



Service of Worship for the Lord's Day
Sunday, August 30, 2026
Ordinary 22

PRELUDE "Prelude on Joanna" James Pethel

CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 105*

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD!

People: Call upon his name!

Pastor: Make his deeds known to all people!

People: Sing to God!

Pastor: Sing praises to the Lord!

People: Dwell on all his wondrous works!

HYMN #757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

adapted from Exodus 3 and Jeremiah 15

Guide: Hallelujah and Hosanna, Lord God. We praise you and we long for your help.

People: We rejoice that you call us to this place, and that you hear our cries when we are suffering. Your words are a joy and a delight in our hearts, for we are called by your name, O Lord.

Guide: Yet we do not feel we are enough for the calling you place on our lives. We utter worthless excuses whenever the call to discipleship gets difficult.

People: Too often our faithfulness is as unreliable as a spring gone dry! We

ignore the suffering of our neighbors; we permit cries to go unanswered and wounds to go uncured. Remember us in your mercy as we confess our human frailties and failings, which we call sin, silently before you...

- Silent Confessions -

Guide: Hallelujah and Hosanna, Lord God. We praise you and yearn for your help. Show us that you are the one who goes with us to protect and rescue us, this we ask in the name of our redeemer and Lord, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray saying... ***“The Lord’s Prayer” (debts/debtors) p. 35 in hymnal***

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL *adapted from Romans 8*

Guide: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. Rather than condemn us, Christ died for us, Christ was raised for us, Christ reigns in power over us, and Christ prays for us. Friends, we are beloved children of God! Believe the good news of the gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Amen!

CHORAL RESPONSE *(in unison)*

#582 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

ANTHEM “Festival Prelude on Old 100th for Trumpet and Organ” by Walter Pelz
Nathan Barber, trumpet

FAMILY SERMON Pastor Joseph

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reader: Holy and loving Lord, we come before you this morning in worship, knowing that we belong to you, and to one another, and seeking to become disciples who embody and share the gospel. Bless us as we read from scripture, so that we might recognize you in every part of our lives, and live according to your Word. In Christ’s name I pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Romans 12:9-21

Reader: Love should be shown without pretending. Hate evil, and hold on to what is good. Love each other like the members of your family. Be the best at showing

honor to each other.

People: Don't hesitate to be enthusiastic—be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord!

Reader: Be happy in your hope, stand your ground when you're in trouble, and devote yourselves to prayer.

People: Contribute to the needs of God's people, and welcome strangers into your home. Bless people who harass you—bless and don't curse them.

Reader: Be happy with those who are happy, and cry with those who are crying. Consider everyone as equal, and don't think that you're better than anyone else. Instead, associate with people who have no status. Don't think that you're so smart.

People: Don't pay back anyone for their evil actions with evil actions, but show respect for what everyone else believes is good.

Reader: If possible, to the best of your ability, live at peace with all people. Don't try to get revenge for yourselves, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath.

People: It is written, Revenge belongs to me; I will pay it back, says the Lord.

Reader: Instead, If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink. By doing this, you will pile burning coals of fire upon his head.

People: Don't be defeated by evil, but defeat evil with good.

Reader: This is the Word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God.

Matthew 16:21-28

Reader: From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he had to go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders, chief priests, and legal experts, and that he had to be killed and raised on the third day.

People: Then Peter took hold of Jesus and, scolding him, began to correct him: God forbid, Lord! This won't happen to you."

Reader: But he turned to Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are a stone that could make me stumble, for you are not thinking God's thoughts but human thoughts."

People: Then Jesus said to his disciples, All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross, and follow me. All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me will find them.

Reader: Why would people gain the whole world but lose their lives? What will

people give in exchange for their lives? For the Human One is about to come with the majesty of his Father with his angels

People: And then he will repay each one for what that person has done. I assure you that some standing here won't die before they see the Human One coming in his kingdom."

Reader: This is the Word of the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

SERMON "That Time" Pastor Joseph

HYMN #223 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Great and gracious God, you have shown us love at every turn, and you have called us to be your people. Fill us with love for one another, that we may carry your light into all the places to which you are sending us.

People: In a hurting world, you have given us the good news of hope in Christ Jesus, so that we may know the plans you have for us. Help us to support one another in both celebration and in mourning, so that we might know that in joy and in sorrow we do not walk alone, so that all peoples will see your loving kindness poured out through the ways we put our faith into action.

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

Pastor: Lord God, as we prepare to depart this place, unite us in the knowledge that you are Emmanuel, God-With-Us. Work within us, and through us, so that all might know your peace and rejoice in the knowledge that you are the LORD. Amen.

OFFERTORY "Meditation on 'Lift High the Cross'" Charles Callahan

***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: Blessed are you, O God, king of the universe. We rejoice in the grace we have been given and cheerfully share these offerings to glorify and serve you. Use them to pour out your love upon all people through your church. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #826 Lift High the Cross

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 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Anna Laura Page

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Much of the time when we pray, we do all the talking. Much of the time when we read scripture, we bring our own baggage, questions, and assumptions to the text. Yet time and time again, God urges us to listen, which takes time, and a willingness to hear unexpected things.

How can you take time to listen for God's Word this week?

What would you do if you heard something?

MONDAY Matthew 12:22-32

TUESDAY Psalm 149

WEDNESDAY Proverbs 1:20-33

THURSDAY Romans 10:15-21

FRIDAY Ezekiel 33:1-6

SATURDAY Psalm 119:33-40

SUNDAY Matthew 17:1-8