

Contemporary Worship

August 23, 2026

Time after Pentecost

Lectionary 21

GATHERING MUSIC

Come People of the Risen King – Getty/Townend

*Come people of the Risen King, who delight to bring Him praise;
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach, to gather children in.*

*Rejoice, rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

*Come those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night;
Come those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days, with the certain hope of peace.*

*Come young and old from every land, men and women of the faith;
Come those with full or empty hands. Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through every age, "Our God is all in all."*

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 SONG *

Hosanna, Praise is Rising

*A * in the order of service indicates that those who are able are invited to stand.*

Verse 1: Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You, we turn to You.
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You, we long for You.
'Cause when we see You we find strength to face the day,
And in your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away.

Chorus: Hosanna, Hosanna, You are the God who saves us,
Worthy of all our praises.
Hosanna, Hosanna, come have Your way among us.
We welcome You here Lord Jesus.

Verse 2: Hear the sound of hearts returning to You, we turn to You.
In Your kingdom broken lives are made new, You make us new.
'Cause when we see You we find strength to face the day,
And in Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away...*chorus*

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HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 1:8-2:10

The brave Hebrew midwives defied Pharaoh to save many infants from death. When the mother of Moses placed him in a basket in the Nile, the daughter of Pharaoh found him, adopted him, and raised him. Moses' sister and mother also played crucial roles in this drama.

⁸ Now a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. ⁹ He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. ¹⁰ Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." ¹¹ Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. ¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. ¹³ The Egyptians subjected the Israelites to hard servitude ¹⁴ and made their lives bitter with hard servitude in mortar and bricks and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

¹⁵ The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶ "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." ¹⁷ But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live.

¹⁸ So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this and allowed the boys to live?" ¹⁹ The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife

comes to them.” ²⁰ So God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and became very strong. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²² Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live.”

^{2:1} Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ² The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. ³ When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

⁵ The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶ When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said. ⁷ Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” ⁸ Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. ⁹ Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰ When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

GOSPEL ALLELUIA *

Celtic Alleluia



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HOLY GOSPEL*

Matthew 16:13-20

At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

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

Assembly: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

SONG *

There is a Redeemer

Verse 1: There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah Holy One.

Chorus: Thank you, O, my Father for giving us your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

Verse 2: Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinner's slain...*chorus*

Verse 3: When I stand in glory, I will see his face,
There I'll serve my King forever in that holy place...*chorus*

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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.

OFFERING

Jesus Messiah – Tomlin/Carson/Cash/Reeves

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 are available at each entrance to the sanctuary and the QR code below can be used to give our tithes and offering.



*He became sin, who knew no sin;
That we might become His righteousness;
He humbled himself, and carried the cross.
Love so amazing. Love so amazing.*

*Jesus Messiah, name above all names;
Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven.
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.*

*His body the bread, His blood the wine,
Broken and poured out all for love.
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn.
Love so amazing. Love so amazing.*

*All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You.
All the glory to You, God, the Light of the world.*

CONFESSION *

Leader: We come before God and each other in a time of confession.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Leader: Merciful God,

**Assembly: we confess that we have not always trusted you, our Rock.
We have chosen fear over faith,
silence over courage,
and self-interest over love.
Forgive us and turn our hearts toward you.
Make us faithful followers of Jesus.
Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS *

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *

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.**

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.

Communion Meditation – *Amazing Grace*
 Morning Has Broken

Jesus, Name Above All Names

Jesus, name above all names,
Beautiful Savior, Glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us,
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: Let us pray.

Gracious God,
we give you thanks for this meal and for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ.
You have fed us with your love and strengthened us by your grace.
As you strengthened the Hebrew midwives to stand for life
and trust your promise,
give us courage to live faithfully.
As Christ built his church upon the rock,
make our faith firm and our witness strong.
Send us from this table to love our neighbors,
to speak for those who need a voice,
and to serve with compassion and courage.
Keep us grounded in Christ, our Rock,
and make our lives a sign of your love.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Assembly: Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION & SERVICE

BLESSING *

Leader: May the God who calls us to trust and serve bless you and keep you.
May ☩ Christ, our Rock and sure foundation,
strengthen your faith and guide your steps.
May the Holy Spirit give you courage to stand for life, speak with love,
and serve your neighbors.

Assembly: Amen.

SONG *

Rock of Ages

Verse: There is no rock, there is no god like our God;
No other name worthy of all our praise.
The Rock of salvation that cannot be moved,
He's proven Himself to be faithful and true.
There is no rock, there is no god like ours.

Chorus: Rock of Ages, Jesus is the Rock.
Rock of Ages, Jesus is the Rock.
Rock of Ages, Jesus is the Rock.
There is no rock, there is no god like ours.

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DISMISSAL *

Leader: Go into the world as God's people.
Build your life on Christ, our Rock.
Stand firm in faith, speak for those who need a voice,
and love your neighbor.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

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FLOWER DEDICATION:

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