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THE CONNECTION

September 21, 2025
10:30am



The Sacrament Of The Altar will be celebrated at the 10:30 AM service. Anyone who is not yet instructed, in doubt or holds a differing confession and yet desires to receive the Sacrament, is asked first to speak with a Pastor, Elder or Worship Assistant.

--PRESERVICE SONG “Giving It All to You”

--ANNOUNCEMENTS

--WORSHIP SONG “Forever”

(2 Thessalonians 3:3-5; Psalm 136; Psalm 113:3; Deuteronomy 5:15a; Deuteronomy 26:8-9; Jeremiah 32:17)

Verse 1...Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King, His love endures forever.
For He is good, He is above all things, His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.

Verse 2...With a mighty hand and outstretched arm, His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn, His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.

Chorus...Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us, forever, and ever, forever.

Verse 3...From the rising to the setting sun, His love endures forever.
And by the grace of God we will carry on. His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise. **Sing Chorus twice**...

Bridge...His love endures forever, His love endures forever. **Sing Bridge 4 times**...

(continued...)

Then...Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.

Final Chorus...Forever You are faithful. Forever You are strong.
Forever You are with us, forever, and ever, (forever).

Repeat Final Chorus...

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--INVOCATION

P. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen

--BAPTISM OF MACK DOUGLAS

Son of Gage & Natasha

Baptism liturgy, then...

P. Finally, Mack, God washes you of your sins in baptism but He also brings you into His family. We welcome you into our family in God's name. Come and enjoy with us the many gifts of God as we all wait for the day of His return.

C. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.

P. Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You have sent us Your Son, Jesus, to take our place in death and rise from the grave. We thank You for working through baptism to wash us of our sins and bring us into Your family.

P. We thank You for bringing Mack to the waters of baptism and now we ask You to help us surround Mack with Your love so we can walk in grace and new life together. Protect Mack from the temptations of this world and bless him to join us in the life of faith.

P. The Lord preserve you in every step of your life from now to life eternal.
The peace of Christ ☩ be with you.

C. Amen.

(Please stand)

--CONFESSION OF SINS

P. Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C. Most merciful God, in Your kindness and love You have saved us. You've rescued us from the coldness of our sin. Yet, we still struggle to share Your warmth in our daily living. Our thoughts don't always follow Your thoughts. Our ways often stray from Your ways. We sin against not only You, but against our neighbors, as well. Forgive us, dear Lord. Wrap us securely in Your love and lead us in Your good ways. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

--FORGIVENESS OF SINS

P. Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake He forgives you. As a called and ordained servant of the Lord, and on His behalf, I say to you, "You are forgiven." In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen

(Please sit)

--FIRST LESSON *Amos 8:4-7*

⁴Hear this, you who trample on the needy
and bring the poor of the land to an end,
⁵saying, "When will the new moon be over,
that we may sell grain?

And the Sabbath,
that we may offer wheat for sale,
that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great
and deal deceitfully with false balances,
⁶that we may buy the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals
and sell the chaff of the wheat?"

⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
"Surely I will never forget any of their deeds."

L. Here ends the first reading.

C. Thanks be to God.

--SECOND LESSON *1 Timothy 2:1-15*

¹First of all, then, I urge that
supplications, prayers, intercessions,
and thanksgivings be made for all
people, ²for kings and all who are in
high positions, that we may lead a

peaceful and quiet life, godly and
dignified in every way. ³This is good,
and it is pleasing in the sight of God our
Savior,

(continued...)

⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

⁵For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

⁸I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; ⁹likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with

braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, ¹⁰but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. ¹¹Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. ¹²I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. ¹⁵Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

L. Here ends the second reading.

C. Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

--GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 16:1-15*

¹[Jesus] also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' ³And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' ⁷Then he said to another,

'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.'

⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

¹⁰"One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?

(continued...)

¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

¹⁴The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵And he said to them,

“You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.”

P. Here ends the reading of the Gospel.

C. Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please sit)

--CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

--OFFERING / MESSAGE SONG “Awesome Is the Lord Most High” (Psalm 47:1-2)

Verse 1...Great are You, Lord, mighty in strength. You are faithful, and You will ever be. We will praise You all of our days. It's for Your glory we offer everything.

