

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 23, 2026 at 11 a.m.

13th Sunday of Pentecost

~~~~~We Gather in God's Name~~~~~

PRELUDE

*Psalms 37*  
by Herbert Howells

Jack Miller,  
organ

#### ▲CALL TO WORSHIP

David Evans

We gather seeking the one who is, and was, and is to come.

**We come longing for peace beyond fear.**

Jesus Christ welcomes all who doubt, search, and seek.

**We come eager to see with new eyes.**

God's story is not to frighten us, but a vision meant to steady us.

**Open our imagination, God, and shape our hope.**

#### ▲HYMN #260

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!*

#### ▲CONFESSION

David

**God of tenderness,**

**We absorb stories of scarcity and threat,  
of winners and losers,  
of power that crushes instead of heals.**

**Forgive us for the ways we have allowed the world  
to tell us who is strong and who is weak,  
what matters and what does not,  
what is possible and what is not.**

**Reclaim our imaginations.**

**Teach us to see as you see—  
with courage, with honesty, with hope.**

#### ▲WORDS OF ASSURANCE

#### ▲PASSING CHRIST'S PEACE

God's peace is with, within and among us.

Let us share this peace with each other saying,

"The peace of Christ be with you."

**And also with you.**

Let us exchange words and signs of peace.

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ~~~~~We Listen for God's Word~~~~~

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

David

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 1:4-8  
(New Testament, pg. 245)

Words of Holy Scripture; **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*O Divine Redeemer* Matt Hidalgo, soloist  
by Charles Gounod & Jack Miller, organ

*Ah, turn me not away, receive me though unworthy. Hear Thou my cry, hear Thou my cry.  
Behold, Lord, my distress! Answer me from Thy throne. Haste Thee, Lord, to mine aid!  
Thy pity show in my deep anguish. Let not the sword of vengeance smite me, though righteous Thine anger, O  
Lord!*

*Shield me in danger, O regard me! On Thee, Lord, alone will I call! O divine Redeemer, O divine Redeemer! I  
pray thee grant me pardon, and remember not my sins! Forgive me! O divine Redeemer! I pray Thee, grant  
me pardon and remember not, remember not, O Lord, my sins!*

*Night gathers round my soul fearful, I cry to Thee. Come to mine aid, O Lord! Haste Thee, Lord, haste to  
help me!  
Hear my cry, hear my cry save me, Lord in Thy mercy. Hear my cry! Come and save me, O Lord! Save in the  
day of retribution from death shield Thou me, O my God! O divine Redeemer, have mercy! Help me Savior!*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 1:9-20  
(New Testament, pg. 245)

SERMON

*A New Imagination*

Rev. Greg

HYMN # 280

*Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

**~~~~~We Respond to God's Love ~~~~**

PRAYERS FOR WESTMINSTER & THE WORLD

David

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.  
Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Rev. Greg

OFFERTORY

*Song in the Night*  
by Dale Wood

Jack Miller,  
organ

▲RESPONSE #334

*With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring*  
Verse 1

*With grateful heart my thanks I bring, before you, God, your praise I sing. I worship in your holy place and praise you for your truth and grace; for truth and grace together shine in your most holy word divine*

▲PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**~~~~~We Are Sent Into God's World ~~~~**

▲HYMN #625

*How Great Thou Art*

▲BENEDICTION

Rev. Greg

▲CHARGE

David

POSTLUDE

*Fanfare in E Major*  
by Charles Ore

Jack Miller,  
organ

