

Confirmation Sunday



13th Sunday After Pentecost

August 23, 2026

10:15 am Family Contemporary Worship

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

My Lighthouse

Llewellyn, Gilkeson

Verse 1

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Verse 2

In the silence You won't let go
In the questions Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness
I will follow You oh

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse

I will trust the promise

You will carry me safe to shore

Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

Verse 3

I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Bridge

Fire before us

You're the brightest

You will lead us

Through the storms (hey)

(REPEAT 3X)

Worship Song

I Thank God

Verse 1

Wandering into the night wanting a place to hide
This weary soul this bag of bones
I try with all of my might
But I just can't win the fight
I'm slowly drifting a vagabond

Pre-Chorus 1

And just when I ran out of road
I met a man I didn't know
And He told me that I was not alone

Chorus

You picked me up You turned me around
And placed my feet on solid ground
I thank the Master I thank the Savior
Because You healed my heart You changed my name
Forever free I'm not the same
I thank the Master I thank the Savior I thank God

Moses, Butler, Bowe, Cline, Holmes, George

Verse 2

I cannot deny what I've seen
Got no choice but to believe
My doubts are burnin' like ashes in the wind
So so long to my old friends burden and bitterness
You can just keep them moving
Nah you ain't welcome here

Pre-Chorus 2

From now till I walk streets of gold
I'll sing of how You saved my soul
This wayward son has found his way back home

Prayers of the Church

As the Spirit was moving over the waters

Spirit, come move over us

Come rest on us, Come rest on us

Trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit to unite this broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation, kneeling, sitting, or standing as you are able.

***As the Spirit was moving over the waters
Spirit, come move over us
Come rest on us, Come rest on us***

Almighty God, you know our hearts completely. You see every desire, every hope, and every hidden part of who we are. Through your Holy Spirit, clear away whatever keeps us from you and renew our hearts, so that we may love you fully and live faithfully through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We confess, O God, that we are caught in patterns of sin and cannot free ourselves. We have fallen short in our thoughts, our words, and our actions. We have not loved you with our whole hearts, and we have not always loved our neighbors with the compassion and grace you call us to share. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and restore us, that we may turn toward your will, walk in your ways, and share your love with the world, to the glory of your holy name.

***So come down
Spirit, when You move You make my heart pound
When You fill the room
You're here and I know You are moving
I'm here and I know You will fill me (x2)***

God, our rock, you are the foundation on which the church is built. Strengthen and encourage your faithful people everywhere they gather, that they boldly proclaim your word of life to all the world. We give you thanks for the young people who today affirm the promises made at their baptism and continue their journey of faith with you. Fill them with your Holy Spirit, give them courage to ask questions, seek wisdom, serve others, and trust that your love will surround them through every season of life. Remind them that they are beloved children of God, called to share your grace and love with the world. You bring deliverance to nations and peoples. Come to the aid of nations experiencing war, conflict, disease, famine, and disaster. Guide the work of relief agencies and peacemaking organizations.

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Spirit, when You move You make my heart pound
When You fill the room
You're here and I know You are moving
I'm here and I know You will fill me (x2)***

You regard the lowly and hear us when we cry out to you. Be present among all who struggle with addiction, housing insecurity, incarceration, and mental illness, that they know they are not alone. Hear our prayers for all in need this day, especially those on our congregational prayer list and those we name aloud at this time....

(We now invite you to speak aloud the names of those for whom you are praying.)

You draw together people with differing gifts. Lift up the many and varied gifts and talents of this congregation and strengthen the bonds of fellowship that all may be united as the body of Christ. Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. We sing our Amen.

***Fire and wind, come and do it again
Open up the gates, let Heaven on in
Come rest on us
Come rest on us (x2)***

(Children may head out for C&C Kids)

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.



This Week's Story: The Burning Bush
Icebreaker Question: Which do you like
better, snow or sand?

Welcome Home and Announcements *(See back page for additional announcements.)*

THE WORD

Joshua 1:9 (NIV)

⁹Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

John 4:4-30, 39-42

⁴But he had to go through Samaria. ⁵So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

27 Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" 28 Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 29 "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" 30 They left the city and were on their way to him.

39 Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. 41 And many more believed because of his word. 42 They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated)

Sermon Confirmands

THANKSGIVING

Anthem Scialla
Come Down to Us, O Holy Spirit

Come down to us, O Holy Spirit. Dwell in our hearts with love anew.
Come and awaken us, inspire us and shake us. Come down to us, O Holy Spirit.
Come down to us, O Holy Spirit. Dwell in our hearts with love anew.
Come and awaken us, inspire us and shake us. Come down to us, O Holy Spirit.
From God above You descend unto earth; Come now and strengthen our hearts.
Come down to us, O Holy Spirit. Dwell in our hearts with love anew.
Come and awaken us, inspire us and shake us. Come down to us, O Holy Spirit.

