

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, August 30, 2026 at 11 a.m.

14th Sunday of Pentecost

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

#### PRELUDE

*Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works*  
by D.N. Johnson

Jack Miller,  
organ

*First came the evocative Dakota chant, bearing a French name ("the lake that speaks") for the site of a Native mission in western Minnesota. That was where the original seven-stanza text based on Jeremiah 10:12-13 was written in the Dakota language to fit the tune.*

#### ▲CALL TO WORSHIP

Janet Matranga

Come as you are—tired, hopeful, uncertain.

**We come, trusting God meets us here.**

Come to worship the One who reigns through love.

**We come to follow the Lamb.**

This is a place to learn a different kind of strength.

**Teach us your way, O God.**

#### ▲HYMN #378

*We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom*

#### ▲CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Greg Rapier

**Lord of Mercy,**

**We cling to thrones of our own making  
and often, we turn from your path.**

**Forgive us.**

**Teach us to trust in your wounds, not our weapons.**

**Help us to follow the Lamb, even when the way is costly. Amen.**

#### ▲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

Sharyl

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 11:6-9  
(Old Testament, pg. 641)

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

ANTHEM

*No Greater Gift*  
by Ruth Elaine Schram

*Though I speak the language of angels, though I know all there is to know, if I have no love, I am nothing at all. There is no gift greater than love.*

*And though I understand every mystery, and my faith could remove any mountain, if I have no love, I am nothing at all. There is no gift greater than love. Love is kind and gentle, rejoicing in the truth. Love is not proud. Love is not rude. Love never fails, though all other gifts will cease. Love hopes and endures, love bears and believes.*

*Though I give all I have to the hungry, though I give my very life, if I have no love, I am nothing at all. There is no gift greater than love. There is hope, there is faith, they will always remain. But, there is no gift greater than love.*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING    Revelation 5:1-14  
(New Testament, pg. 249)

SERMON

*Looking for Lions*

Rev. Greg

HYMN # 21

*Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works*

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

PRAYERS FOR WESTMINSTER & THE WORLD

Sharyl

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

*Pastorale on "He Leadeth Me"*  
by Gordon Young

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 #268

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

▲BENEDICTION

Rev. Greg

▲CHARGE

Sharyl

POSTLUDE

*I Will Praise Thee, O Lord, My Strength*  
by Benedetto Marcello

Jack Miller,  
organ

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