

Traditional Worship

August 9, 2026

Time after Pentecost

Lectionary 19

*When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear.
Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the
calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture
and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace
and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.*

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Eternal Father, Strong to Save – arr. Gilbert Martin

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL *

*As the bell is rung the assembly stands for the Opening Hymn.
A * in the order of service indicates that those who are able are invited to stand.*

WELCOME *

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Assembly: **And also with you.**

OPENING HYMN #632 *

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS *

Leader: In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Assembly: **Amen.**

Leader: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Assembly: Amen.

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just,
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection.

Leader: Gracious God,

**Assembly: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

We have trusted our fears more than your promises.

We have doubted your presence in the storms of life.

**We have failed to love you with our whole heart
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may walk by faith,
follow Christ with courage, and serve our neighbors with joy;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

Leader: Hear the good news:

God is merciful and gracious, abounding in steadfast love.
Jesus Christ comes to us in the midst of every storm, saying,
"Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Through his life, death, and resurrection, our sins are forgiven,
our hope is restored, and we are made new.

As a called and baptized people, we proclaim this promise:
in Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

We are God's beloved, freed to live in peace and to serve with joy.

Assembly: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE *

Glory to God



PRAYER OF THE DAY *

Leader: Let us pray.

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid.
Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear,
and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Assembly: Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Though Joseph was Jacob's favorite son, his jealous brothers sold him into slavery. Judah, who protected Joseph's life, later gives a moving speech before Joseph in Egypt, indicating that the brothers had changed their ways (44:18-34).

¹ Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. ² These are the descendants of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives, and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. ³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children because he was the son of his old age, and he made him an ornamented robe. ⁴ But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.

¹² Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. ¹³ And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." ¹⁴ So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, ¹⁵ and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" ¹⁶ "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." ¹⁷ The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.' " So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan. ¹⁸ They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them they conspired to kill him. ¹⁹ They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰ Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." ²¹ But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." ²² Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. ²³ So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the ornamented robe that he wore, ²⁴ and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

²⁵ Then they sat down to eat, and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁶ Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷ Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. ²⁸ When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

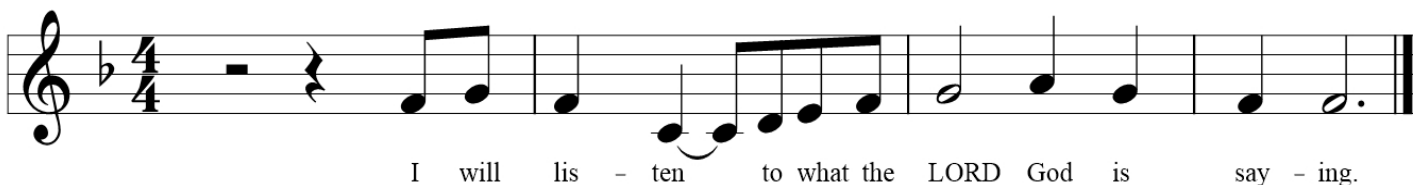
Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 85:8-13

*The Psalm Refrain is sung by the Cantor and then the Assembly joins in the Psalm Refrain.
The Cantor sings the Psalm Verses and the Assembly joins in the Psalm Refrain as indicated.*



⁸ I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;

for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹ Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,

that your glory may dwell in our land...*Refrain*

- ¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- ¹¹ Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- ¹² The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.
- ¹³ Righteousness shall go before the LORD
and shall prepare for God a pathway...*Refrain*

SECOND READING

Romans 10:5-15

A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God's saving actions.

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say?

"The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

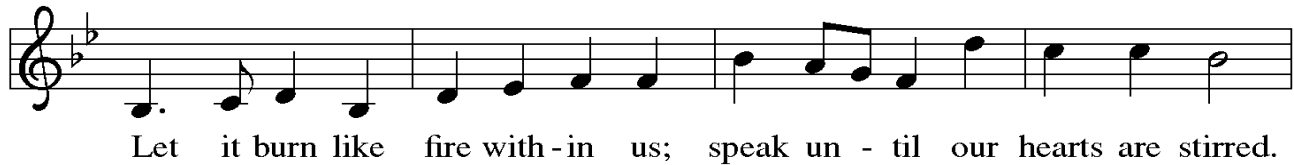
¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *



HOLY GOSPEL*

Matthew 14:22-33

Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

Assembly: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds.²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

APOSTLE'S CREED *

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

PRAYERS *

The assembly responds to each petition ending in "Merciful God,"

Assembly: receive our prayer.

The assembly responds to the final petition ending with "All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

Assembly: Amen.

PEACE *

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

Assembly: And also with you!

*The assembly greets each other with
"peace be with you...and also with you."*

You're invited to share God's peace with those around you.

If you're worshipping on Facebook, you may also greet one another in the comments.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

In Christ's body and blood given to us, God forgives us and nourishes us for mission.

OFFERING

Be Not Afraid – Craig Courtney

As we respond to hearing God's Word and prepare to feast at God's table we contemplate the many ways we serve the Kingdom of God through our time, talents, and gifts.

