

Outdoor Worship

August 9, 2026

Opening

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Praise the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.

C: Those who keep the Sabbath and call it a delight shall rejoice in God's kingdom.

P: All who hallow the seventh day shall be gladdened by God's goodness.

C: This day is the festival of the spirit, sanctified and blessed by God, the most precious of days, a symbol of the joy of creation.

Gathering Hymn



Lord pre - pare me to be a sanc-tu - a - ry
I will live Lord, as you ask me,
With your Spir - it, Fath-er, fill me;
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,



pure and ho - ly tried and true - -
find - ing truth in your com - man - -
let me know your pres-ence he - - -
Al - le - lu - ia, A - men. _____



- With thanks - giv - ing I'll be a li - ving
ds 'Gainst all e - vils and temp - ta - tions,
re. I am long - ing for your sal - va - tion.
— Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,



sanc - tu - a - ry fo - r you.
as your faith - ful, I will stand.
Come, I want you to be near.
Al - le - lu - ia, A - men.

Greeting

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

C: And also with you

Dialog & Prayer of the Day

P: For the beauty of the earth, Creator God,

C: We give you thanks.

P: For the rich abundance of the natural order, Lord,

C: We give you thanks.

P: For the many ways that you provide for all creation, Sustainer,

C: We give you thanks.

P: For the material things that enable our survival and provide for our comfort, gracious God,

C: We give you thanks.

P: As we strive first for the Kingdom of God and its righteousness,

C: Teach us to pursue the work of justice.

P: We live in a world that has the resources to satisfy everyone's hunger, if only we will share our food.

C: Teach us to love kindness.

P: We long to live lives characterized by reckless generosity and hospitality.

C: Teach us to walk humbly with you.

P: We commit to sharing all that you have entrusted to us with all people,

C: That in so doing, we might be transformed into more faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

P: Let us pray:

C: Gracious Lord, You have always been merciful and compassionate to Your people. As You have shown mercy and compassion even to us, inspire us to respond gratefully, following your example in our own relationships with each other, and, thereby, witnessing to the Gospel which transforms our lives. Amen.

[Joseph, of the special many-colored coat fame, was sold into slavery by his brothers, but eventually he became one of the rulers of Egypt. His brothers were afraid that Joseph had not taken revenge on them because he did not want to upset his father.] Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?"

So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father."

Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves."

But Joseph said to them,

"Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So, have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones."

In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

R: The word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!

Psalms

Psalms 103:8-13

*The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

**The Lord will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.**

*The Lord does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.*

**For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is the Lord's steadfast love toward those who
fear him;**

*as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.*

**As parents have compassion for their children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.**

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

Matthew 18

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, how often do I forgive my brother or sister in the faith if they sin against me - as much as seven times?"

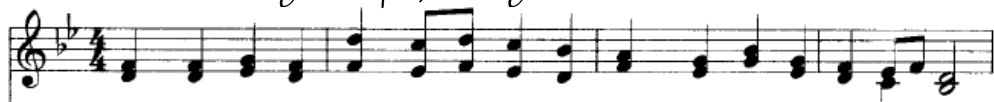
Jesus said to him, "I tell you, not seven times, but up to seventy-seven times. For example: The Kingdom of the Heavens is like a man - a king - who wanted to resolve the word he had with his slave. As the king began this process, he had brought before him a slave who was indebted to him for 10,000 talents. But, this slave did not have that amount to hand back to his king, so the king ordered him and his wife, and his children and all that he had to be sold and then proceeds were to be handed over. Therefore, the slave falls down to do obeisance to the king, saying 'Have patience with me and I will hand back everything I owe!' But, the king, moved with compassion for that slave, releases the slave and forgives the slave of his debt.

But later, that slave goes out and finds one of his fellow slaves who owed him a mere 100 denarii and seizing him, chokes him saying, 'Hand back what you owe!' Therefore, the fellow slave falls down pleading with him, saying, 'Have patience with me and I will hand back everything I owe!' But not wanting to, the first slave goes away and throws his fellow slave into prison until he would hand back what he owed.

Seeing this, his fellow slaves, grieving greatly, go and explain to their lord all that is happening. Then, summoning him, the lord says to him, "Wicked slave. All that debt I forgave you because you pleaded with me. And was it not necessary for you to have mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger, his lord handed him over to the Inquisitors until he would hand back all he owed.

And, thus, my heavenly Father will also do to you, if you may not forgive each of your brothers or sisters from your heart."

Sermon & Hymn of the Day



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
4 So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life



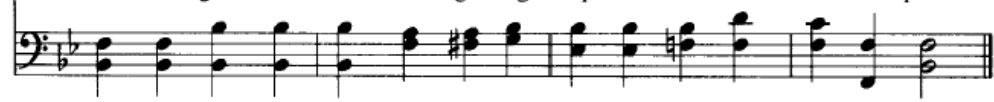
We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
Let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
Help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
That sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con- quers strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



E-equal part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
Blend-ing hu-man skills to-gether gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
Bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
Mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.



Prayers & Passing of the Peace

Words of Institution

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and responsible that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. We recall and proclaim that in your great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who came as the Messiah, reaching out to heal the sick and suffering, preaching good news to the poor, and inviting all to your table through his sacrifice on the cross.

In that night in which he was handed over . . .

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

P: Let us pray.

C: We rejoice that you use the harvests of the field, the fruit of the vineyard and the fellowship of the table to fulfill your promise of an abiding presence in our lives. As we leave this sacred time lead us out to faithful lives that manifest that presence through all that we say and do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Benediction & Final Hymn

1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, whom yet un - seen we love;
 2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, who won - drous - ly hast wrought,
 3 In thee all full - ness dwell - eth, all grace and pow'r di - vine;
 4 Oh, grant the con - sum - ma - tion of this our song a - bove,

O name of might and fa - vor, all oth - er names a - bove:
 thy - self the rev - e - la - tion of love be - yond our thought:
 the glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is thine.
 in end - less ad - o - ra - tion and ev - er - last - ing love;

we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
 we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
 We wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
 then shall we praise and bless thee where per - fect prais - es ring,

we praise thee and con - fess thee, our ho - ly Lord and King.
 we praise thee and con - fess thee, our gra - cious Lord and King.
 we praise thee and con - fess thee, our glo - rious Lord and King.
 and ev - er - more con - fess thee, our Sav - ior and our King!

Dismissal A: Go in peace, serve the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!



Sunday, August 9th

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Outdoor worship

11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, August 10th

9:30 a.m. Widowed Support Group

7:00 p.m. Social Ministry/Green Team Meeting

Wednesday, August 12th

9:00 a.m. Peacemakers Quilting Group

Sunday, August 16th

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Outdoor Worship

11:00 a.m. Worship

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