



Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

August 9, 2026 Ordinary 19

Prayers written by Eliza and Nathan Barber.

Gathering in God's Name

PRELUDE "Three Canonic Variations on 'With High Delight'" Charles Callahan

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name.

People: Sing praises to him; tell all of his wonderful works!

Pastor: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

People: Glory in his holy name; remember the wonderful works he has done.

HYMN #409 God is Here!

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Guide: Lord, let us use our gifts from you to reflect your goodness.

People: While we often focus on the gifts that are most noticeable or come easy, we tend to be self-limiting and reluctant to explore other, unseen gifts in our midst.

Guide: Lord, we often do what's easy; following the path of least resistance.

People: Help us to be more like you, help us to share the truth, share our gifts, and follow the path that brings glory to you.

- Silent Confessions -

Guide: We thank you for your everlasting love, and our differences that make us each uniquely beautiful. Now we pray as Christ taught us saying..."") ***"The Lord's Prayer" (debts/debtors) p. 35 in hymnal.***

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Guide: Lord, we try to follow you, but we are human, and we constantly fail. Because Jesus died for us, we no longer carry that burden - through him we are forgiven and saved. Your grace and everlasting love are enough. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE *(in unison)*

#582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

Encountering God in the Word

ANTHEM Great is Thy Faithfulness arr. Joel Raney

Dr. Janice James, piano Nancy Berry, organ

FAMILY SERMON Joy Bornhoeft

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reader: Open our eyes, Lord, to the scriptures and stories that you teach us. Help us notice you in scripture, and that you are capable of everything. Help us to think about how much you care for us and love us. Help us feel and extend our knowledge with your words in the Bible. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ezekiel 36:22-28

22 Therefore say unto the house of Israel: Thus saith the Lord GOD: I do not this for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My holy name, which ye have profaned among the nations, whither ye came.

23 And I will sanctify My great name, which hath been profaned among the nations, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the nations shall know that I am the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes.

24-25 For I will take you from among the nations, and gather you out of all the countries, and will bring you into your own land. And I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean; from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.

27 And I will put My spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and ye shall keep Mine ordinances, and do them.

28 And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be My people, and I will be your God.

All: This is the Word of the Lord. Amen.

Matthew 14:13-21

13-14 When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

15 As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

16 Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

17 "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

18-19 "Bring them here to me," he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then

he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.

20-21 They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

SERMON “Through You II” Pastor Joseph

Responding to God’s Word

HYMN #485 We Know That Christ is Raised

BAPTISM Courtney Backous, Reaffirmation of Faith
Connor Backous, Baptism

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: We hear and learn about wars in the past and present. We see how many in our community are treated unfairly or unequally.

People: We need you more than ever, Jesus. We strive to be more like you and live more like you – selfless, humble, and loving. Help us to follow you with the hope that our individual faithfulness, like Daniel, can change the course of your world.

- Silent prayers for others and ourselves. A candle is lit. -

Pastor: We trust you, God, and through you, anything is possible. Amen.

OFFERTORY “God Himself is Present” Michael Burkhardt

***OFFERING** (in unison) “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”
***God, Whose giving knows no ending, from Your rich and endless store,
Nature’s wonder, Jesus’ wisdom, Costly cross, grave’s shattered door:
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ’s ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving You by loving all.***

DEDICATION (unison)

***All: We offer you our gifts. Encourage us to share these gifts with our community and the world.
We love you, and we trust in you, Lord. Amen.***

CLOSING HYMN #543 God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

BENEDICTION Pastor Joseph

DOXOLOGY (in unison) #606

***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.

POSTLUDE "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" Robert Hobby

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

**When asked about the greatest commandment, Jesus quotes Leviticus 19:18b,
"you must love your neighbor as yourself; I am the LORD."**

What does "loving our neighbors" look like when they might believe differently than we do?

How is God present with people who are not practicing Christians?

How can we embody God's love without trying to control others' beliefs?

MONDAY Isaiah 44:1-5

TUESDAY Deuteronomy 26:1-11

WEDNESDAY Job 37:14-24

THURSDAY Romans 9:14-29

FRIDAY Isaiah 63:15-19

SATURDAY Psalm 23

SUNDAY John 10:1-10