Offering plates will be passed among the assembly by the ushers.

Gifts can also be given electronically using this QR Code.



Be not afraid: for I have redeemed you, be not afraid I have called you by name.

*When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
when you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er you;
when you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed;
you are mine; you are precious in my sight.*

My love for you is everlasting, my love for you shall have no end.

OFFERTORY *

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the Treble clef, while the bass clef provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;

praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Assembly: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Assembly: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is indeed right, our joy and our calling,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
You reached out to Peter upon the troubled sea,
turning fear into faith and calling him to trust your saving hand.
Through the good news of Christ,
you continue to gather people from every nation,
that all who call upon your name
may know your grace and salvation.
And so, with the church on earth, the hosts of heaven,
and all creation, we praise your holy name
and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *

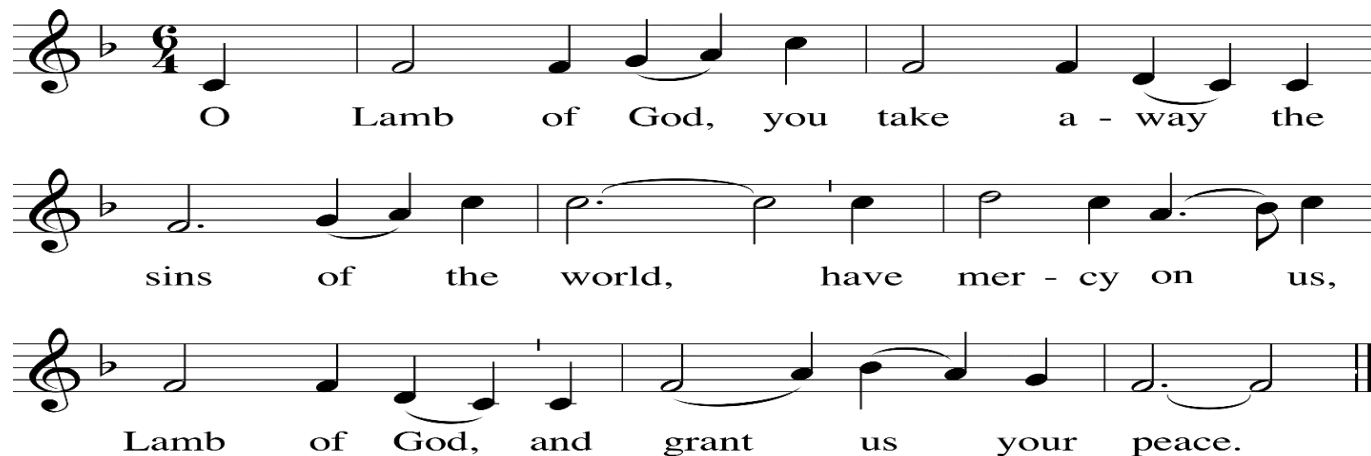
Leader: In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

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 trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
 and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD *



HOLY COMMUNION

All those who confess Jesus as Lord and Savior are welcome to the table.

We invite you to come forward to receive the communion elements from the servers.

You will be handed a wafer from the server and are invited to select a cup of wine from the tray.

Pre-packaged elements of grape juice and gluten free wafers are available

in the baskets at the communion rail and at each entrance to the sanctuary.

You may partake of the elements at the communion rail and dispose of the cups and packaging in the baskets at the end of each communion rail or take the elements back to your pew to partake of them and dispose of the cups and packaging after the service.

"Bread from the Lord's Table" and/or a pastoral blessing are available for children who do not yet commune.

Leader: The table is prepared.
Come, share in the feast.

As you are served communion:

Communion Server: The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you

Communion Receiver: Amen.

Music at Distribution – *Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me*
Organ Meditation – arr. Don Hustad
Hymn #755

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: Let us pray.

Gracious God,
you have welcomed us to your table
and nourished us with the body and blood of Christ.
Strengthen us for the journey of faith.
When we are weary, speak to us in your gentle voice.
When fear surrounds us, hold us by your steadfast hand.
When doubt overwhelms us, renew our trust in your promises.
Send us into the world to proclaim your saving love,
to serve our neighbors with compassion,
and to follow Jesus wherever he leads,
until the day we gather with all your saints at the feast that has no end;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Assembly: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION & SERVICE

BLESSING *

Leader: May the God who meets you in the quiet,
the Christ who reaches out his hand in every storm,
and the Holy Spirit who strengthens you for every good work,
bless you and keep you in faith, hope, and love.
May the Lord go before you to guide you,
beside you to uphold you,
behind you to protect you,
and within you to give you peace.
In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Assembly: Amen.

SENDING HYMN #763 *

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

DISMISSAL *

Leader: Go in peace.
 Walk by faith,
 love your neighbor,
 and do not be afraid.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *

O God, Our Help in Ages Past – arr. Paul Manz

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS:

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FLOWER DEDICATION:

*The altar flowers are given in memory of his son, Mitch, and his sister, Janet Jennings,
by Paul Hunt.*

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