

Welcome to Worship! | November 9, 2025 | 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

Prelude Allegretto from Sonata, Op. 164

Franz Schubert

Welcome

Moment for Mission

*Call to Worship

Rev. Parker Lucas

We come today trusting that God knows the way, even when we can't see what's ahead. **We put our trust in the Lord with all our hearts.**

When life feels confusing or uncertain, God promises to make our paths straight.

We lean not on our own understanding, but on God's grace.

Just as Jesus healed, God is still bringing healing, forgiveness, and new life today.

We come with open hearts—ready to listen, ready to be changed.

Let us worship the One who meets us right where we are and calls us to rise and walk in faith.

Let us worship God with faithfulness and joy!

*Hymn 305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

(Come forward with your 5-Cents-A-Meal Offering)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we often rely on our own understanding instead of trusting you with our whole hearts. We try to fix things ourselves, we hold on to fear, and we forget that your power can make all things new. Like the friends who brought the paralyzed man to Jesus, you call us to carry one another in faith—but too often, we walk by in silence. Forgive us, Lord. Lift us from what holds us down. Guide our steps, so that in all our ways we may acknowledge you and walk in your healing grace.

Moment for Reflection and Silent Confession

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 Proverbs 3:1-10

Second Lesson Mark 2:1-12

Sermon On Our Journey: there is strength and friendship

Rev. Katherine B. Harrington

*Hymn 716 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

*Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed (hymnal, p. 35)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

THANKSGIVING

Offering

Offertory Creation will be at Peace

arr. Anna Laura Page

In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease; in the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace. The wolf will lie down with the lamb, the cow and bear will feed, their young will play together; a little child will lead, a little child will lead. The leopard and goat will graze, the lion will feed on straw. They will war no more, they will war no more; a child will lead them all, will lead them all. In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease; In the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace, creation will be at peace

*Doxology 606

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious and Compassionate God, you meet us on our journey—a journey that spans life's ups and downs, leading us to this community. And so, with gratitude, we respond to the gifts you have given us, which we can never fully repay. Receive our stewardship offerings as an expression of our faith and commitment to service. Let our offering be more than a yearly ritual—let them become praise, rising from our lives made whole by your grace. Make us a generous people, healed and healing, served and serving, blessing others as you have blessed us on our journey. Amen.

SENDING

*Hymn 306 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Hold my hand while I run this race. Hold my hand while I run this race. Hold my hand while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Postlude Let All Things Now Living

arr. Maureen Howell

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor, Rev. Katherine B. Harrington Associate Pastor, Rev. Parker Lucas Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger Choir Director, Angela Burns Pianist, Sara Bryant Adult Choir Production Coordinator, Jim Fox Lay Reader, Scott Murray

Our Mission

Inspiring one another to love Jesus by staying faithfully present in our community.