



August 9, 2026 – Livestream
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Darren Cushman Wood

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

arr. J. Pachelbel

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing to the Lord; yes, sing praises.

People: Tell everyone about God's wonderful deeds.

Leader: Exult the name of the Holy One; rejoice, you who worship the Lord.

People: Search for the strong and reliable God. At all times, seek the Lord.

*OPENING HYMN #512

Stand by Me

When the storms of life are raging, stand by me;

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***When the world is tossing me, like a ship upon the sea,
thou who rulest wind and water, stand by me.***

In the midst of tribulation, stand by me;

in the midst of tribulation, stand by me.

***When the host of hell assail, and my strength begins to fail,
thou who never lost a battle, stand by me.***

In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me;

in the midst of faults and failures, stand by me.

***When I've done the best I can, and my friends misunderstand,
thou who knowest all about me, stand by me.***

In the midst of persecution, stand by me;

in the midst of persecution, stand by me.

***When my foes in war array undertake to stop my way,
thou who saved Paul and Silas, stand by me.***

When I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me;

when I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me.

***When my life becomes a burden, and I'm nearing chilly Jordan,
O thou Lily of the Valley, stand by me.***

OPENING PRAYER

**Great Messiah,
you walk on the waters of turmoil to meet us in our distress.
Help us to recognize your presence, remember your promise,
rely on your power, and receive your peace through every storm. Amen.**

ANTHEM

Secure

C. Courtney

A storm is raging, Lord. The boat I sail is small and, oh, so frail.
The wind is blowing, Lord. I cannot hold the course against the gale.
The lightning strikes on every side, nowhere to run, nowhere to hide.
Your hand alone can hold the tide, Lord, rescue me.

I am sinking, Lord. The boat is taking water, going down.
Part the waters, Lord. I long to plant my feet on solid ground.
Oh, Lord of earth and sky and sea, your hand is reaching out to me,
I know that you have heard my plea, my hope is sure.

Oh, Lord of earth and sky and sea, your hand is reaching out to me,
I know that you have heard my plea, I am secure.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE #806

Psalm 85:8-13

Leader: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for the Lord will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

People: Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear the Lord,
that glory may dwell in our land.

Leader: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

People: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.

Leader: The Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

People: Righteousness will go before the Lord,
make God's footsteps a way.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jon Barber

FIRST LESSON

Romans 10:5-15

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

⁸ But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PRAYER #368

My Hope is Built

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

**Refrain: *On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.***

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace.

In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood.

When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found!

Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne! [Refrain]

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Brandon Wallace

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

MUSICAL RESPONSE #349

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,

look full in his wonderful face,

and the things of earth will grow strangely dim

in the light of his glory and grace.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Share My Yoke

arr. I. Bosanko
David Wolfe, cornet

*DOXOLOGY #94

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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!

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 14:22-33

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the

disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Wave Rider

Jill Moffett

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #474

Precious Lord, take My Hand

***Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:***

Refrain: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

***When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall: [Refrain]***

***When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand: [Refrain]***

*THE BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Fanfares

E. Childs

The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God by Heidi Horton in honor of James' and Heidi's 45th wedding anniversary and in celebration of their daughter's adoption day.

The white carnation on the altar in celebration of the life of Gail Nelson who passed away on August 3rd.



Upcoming Events:

Young Adult Dinner
August 11, 7:00pm, Garage Food Hall

LGBTQ+ Dinner
August 18, 6:00pm, The Amp at 16 Tech

Farmers Market
Thursdays from 4-6pm: August 20 and September 3

Worship Without Walls
September 13, 11:00am

New Member Class Begins
September 13, 10:00am

Choir Rehearsal Resumes
September 10, 7:00pm

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Today's worship leaders:

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Jill Moffett
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Brandon Wallace
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Allen McCormack
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Theo Hicks
Director of Music
Heather Hinton
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