



11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 9, 2026

10:00 am

*please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.
Liturgist for today's worship is Frieda Bostian.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

CALL TO WORSHIP*

O give thanks to the Lord and call on God's name.

Proclaim the deeds of the Lord to all the peoples.

Sing to the Lord, sing praises to God.

Tell of all God's wonderful works.

Glory in God's holy name;

seek the presence of the Lord,

rejoicing with all your heart.

PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

Lord Jesus, we call upon you. Save us! We are intimidated by our circumstances, distracted from your purposes, drowning in doubts and fears. We envy the blessings of others, secretly despising their dreams. We have hardened our hearts to the suffering of our brothers and sisters, feeding ourselves in face of the injustice that holds them captive. Lord Jesus, who searches our hearts, lift us from sin and help us to walk with you.

[silence]

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy. Kyrie Eleison. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

RESPONSE TO PARDON

582

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.
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A TIME WITH CHILDREN – *Back to School*

NEW TESTAMENT – Romans 10:5-15

Frieda Bostian

GOSPEL– Matthew 14:22-33

SERMON

“Lord, If It’s You”

Dr. Linda Dickerson

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE *(from “A Declaration of Faith”)*

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God’s kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to God’s kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

Save us, O Lord. We come to you.

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN* *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"* 834

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE* 295, v. 3

**Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
The nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN – All are welcome!