God's goodness—clouds, rain, grass, creatures great and small. Our God creates and sustains our world with his ever-growing, never-ending love.

How good it is to sing praise and give honor to our God! (Psalm 147)

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GATHERING HYMN

Great is Thy Faithfulness

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FAITHFULNESS

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess: we do not live as those worthy to be entrusted with the good news of your grace; we relate to others callously as though we do not trust that gospel ourselves; we seek to please and manipulate, using flattery to gain praise and distinction; we use condescension as a mask to cover insecurity or a need for power. Our motives are mixed and impure. Lord, cleanse us and reassure us in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Please stand as you are able.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Beloved ones, believe again the gospel, that in Christ we are accepted as we are.
Believe that we are forgiven, loved with the delight of a mother cherishing her child.
Believe that we are the church, the body of Christ,
Called to love one another as gentle children of God.

WE LISTEN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Al Philpotts

Isaiah 6:1-8

Luke 5:1-11

Leader: The word of the Lord;

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Elise Bates Russell

“Being Church”

WE RESPOND

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

Ponder the concept of koinonia. Consider the ways you have experienced a Christ-filled community, here at FPCB or elsewhere. How has this impacted you? In what ways could you (or FPCB) turn outward to be the church together?

*SERMON HYMN

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore (from *Glory to God*; see insert) PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *Confession of 1967*)

The church confesses its faith when it bears a present witness to God’s grace in Jesus Christ. In every age, the church has expressed its witness in words and deeds as the need of the time required. God’s reconciling work in Jesus Christ and the mission of reconciliation to which God has called the church are the heart of the gospel in any age. Our generation stands in peculiar need of reconciliation in Christ, who is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Paislee James Keller and Sadie Bennet Keller, children of Ariel Hartman and David Keller

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION AND OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory O Sing Unto the Lord a New Song

Peter Aston

Chancel Choir

*Doxology

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Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING HYMN

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Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Sortie" from *L'Organiste*, Volume 1

Cesar Franck

You're welcome to stay and enjoy the Postlude or to depart while the music is played.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!