Offertory Hymn Linstead
674 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ, stanza 1



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

**Affirmation of Baptism: Mika Forsblom, Talullah Morton, Taylor Simpkins, Rori White,
Reid Huber (confirmed at the 8:15 am service.)**

Presentation

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making a public affirmation of their baptism.

P: Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C: Amen.

Parents and sponsors present the confirmands for Affirmation of Baptism.

Profession of Faith

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Affirmation

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

C: Amen.

Laying on of Hands and Blessing

P: Stir up in Mika, Tallulah, Taylor & Rori, the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

COMMUNION

Come to the Table-- Everyone's Invited!

Holy Communion is a celebration of Christ's love, shared through His body and blood. If you're hungry for His presence, this meal is for you! We commune by taking a piece of bread and dipping it into wine or grape juice. Need grape juice or gluten-free options? No problem—the assistant will gladly help you out. Kids are welcome, too! Just let the assistant know if your child will be receiving Communion or would prefer a special blessing. We're so glad you're here—let's share this joyful moment together!

Words of Institution

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:

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 trespasses,
As we forgive those who
trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

OR

Our Father, who is of heaven,
Holy is your name
Your kingdom come
Your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us today our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation
and deliver us from evil
For yours is the kingdom
And the power, and the glory
now and forever, Amen.

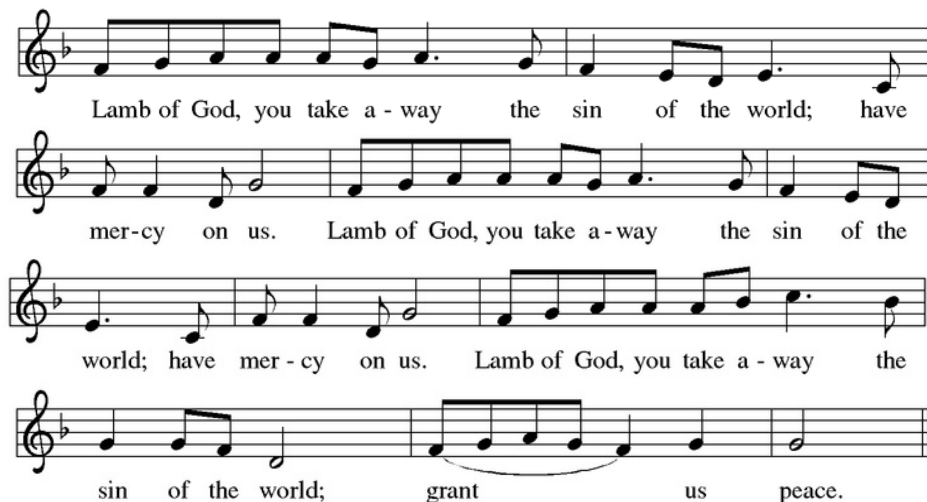
Welcome to the Table

P: Come now and feast on the gifts of God for the people of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated)

Lamb of God



Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion Song

Stand In Your Love

Baldwin, Hulse, Springer, Harris

Verse 1

When darkness tries to roll over my bones
When sorrow comes to steal the joy I own
When brokenness and pain is all I know
I won't be shaken I won't be shaken

Chorus

My fear doesn't stand a chance
When I stand in Your love
(REPEAT)

Verse 2

Shame no longer has a place to hide
I am not a captive to the lies
I'm not afraid to leave my past behind
I won't be shaken I won't be shaken

Bridge

There's power that can break off every chain
There's power that can empty out a grave
There's resurrection power that can save
There's power in Your name power in Your name

Ending

Standing in Your love

The Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in God's grace.

C: Amen.

Backpack Blessing

Benediction (Led by Pastor Matt)

Closing Song

Praise Intro

Let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord
Praise the Lord

Verse 1

I'll praise in the valley
Praise on the mountain
I'll praise when I'm sure
Praise when I'm doubting
I'll praise when outnumbered
Praise when surrounded
'Cause praise is the water
My enemies drown in

Pre-Chorus

As long as I'm breathing
I've got a reason to
Chorus 1

Praise the Lord oh my soul
Praise the Lord oh my soul

Verse 2

I'll praise when I feel it
And I'll praise when I don't

I'll praise 'cause I know
You're still in control
'Cause my praise is a weapon
It's more than a sound
My praise is the shout
That brings Jericho down

Chorus 2

Praise the Lord oh my soul
Praise the Lord oh my soul
I won't be quiet
My God is alive
How could I keep it inside
Praise the Lord oh my soul

Bridge

I'll praise 'cause You're sovereign
Praise 'cause You reign
Praise 'cause You rose and defeated
the grave
I'll praise 'cause You're faithful
Praise 'cause You're true

Lake, Moore, Brown, Carnes, Barrett, Furtick

Praise 'cause there's nobody
greater than You

Chorus 3

Praise the Lord oh my soul
Praise the Lord oh my soul
Praise the Lord oh my soul
Praise the Lord oh my soul
I won't be quiet
My God is alive
How could I keep it inside
I won't be quiet
My God is alive
How could I keep it inside
I won't be quiet
My God is alive
How could I keep it inside
Praise the Lord oh my soul

Ending

Let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord
Praise the Lord

The Doxology (sung a capella)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!

