

The Gathering

Fanfare
Welcome & Announcements
Prelude

*Call to Worship
One: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me.
All: Bless God’s holy name.
One: God forgives.
All: God heals.
One: God transforms with steadfast love. Bless God’s holy name.

*Opening Hymn “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies” Hymn #338

Scripture Acts 18:1-10 Pew Bible, pg. 138

Call to Confession
*Prayer of Confession
Nurturing God, like a hen gathers her brood under her wings, you desire to gather your children. But division and disagreement plague us. We cling to rigid certainties, approach each other in arrogance, and fail to listen. We walk away from conflict, rather than working through it. Forgive us, Holy God. Help us grow in faith, mature in relationship, and be transformed through your steadfast love. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn of Response “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!” Hymn #41, v. 1

**“O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing God’s power and God’s love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise!”**

*Greeting in Christ’s Name

The Word

Time with Our Children
Prayer for Illumination
Scripture Acts 18:18-26 Pew Bible, pg. 138

Sermon “Grab Your Partner” Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson

Response to Grace

*Hymn “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” Hymn #761

*Affirmation of Faith from the Book of Common Worship
We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Call for the Offering
Offertory
*Doxology Hymn #582
**“Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.”**

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the people and the Lord’s Prayer
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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Sending

*Closing Hymn

“This Is My Song”

Hymn #340

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

“Let All Things Now Living”

Hymn #37, v. 1

**“Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly
raise; who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God’s banners are o’er us, pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night: till shadows have vanished,
all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.”**

Postlude

(Please remain seated and reflect upon the service)

WORSHIP NOTES

*All are invited to stand in body or spirit

Liturgist: Lois Rogers

Acolyte:

All hymns from Glory to God unless noted

Attribution: Rev. Dr. Teri McDowell Ott and Rev. Dr. Holly Robertson



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Service of Worship

September 13th, 2026

16th Sunday after Pentecost



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