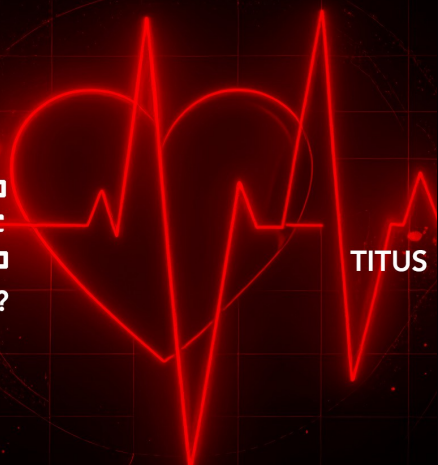


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Liturgy for the Celebration of Worship

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 | 10:00 AM
Liturgist: Missy Newcomer

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."

WELCOME

The chimes call us to a time of worship

Greeting

Liturgist

Prelude

"God of Grace and God of Glory"- Hughes/Page

Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson

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Introit

Leader:

Our help is in the name of the Holy One,

Congregation:

who made heaven and earth.

Leader:

As we have gathered here to worship,
let us stand and greet one another in the
love of Christ.

* indicates: **please stand as you are able**

* Gathering Song *“Enter, Rejoice, and Come In”*

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

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Louise Ruspini; alt.

Ps. 100

Unison C FM7 C C7 FM7 Dm7 G7 C

1 En - ter, re - joice, and come in. En - ter, re - joice, and come in.

To - day will be a joy - ful day; en-ter, re-joice, and come in.

The musical score is written for a unison voice part in 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff contains the first two phrases of the song, with lyrics 'En - ter, re - joice, and come in.' and 'En - ter, re - joice, and come in.' The second staff contains the third phrase, 'To - day will be a joy - ful day; en-ter, re-joice, and come in.' Chord symbols are written above the notes: C, FM7, C, C7, FM7, Dm7, G7, and C.

*Call to Worship Liturgist

One: At the name of Jesus

All: **every knee should bend**

One: and every tongue confess

All: **that Jesus Christ is Lord.**

All: **Glory to God. Amen.**

*Opening Hymn

“Come, Let Us Praise the Lord” #9
(words and music on the following page)

Come, Let Us Praise the Lord

9

C $\frac{G}{B}$ C Am $\frac{Cmaj7}{G}$ F $\frac{C}{E}$ $\frac{G7}{D}$ C G

1 Come, let us praise the Lord, with joy our God ac-claim, his
 2 Our God of match-less worth, our King be-yond com-pare, the
 3 In wor-ship bow the knee, our glo-rious God con-fess; the
 4 Come, hear his voice to-day, re-ceive what love im-parts; his

C Am Am7 D $\frac{D}{C}$ $\frac{G}{B}$ C $\frac{G}{B}$ D7 G C F $\frac{Bdim}{D}$

great-ness tell a-broad and bless his sav-ing name. Lift high your
 deep-est bounds of earth, the hills, are in his care. He all de-
 great Cre-a-tor, he, the Lord of Right-eous-ness. He reigns un-
 ho-ly will o-bey and hard-en not your hearts. His ways are

C $\frac{G}{B}$ C $\frac{F}{A}$ $\frac{C}{G}$ F E Am $\frac{Dm}{F}$ $\frac{C}{G}$ G7 C

songs be-fore his throne to whom a-lone all praise be-longs.
 crees, who by his hand pre-pared the land and formed the seas.
 seen: his flock he feeds and gent-ly leads in pas-tures green.
 best; and lead at last, all trou-bles past, to per-fect rest.

WORDS: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-); para. Psalm 95
 MUSIC: John Darwall (1731-1789)

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***Opening Prayer**

Liturgist

Holy God, all lives are yours, and you do not seek the death of any who turn from your ways. Renew our hearts, refresh our spirits, and help us walk in your holy way, that we may welcome the impartiality of your judgment and accept your all-embracing goodness; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Anthem

"Be Strong in the Lord" — Barrett

Chancel Choir, Director: Nancy Lynn Robinson

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A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

Children's Message

Wendy Brown

WE LIFT OUR PRAISE & PRAYER TO GOD

Naming our Prayers before God

Moments of Silent Prayer

Intercessory Prayer w/ Lords Prayer (using debts/debtors)

HEARING GOD'S WORD FOR THE DAY

Scripture Lesson

First Lesson: Psalm 25:1-9

- ¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
² O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.
³ Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
⁴ Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.
⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.
⁶ Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!
⁸ Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
⁹ He leads the humble in what is right
and teaches the humble his way

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Everyone: THANKS BE TO GOD

*Hymn of Preparation

"Thy Word" #664

(words and music on the following page)

Thy Word

Refrain (Unison)

Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet and a

light un-to my path.