Sending

L: Together we say our mission statement:

C: **Following Jesus, loving and serving all!**

L: Now, go and live it out!

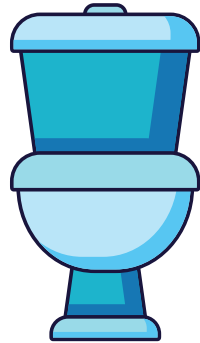
C: **Thanks be to God!**

SUNDAY *Announcements*

A Little Construction, A Lot of Improvement!

Starting **Monday, August 24**, we'll begin renovations on our bathrooms! The project is expected to take about one week, so during that time, please use the bathrooms located in the MPS. Also on **August 24**, the Fellowship Hall windows will be replaced.

We appreciate your patience and flexibility as we make these improvements to our church home. Thanks for helping us navigate a little construction dust as we continue caring for the place we all call home!



Worship at The Dwelling- August 30



Join Pastor Matt on Sunday, August 30, as we travel to The Dwelling for a meaningful worship experience. The Dwelling is a unique faith community where everyone is welcomed and valued, and it's a wonderful opportunity to worship alongside our neighbors in Christ.

If you'd like to attend, we'd love to have you join us! Simply sign up using the QR Code and indicate there if you'd like to carpool or if you're willing to drive. Come experience a different expression of worship and see firsthand the ministry we've supported through our mission partnerships.



SEPTEMBER 20

Rooted Sunday is back for YEAR 2! After an amazing first year, our Rooted Sunday program grew quickly, and we're excited to continue creating a place where children and youth can grow deeper in faith together. Once a month, our littles, elementary students, middle schoolers, and high schoolers will explore a common theme through age-appropriate Bible stories, hands-on activities, meaningful conversations, and opportunities to ask questions and connect faith to everyday life. There's something for everyone, and we can't wait to see how God continues to grow our Rooted family!

LUNCH IS PROVIDED!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT HAPPENINGS IS BACK SEPT. 9TH!



Mark your calendars—our Wednesday Night Happenings kick off again on September 9! Join us for a delicious home-cooked meal and the joy of gathering together midweek. Bring your family, invite a friend, and come hungry for both food and fellowship. You won't want to miss this chance to connect, recharge, and share a table with your church family.

Come and join us in this Cross & Crown tradition!
Look for the new menus & sign up coming next week!

Women & Wine

Mimosas, munchies, and morning laughs—what could be better?

You're invited to Women & Wine where the vibes are light, the glasses are bubbly, and the company is fabulous. Hosted by Kati Goode & Tammie Hersey, Saturday, Sept. 12th, 9am-noon

Kati & Tammie will have the Mimosa Bar (non-alcoholic options available, too!) ready to go! All you need to do is bring an appetizer to share and your favorite beverage of choice (wine, coffee, tea... whatever makes you smile!) Let's sip, snack, and soak up some morning fun together!

Sign Up Link Coming Next Week

Hey Kids! Welcome to Worship!

Families with children ages 3 through 3rd grade are invited to Welcome to Worship on Sunday, September 13, immediately following the 10:15 am service.

This fun, 30-minute experience will help children and parents feel more comfortable and confident worshipping together at Cross & Crown. Parents will meet with Pastor Melody in the Common Room to talk about children in worship and how we can help them grow in faith.

Children will meet with our C&C Kids Leaders in the Fellowship Hall to learn about C&C Kids this fall. Then, we'll head into the sanctuary together to explore the different parts of worship and learn why we do what we do each Sunday. We'll have snacks (allergy friendly snacks, too!)

Week at a Glance

Tuesday, August 25th

- 12 pm- Staff Meeting
- 1 pm- Congregational Care Team Meeting
- 2 pm- Community Care Team Meeting

Sunday, August 30th

- 8:15 am- Worship
- 9 am- Coffee Hour
- 9:15 am- Adult Sunday School
- 10:15 am- Worship

Wednesday, August 26

- 1 pm- Mahjong
- 6:30 pm- Council Committee Meeting

Serving in Worship Today

Assisting Minister:	Confirmands
Acolyte:	Nevaeh McClinton
Communion Assistants:	Terry McClure, Cathy Kozlinski
Usher:	Confirmands
Communion Set-up:	Jennifer LaMere
Greeters:	Felicia Eybl
Nursery Assistant:	Amanda Hayes
C&C Kids:	Jason & Dawn Watts
Contribution Counter:	Julie Wright, Sharon Davis

You can give to C&C by scanning the QR code below.

SCAN TO GIVE



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