

24th Sunday After Pentecost

November 8, 2026
10:15 am Family Contemporary Worship

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude
We Are Marching in the Light — Carter

Worship Song
Rest On Us — Lake, Figueroa, Bashta, Jay, White, Brown

Verse 1
As the Spirit was moving over the water
Spirit come move over us
Come rest on us come rest on us

Chorus
Come down Spirit when You move
You make my heart pound
When You fill the room
You're here and I know You are moving
I'm here and I know You will fill me

Verse 2
Fire and wind come and do it again
Open up the gates let Heaven on in
Come rest on us come rest on us

Bridge
Holy Spirit
Come rest on us
You're all we want You're all we want

Confession
P: Let us confess our sin with the whole people of God.
C: Merciful God, we come before you knowing that we do not always live as you call us to live. We fall short in the ways we love, the words we speak, and the choices we make.
P: We confess that we sometimes put ourselves first. We judge others instead of offering grace. We stay silent when we should speak up, turn away when someone needs help, and allow fear, anger, or indifference to guide us. We have failed to care for your creation, love our neighbors, and seek peace in our world.
C: Forgive us, God, when we fall short. Remind us that your love is greater than our failures and your grace is always at work in us. Turn our hearts toward you and help us live with greater compassion, courage, and love.
P: Create in us new hearts, O God. Give us the courage to try again, the humility to seek forgiveness, and the willingness to share the grace we have received. Through the grace of our Almighty Lord, God forgives us all of our sins. In the name of Jesus Christ,
C: AMEN.

Prayers of the Church
United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation kneeling, sitting, or standing as you are able.

God of mercy, you illumine the church with the hope of your new day. Prepare our hearts and minds for the inbreaking of your kingdom, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us.

God of creation, You create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance; make us careful stewards of our common home.

God of peace, we lift to you those caught in the grip of war, violence, and oppression. For leaders of nations, may they be granted wisdom, humility, and a relentless commitment to dialogue over destruction.

Refrain
So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

God of compassion, surround all who are hurting with your love and care, especially those who are grieving today. Give strength to those who are tired, comfort those who feel alone, and bring hope to those living with ongoing illness. We lift up those on our congregational prayer list and those we name aloud or in our hearts at this time….

(We now invite you to speak aloud the names of those for whom you are praying.)

Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options.

Faithful God, you hold us in a love that never lets us go. We place all these prayers into your hands, trusting in your love through Jesus Christ, our Savior, and we sing our AMEN.

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Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

(Children may head out for C&C Kids)

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

C&C KIDS Pre-K though 3rd Grade

This Week's Story: Daniel in the Lion's Den
Icebreaker Question: What is your favorite book?

Welcome Home and Announcements ***(See back page for additional announcements.)***

THE WORD

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you
may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again,
even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by
the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means
precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call
and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17
Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the
Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these
words.

L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Matthew 25:1-13

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated)

Sermon **Pastor Melody Simpkins**

THANKSGIVING

Anthem

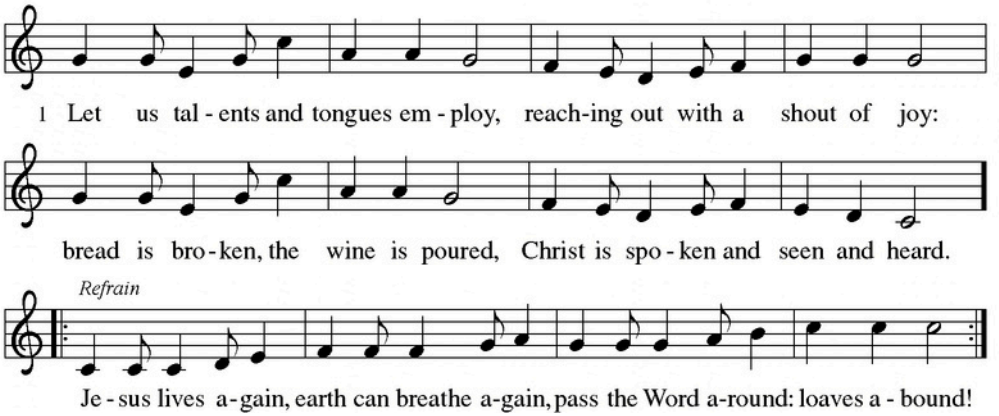
With a Voice of Singing Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia. Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia. O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of his name, make his praise glorious.

