

Welcome to Worship! | October 12, 2025 | 18th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

Prelude For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. Maureen Howell

Welcome

Moment for Mission Laura Bullock

*Call to Worship

Rev. Katherine B. Harrington

Come, let's bless the Lord!

For the Lord is like a parent to their children, compassionate and merciful, filled with endless love.

God forgives our sins and heals us when we are broken;

God is merciful and just and surrounds us with love and mercy!

Let's worship God together!

*Hymn **435** There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (Come forward with your 5-Cents-A-Meal Offering)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess to you our forgetfulness. We often do not recognize how our actions affect others, ourselves, and you. It is only in our time of reflection that we recall your acts of love and kindness . . . as well as moments when we know we failed you and others. Even still, your love and grace remain. And so in humility and brokenness, we pray. We ask you to redeem us from our bondage to our guilt and thoughts of revenge. Guide us in your desire for justice and forgiveness, and remind us that love knows no bounds. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Sung Response 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Psalm 103:8-13

Second Lesson Matthew 18:21-33

Sermon The Lord's Prayer: Forgive Us Rev. Parker Lucas

*Hymn 423 Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God (Psalm 51)

*Affirmation of Faith Brief Statement of Faith (excerpt)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. . . . In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

THANKSGIVING

Offering

Offertory *Majestic Alleluia*

Joel Raney

*Doxology 606

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*Hymn 619 Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven (Psalm 103)

*Charge and Benediction

*Dismissal

We stand while the bell is rung three times, remembering that God, Creator, Redeemer and Renewer of Life goes with us.

Postlude Rondo from Sonata, Op. 49, No. 1

Ludwig van Beethoven

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor, Rev. Katherine B. Harrington Associate Pastor, Rev. Parker Lucas Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger Pianist, Sara Bryant Adult Handbells Production Coordinator, Jim Fox Lay Reader, Hank Montgomery Children's Director, Lynn Warner

Our Mission