



Sunday, August 16, 2026

10:00 a.m.



"Our Kind of People"

Pastor Erik Allen



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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude	“Voluntary in G”	Henry Heron
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Announcements

Song	Meekness and Majesty
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Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 67)*

Song	Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)
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Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of the Day

please be seated

Lesson	Romans 11:1-2, 29-32
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Gospel	Matthew 15:21-28
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Gospel Response

Children’s Message	Pastor Erik
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Sermon	“Our Kind of People”	Pastor Erik
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Hymn	“Healer of Our Every Ill”	ELW 612
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The Apostles’ Creed

please be seated

Offering

Offering Hymn	“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” (vs 1 & 4)	ELW 712
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Offering Prayer

Prayers of the Church *(the congregation joins in speaking the first names of those for whom we pray.)*

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

please be seated.

Distribution

All baptized Christians who seek the blessings of Christ's true body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion are welcome. Those who do not wish to receive may come forward for a blessing. Please let your server know if you desire a gluten-free wafer.

Blessing

Song More Than Conquerors

Dismissal

Postlude "Trumpet Voluntary" John Bennett

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's Sign Up Time for God's Work Our Hands!

Our annual God's Work, Our Hands is Sunday, September 13. Project and lunch signups available now in the Gathering Place and through Flocknote (if you don't get Flocknotes but would like to, email me leslie.french@kogcarmel.org).

An immediate need the next two weeks is monetary donations to purchase items for Blessing Bags. The goal is to raise enough money to purchase enough personal necessities to fill 200 ziplock bags during this God's Work Our Hands project. The bags will be handed out to the congregation so that you can distribute to those in need during your day to day lives. The remaining bags will once again be donated to Salvation Army, they were so appreciative last year. See Brandon Hulse for details.

Stop by the large bulletin board in the Gathering Place to sign up for projects and the small bulletin board by the entrance to signup for lunch.

Thank You!

To our mulch movers ... THANK YOU. We still need to spread out a few piles in the toddler playground so if you have time, come as you are able.

Screen Removers

For those who offered to stay after worship today to help remove screens throughout the building...Thank YOU!! Please meet in the Gathering Place following worship for easy to follow instructions.

Lands'End KOG Swag

We think it's time to show our KOG pride! We are working with LandsEnd where you can choose from a variety of clothing which will include our KOG logo. Check your Flocknote from Saturday for step-by-step directions and a code for 25% off.

Prayer List

If you have loved ones you would like added to the prayer list, please let Pastor know or email Leslie. Going forward, we will include your loved ones for three weeks. Please list their name, their relationship to you (family or friend) and their specific prayer need. If you have a long-term prayer request, please email Leslie with an anticipated end date so we can keep the prayer board up to date.

To Reflect On This Week

The Canaanite woman in today's Gospel is a Gentile and an outsider, yet she is unflinching in asking Jesus to heal her daughter. Jesus commends her bold faith, reminding us that faith may appear in people we have been taught to overlook and that God's mercy crosses the lines we draw. As we gather to worship together, Christ strengthens us to become signs of comfort and healing for people in need.

Who in our broader communities has been pushed to the margins or treated as "not our kind of people"?

How might our congregation—and each of us—draw near, listen to their voices, and share the mercy we have received?

Weekly Devotions Available at the Usher's Table