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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Ps. 26:7–8 dwh
Sing a song of thanksgiving. Declare God's wondrous deeds.
For the Lord dwells among the people;
The glory of God abides with us.

HYMN: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 103

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION via Discipleship Ministries from Diocese of Zululand
Pour your Light, Holy Spirit of God,
into our hearts and minds.
Help us to know more clearly and grasp more fully
the Good News of Jesus.
And help us then to know how to share it.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
who with You and the Father, are One God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Romans 12:1–8
Matthew 16:13–20

CONFESSION via Discipleship Ministries From "Touch Holiness"
Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
Christ Jesus, our teacher and our friend, we have not listened
for your word amid the clamor of words all around us.
We are more pleased to repeat familiar tunes
than to listen for new melodies and strange harmonies.
We try harder to defend what we think we know
than to reach for that which is beyond our grasp.
Slow to trust, afraid of the unknown,
we are cautious to hear and do your will.
We pray for hearts to pay attention to the cries of our neighbor
and to resonate with your Spirit.
Silence us and instruct us until we learn afresh
to sing the songs of faith, hope, and love. Amen.
{silent prayers}

ASSURANCE alt from FotW
*Christ has broken the power of sin and evil
and has opened to us the way of eternal life.*
This IS the "Good News":
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

CHOIR: Be Still My Soul 534

SERMON

HYMN: Take my life, and let it be 399

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND INTERCESSIONS

THE LORD'S PRAYER 895

BRINGING OUR GIFTS

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER Rom 12 FotW

Almighty God, receive these gifts
that we offer with grateful hearts
and use us for your ministry in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN: God of grace and God of glory 577

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING Rom. 12 FotW

Go in peace to love and serve.
We take up our cross to follow in the way of Jesus, our Lord.
The blessing of God be with you,
the love of Jesus fill you,
and the power of the Holy Spirit sustain you,
now and forevermore.

Amen

POSTLUDE Let There Be Peace on Earth 431

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Reflecting on and Praying with Scriptures

Year A – Aug. 30, 2026 - 14th Sunday after Pentecost

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Scriptures:

Jeremiah 15:15–21	Psalm 26:1–8
or Exodus 3:1–15	Psalm 105
Romans 12:9–21	Matthew 16:21–28

Questions for Reflection: (Romans 12:1–8, & Matt. 16:24)

Paul urges us not to be conformed to the world's standards, but to be transformed and renewed by God's will. Is there an area of your life that is in need of transformation and renewal? Reflect and pray this week, asking God to show what God wills for you in this area of your life.

Paul goes on to name a variety of gifts that members of the church have been given, all of which contribute to the overall functioning of the body (the church). Is there a gift in that list which you possess? Which one? How are you making use of that gift among God's people?

Is there someone in your church or in your life who shares a particular gift of the Spirit faithfully? This week, offer a prayer of thanksgiving for that person and for any others who use their gifts to enhance your life or the life of your worshiping community.

How can your life include a faithful response to Jesus' charge that his followers must "deny themselves & take up their cross and follow me"?

Morning Prayers: Rom. 12:18

God of love, today help us to live peaceably with all.
Help us live in genuine love: to love our neighbors as ourselves,
and to love you, O God, with our whole heart, mind, and strength.
In Jesus' loving name. Amen.

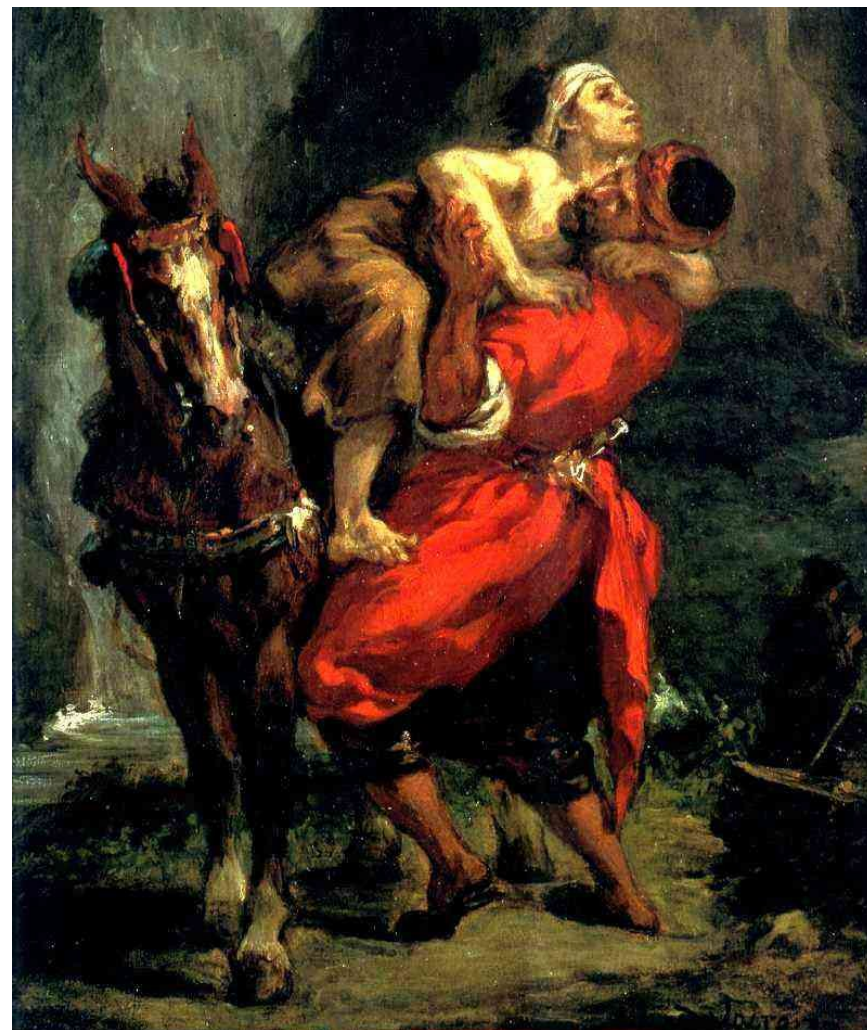
Evening Prayers: Exod. 3:5

Holy God, because you have been with us this day,
we have stood on holy ground. Thank you.
We know that you will remain with us through this night. Thank you.
We know that you will be with us again tomorrow. Thank you.
In Jesus' holy name. Amen.

Scriptures for Next Week - Liturgist:

Exodus 12:1–14	Psalm 149
or Ezekiel 33:7–11	Psalm 119:33–40
Romans 13:8–14	Matthew 18:15–20

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Overcome Evil with Good! - Romans 12:21

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