

Service for the Lord's Day

11:00 am

The Gathering

Fanfare

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

“Prélude modal”

Jean Langlais

*Call to Worship (Psalm 86:1-7)

One: God calls us here to worship. We carry many worries and are distracted by many things, but here, in this time and place, we are invited to set them aside, to be fully present. Let’s pause and take a deep breath. We remember who we are:

All: We are the body of Christ.

One: We remember whose we are:

All: We are God’s beloved children.

One: We remember our chief purpose:

All: To glorify and enjoy God forever. Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn

“We Are Standing on Holy Ground”

Hymn #406

Scripture

Exodus 3:1-5

Pew Bible, pg. 50

Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we are pulled in many different directions. We are distracted by the news, quick to point fingers and pass judgment, but reluctant to examine the ways we benefit from the injustice in our world. We are distracted by our fears. We fear the loss of health, safety, and financial security. Instead of proclaiming your abundance, we operate from a mindset of scarcity. We are distracted by our tasks, by calendars that shape our priorities, leaving us with less time and energy for what is most important. We confess our distraction, even as we acknowledge that sometimes we embrace it because it’s easier than sitting at Jesus’s feet, learning what it means to follow him. We confess that distraction is easier than discipleship. Forgive us. Help us discern and choose the better path as we seek to follow Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of God’s Love

*Responsorial Hymn

“Give Thanks”

Hymn #647

“Give thanks with a grateful heart;
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we’re given Jesus Christ, the Son.
And now let the weak say “We are strong”;
let the poor say “We are rich
because of what the Lord has done for us!”
Give thanks, give thanks.”

*Greeting in Christ’s Name

The Word

Paul Winkler

Time with Our Children

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Genesis 28:10-19a

John 12:1-3

Pew Bible, pg. 25

Pew Bible, pg. 106

Sermon

“Precious Places”

Rev. Dr. Rose Taul

Hymn

“Here in This Place”

Hymn #401

*Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Call for the Offering

Offertory

“Prière”

Jean Langlais

*Doxology

“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit ever more;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.”

Hymn #608

*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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Sending

*Closing Hymn

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

Hymn #547

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

“Glory to God”

Hymn #582, v. 1

**“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.”**

Postlude

“Pasticcio”

Jean Langlais

(Please remain seated and reflect upon the service)

WORSHIP NOTES

*All are invited to stand in body or spirit

Liturgist: Roger Neff

All hymns from Glory to God unless noted



We're all painfully aware of rising prices on all items, especially necessary items, such as food, gasoline, and housing. Imagine having to live in shelter AND having no funds for feminine hygiene items. We are having a collection for feminine hygiene products to be donated to the Esther Marie Hatton Shelter (which replaced the Anna Louise Inn) on Reading Road. There is a marked bin in the narthex for you to place your items. We are told that ANY feminine hygiene items are needed there. Thanks for your generosity!

Service of Worship

July 19th, 2026

8th Sunday after Pentecost



Rev. Dr. Rose Taul, Guest Pastor

Rick Marquardt, Guest Organist