1 When I feel a-fraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right be-
 2 I will not for-get your love for me, and yet my heart for - ev - er is

side me. And noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near.
 wan - der-ing. Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to your side; and

Please be near me to the end.
 I will love you to the end.

to Refrain

Second Lesson: Titus 1:4-10

⁴ To Titus, my true child in the faith we share:

Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

Titus in Crete

⁵ I left you behind in Crete for this reason, so that you should put in order what remained to be done and should appoint elders in every town, as I directed you: ⁶ someone who is blameless, married only once, whose children are believers, not accused of debauchery and not rebellious.

⁷ For a bishop, as God's steward, must be blameless; he must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or addicted to wine or violent or greedy for gain,

⁸ but he must be hospitable, a lover of goodness, self-controlled, upright, devout, and restrained, ⁹ holding tightly to the trustworthy word of the teaching, so that he may be able both to exhort with sound instruction and to refute those who contradict it.

¹⁰ There are also many rebellious people, idle talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision;

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Sermon

"Pulse/What's Your Purpose?"

- Rev. Connie Stone

THE OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering

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Offertory

"I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath" - arr. Kerr

Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson

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*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly host.

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God, we give you thanks and praise for your love shown to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept the offering of our lives in union with Christ's offering for us, and make us humble and obedient servants who will work for your good pleasure; through Christ, with the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

WE ARE SENT BY GOD TO BE THE GOOD NEWS

*Closing Hymn

"Spirit Song" #352

(words and music on the following pages)

Spirit Song

Unison

Gmaj7 Gmaj7 F# Em7 A7 A7 G

1 O let the Son of God en-fold you with his
2 (O come and) sing this song with glad-ness as your

F#m7 Bm7 Em7

Spir - it and his love. Let him fill your heart and
hearts are filled with joy. Lift your hands in sweet sur -

A7 D Dmaj7 Em7 F#m7 Gmaj7 Gmaj7 F#

sat - is - fy your soul. O let him have the things that
ren - der to his name. O give him all your tears and

Em7 A7 A7 G F#m7 Bm7

hold you, and his Spir - it like a dove will de -
sad - ness; give him all your years of pain, and you'll

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Em7 G6/A G/A A7 D C/D D

scend up - on your life and make you whole.
 en - ter, in - to life in Je - sus' name.

Refrain

Gmaj7 A7 A9 F#m7 Bm

G

Je - sus, O Je - sus,

The image shows a musical score for the Refrain of 'The Lord's Prayer'. It consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics 'Je - sus, O Je - sus,' are written below the treble staff. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff: Gmaj7, A7, A9 (with a G below it), F#m7, and Bm. The A9 chord is underlined. The bass staff contains a continuous line of eighth and sixteenth notes, providing a harmonic accompaniment to the melody.

Je - sus, O Je - sus,

Em7 G6 G D 1 2

come and fill your lambs. 2 O come and

A musical score for a hymn. It features two staves: a treble staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C), and a bass staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves. The score includes a first ending (marked '1') and a second ending (marked '2'). The second ending leads back to the beginning of the phrase '2 O come and'. The lyrics are: 'come and fill your lambs. 2 O come and'. The chords indicated above the treble staff are Em7, G6/A, G/A, and D.

***Benediction**

***Congregation Response**

**"Go now in peace, never be afraid
God will go with you, each hour of every day.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love."**

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Postlude

"A Joyous Acclamation" - Smith

Organ: Nancy Lynn Robinson

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*** A special thanks to Connie Stone for supplying worship.**

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"In Loving Memory of her mother."

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Thursday October 1,

12:00 pm

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We are opening this program to the entire congregation—**yes, men too!** Everyone is welcome.

A delicious **charcuterie box lunch will be provided by Women’s Fellowship. There is no charge.**

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