

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
30 Meal after Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP Ps 138 (selected verses) dwh

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,
All the peoples of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,
They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.
For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,

**The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.**

HYMN: He Leadeth Me 128

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rom 12

**Ever-present God, who is at the side of every creature in creation,
renew our lives so that we may discern and do your will,
what is good and acceptable and perfect.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE: **Romans 12:1-8**

CONFESSION Rom 12 FotW

We come before the Lord, confessing our sin and seeking forgiveness. Our
help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**Merciful God, we confess that we have conformed our lives
to the ways of the world and not the ways of your kingdom.
We think of ourselves too highly and regard others as lowly.
We exalt possessions & power, when you alone are to be exalted.
We let conflicts prevail over grace and divisions over harmony.
Have mercy upon us, we pray. Forgive and transform us,
that we may be holy and acceptable to you,
discerning and doing your will.
Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.
{silent prayers}**

ASSURANCE alt from FotW
*If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, we would be lost.
But it is the Lord who is on our side. And so we are forgiven.*
**Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR: Amazing Grace 378

SERMON

HYMN: God Will Take Care of You 130

THE LORD'S PRAYER 895

BRINGING OUR GIFTS

DOXOLOGY 95

PRAYER Rom 12 FotW

**Gracious God, we thank you for the measure of faith
you have given to each of us.
Increase in us generosity, compassion, and prophetic courage
so we may continue to be your body in and for the world.
With thanksgiving, we pray in the name of Christ. Amen.**

HYMN: I Am Thine O Lord 419

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING Rom. 12:2, Ps. 124:8 FotW

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed
to live as the body of Christ in the world.
May the Lord who made heaven and earth,
the Christ who lived and died for all,
and the Spirit who renews our minds and hearts
abide with you and all God's people, now and forever.

Amen

POSTLUDE Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated 399

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Scriptures for Next Week - Liturgist:

Exodus 1:8-2:10 Psalm 124
or Isaiah 51:1-6 Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20



Reflecting on and Praying with Scriptures

Year A – Aug. 23, 2026 - 13th Sunday after Pentecost

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Questions for Reflection:

When have you succeeded in resisting the forces that seek to conform us to the world? How has that felt like “spiritual worship”? What are the ways you most readily answer Jesus’ question: “Who do you say that I am?”

Morning Prayers:

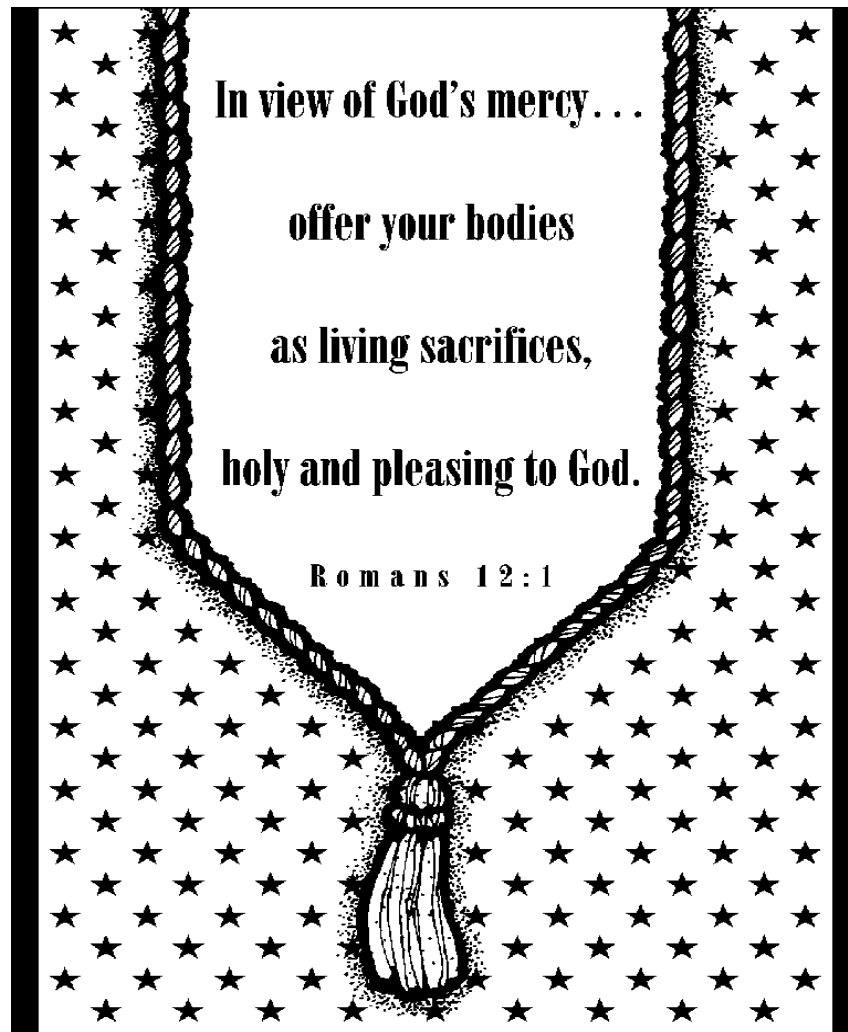
Today, O God, help me receive your revelation that Jesus is
the Messiah, the Son of the living God.
It is in his name I pray. Amen.

Loving God, thank you for the gift of this new day.
You have blessed me in so many ways in days that have come before.
Today I will look and listen for signs of your joy and gladness
present in my life, in the lives of others,
and in the beautiful world you garden.
As I begin this day, I pray that you will strengthen my soul
and that whatever your purpose for me
will be fulfilled in faithfulness and love.
In Christ’s name I pray. Amen.

Evening Prayers:

Holy God, for anything I did this day that was pleasing to you,
I give you thanks and pray that you use me to your glory;
for anything I did this day that was displeasing to you,
I ask your forgiveness and pray that you redeem me for your glory. Amen.

God of my salvation, preserve anyone in danger this night;
reach out to anyone who is in trouble.
Give us the quiet rest that comes from knowing you are above everything,
watching over us with steadfast love.
I pray that today, in some word I spoke, in some act of care I offered,
Christ was lifted up as Lord and Savior.
Continue to transform me so that I may discern
what you find good and acceptable and perfect.
Help me to dream always your own vision of a world in full bloom,
verdant with joy and gladness, teeming with thanksgiving and justice.
At the close of this day, I entrust myself, and all those I love,
to your care and keeping. In Jesus’ name. Amen.



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