Chorus 1... Raise your hands all you nations. Shout to God all creation. How awesome is the Lord Most High.

Verse 2

Where You send us, God, we will go. You're the answer we want the world to know. We will trust You when You call our name. Where You lead us we'll follow all the way.

Chorus 2...Raise your hands all you nations. Shout to God all creation. How awesome is the Lord Most High. We will praise You together, for now and forever how awesome is the Lord most high.

Bridge...

Hallelujah, hallelujah. How awesome is the Lord most high.

Repeat Bridge, then Chorus 2 twice...then...the Lord Most high.

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--MESSAGE OF THE DAY

“ELDERS (PASTOR) IN EVERY CHURCH”

(TEXT: ACTS 14:21-28)

The Rev. Peter Gueldner

(Please stand)

--PRAYERS***(Sung at beginning of prayers)******“The Spirit Intercedes For Us” (Romans 8:26)***

The Spirit intercedes for us,
With sighs too deep for words to express, oh, oh, oh.

The pastor will conclude the prayers with:

“Holy Spirit, in our weakness, help us to pray...”

(Sung at end of the prayers)***“The Spirit Intercedes For Us” (Romans 8:26)***

The Spirit intercedes for us,
With sighs too deep for words to express, oh, oh, oh.

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--THE LORD’S PRAYER---Caribbean (Matthew 6:9-13)

Verse 1... Our Father who art in heaven.

Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done. Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 2...As in heaven, so on the earth.

Hallowed be Thy name. Give us this day our daily bread.
Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 3... And forgive us, Lord, our trespasses.

Hallowed be Thy name. As we forgive those who
trespass against us. Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 4...And lead us not into temptation.

Hallowed be Thy name. But deliver us from all evil.
Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 5... For Thine is the kingdom, the power,

and the glory. Hallowed be Thy name.
Forever and evermore. Hallowed be Thy name.

Verse 6...Amen, amen, it shall be so.

Hallowed be Thy name. Amen, amen, it shall be so.
Hallowed be Thy name.

--WORDS OF INSTITUTION**--SONGS FOR DISTRIBUTION “Come As You Are”**

(Psalm 55:22; Matthew 11:28; James 5:19-20; Hebrews 6:19a; 1 Timothy 4:10; 1 Peter 5:7)

Verse 1... Come out of sadness from wherever you've been, come brokenhearted; let rescue begin. Come find your mercy, oh sinner come kneel, earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.

Chorus... So lay down your burdens; lay down your shame.
All who are broken lift up your face. Oh wanderer come home, you're not too far.
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart; come as you are.

Verse 2... There's hope for the hopeless, and all those who've strayed.
Come sit at the table; come taste the grace. There's rest for the weary,
rest that endures; earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure. Chorus...

Bridge... Come as you are. Fall in His arms. Come as you are.

Verse 3... There's joy for the morning, oh sinner be still earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. Chorus...

Tag... Come as you are. Come as you are.

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“I Give You My Heart”

Verse... This is my desire to honor You. Lord, with all my heart I worship You.
All I have within me, I give You praise, all that I adore is in You.

Chorus... Lord, I give You my heart, I give You my soul, I live for You alone.
Every breath that I take, ev'ry moment I'm awake, Lord, have Your way in me.

Repeat Verse, and Chorus three times...

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--COMMUNION DISMISSAL

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.

--BENEDICTION

P. The grace of our + Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C. Amen.

--CLOSING SONG “*Lord, Reign in Me*” (Psalm 146:5-7)

Verse 1...Over all the earth, You reign on high, every mountain stream, every sunset sky. But my one request, Lord, my only aim is that You'd reign in me again.

Chorus...Lord, reign in me, reign in Your pow'r; over all my dreams, in my darkest hour. You are the Lord of all I am, so won't You reign in me again.

Verse 2...Over every thought, over every word, may my life reflect the beauty of my Lord; 'cause You mean more to me than any earthly thing. So won't You reign in me again.

Repeat Chorus twice, then...Won't You reign in me again, won't You reign in me again.

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P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C. Thanks be to God!

*** * * TO GOD BE THE GLORY * * ***

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