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia. Declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Offertory Hymn

674 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ Linstead



Statement of Belief
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

COMMUNION

Come to the Table-- Everyone's Invited!

Holy Communion is a celebration of Christ's love, shared through His body and blood. If you're hungry for His presence, this meal is for you! We commune by taking a piece of bread and dipping it into wine or grape juice. Need grape juice or gluten-free options? No problem—the assistant will gladly help you out. Kids are welcome, too! Just let the assistant know if your child will be receiving Communion or would prefer a special blessing. We're so glad you're here—let's share this joyful moment together!

Words of Institution

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses,
As we forgive those who
trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

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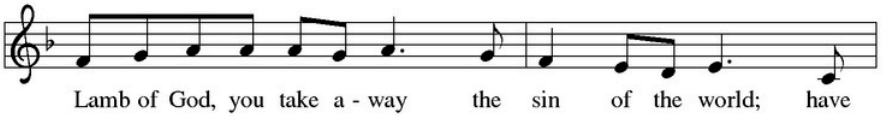
Our Father, who is of heaven,
Holy is your name
Your kingdom come
Your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us today our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation
and deliver us from evil
For yours is the kingdom
And the power, and the glory
now and forever, Amen.

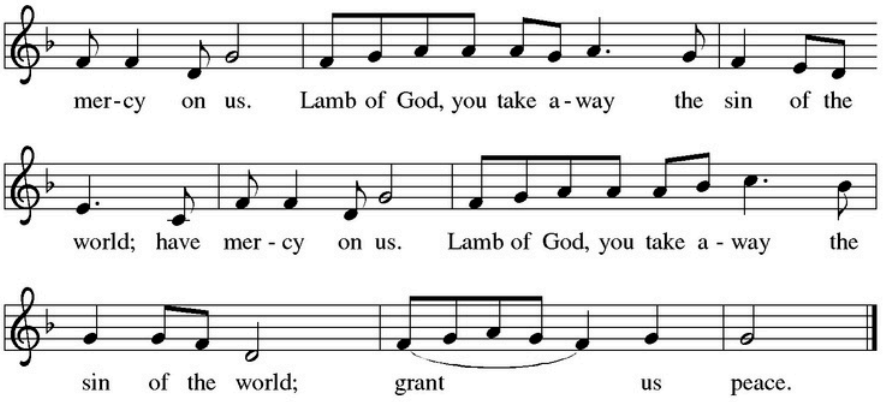
Welcome to the Table

P: Come now and feast on the gifts of God for the people of God.
C: Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated)

Lamb of God





Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion Song
Good Grace Houston
Verse 1
People come together
Strange as neighbours our blood is one
Children of generations
Of every nation of Kingdom come
Chorus
Don't let your heart be troubled
Hold your head up high don't fear no evil
Fix your eyes on this one truth
God is madly in love with you
Take courage hold on be strong
Remember where our help comes from

Verse 2
Jesus our redemption
Our salvation is in His blood
Jesus Light of heaven
Friend forever His Kingdom come
Bridge
Swing wide all you heavens
Let the praise go up as the walls come down
All creation everything with breath repeat the sound
All His children clean hands pure hearts
Good grace good God His Name is Jesus

The Blessing
P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in God's grace.
C: Amen.

Benediction
P: The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.
C: Amen.

Sending Song
This is Amazing Grace **Wickham, Riddle, Farro**

Verse 1
Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory the King above all kings
Verse 2
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory the King above all kings
Chorus
(Yeah) (Oh) This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Verse 3
Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory the King of Glory
Verse 4
Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory the King above all kings
Bridge
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
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Worthy worthy worthy

The Doxology (sung a capella)
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!

Sending
L: Together we say our mission statement:
C: Following Jesus, loving and serving all!
L: Now, go and live it out!
C: Thanks be to God!