



THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 3, 2025 9:00 A.M.

We kindly ask that you silence your cellphones and electronic devices as we create a sacred space for contemplation and prayer.

† - Please rise in body or in spirit.

Chiming the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

GOD GATHERS THE SCATTERED

Prelude

Variation 1 on "Kum Ba Ya"

John Behnke

† Call to Worship

Rev. John O'Neal

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world,
**who destined us for adoption as his children
through Jesus Christ,**
who has forgiven our sins according to the riches of his grace,
and has made known to us the mystery of his will.

This is our God!

Let's worship him together.

† Hymn

This Little Light of Mine

UMH 585

1. This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine,
this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (let it shine)
2. Everywhere I go...
3. All through the night...

† Opening Prayer

Unison

God of secret purposes and extravagant blessings,
we come to praise you.

We come because we want to;
we sing our songs because we are glad to;
we pray for your grace because we need to;
and we ask for the love of Christ in our hearts
because without it we are a dead loss.

Please lift every shutter within our mind,
and open every door within our soul,
that you, the Lord of glory, the God of countless hosts,
may come in.

Through Christ Jesus, the joy of loving hearts. Amen!

GOD SPEAKS THE WORD TO US

A Reading from the Epistles

Ephesians 1:3-14

One: Word of God, Word of Life! **Many: Thanks be to God!**

Musical Offering

Amazing Grace
Sam Williams, Tenor

arr. Craig Courtney

Sermon

Together We Have a Home

Rev. Dr. Sam Parkes

GOD INSPIRES US TO RESPOND

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Hymn

Lead Me, Lord

UMH 473

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;
make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,
that makest me dwell in safety.

† The Peace

One: The Peace of the Lord Jesus be always with you.

Many: And also with you.

The Offering

Offertory

God of Grace

arr. Paul Manz

† Doxology

UMH 94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise
God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

GOD HOSTS US AT CHRIST'S TABLE

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God's acts of
salvation, and concludes:*

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we
praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth
are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One
who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

*The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit & recalls the institution of
the Lord's Supper, concluding:*

...we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The pastor prays for the Church and praises the Trinity, concluding:

...All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

Breaking the Bread / Giving the Bread and Cup

During Communion:

Christian People, Raise Your Song

UMH 636

1. Christian people, raise your son, chase away all grieving.
Sing your joy and be made strong, our Lord's life receiving.
Nature's gifts of wheat and vine now are set before us;
as we offer bread and wine, Christ comes to restore us.

2. Come to welcome Christ today, God's great revelation,
who has pioneered the way of the new creation.
Greet the Christ, our risen King, gladly recognizing,
as with joy we greet the spring out of winter rising.

During Communion:

Bread of the World

UMH 624

1. Bread of the world in mercy broken,
wine of the soul in mercy shed,
by whom the words of life were spoken,
and in whose death our sins are dead:

2. Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
look on the tears by sinners shed;
and be thy feast to us the token
that by thy grace our souls are fed.

Two communion stations await you near the chancel. If walking forward is a hardship, raise your hand until an usher can serve you at your seat. If you need a gluten-free option, please ask the server at your station.

Prayer Following Communion

UMH 11

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOD SENDS US TO THE WORLD

† Hymn

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

UMH 540

1. I love thy kingdom, Lord,
the house of thine abode,
the church our blest Redeemer saved
with his own precious blood.

2. I love thy church, O God!
Her walls before thee stand
dear as the apple of thine eye,
and graven on thy hand.

3. For her my tears shall fall,
for her my prayers ascend,
to her my cares and toils be given,
till toils and cares shall end.

4. Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heavenly ways,
her sweet communion, solemn vows,
her hymns of love and praise.

5. Sure as thy truth shall last,
to Zion shall be given
the brightest glories earth can yield,
and brighter bliss of heaven.

† Dismissal with Blessing

One: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Variation 3 on "Kum Ba Ya"

John Behnke