

Parish Hall Worship Service
9th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, August 10, 2025

GATHERING SONG

Be Bold

Be Bold! (echo)
Be Strong! (echo)
For the Lord thy God is with Thee
Be Bold! (echo)
Be Strong! (echo)
For the Lord thy God is with Thee

Be not afraid (nonononono)
Be not dismayed (nonononono)
Walk in faith and victory (come on)
Walk in faith and victory
For the Lord... Thy God... is with thee

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WELCOME

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TEMPLE TALK

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.
Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.
Merciful God,
you free us to love others,

but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✝ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

OPENING SONG

Multiply

Multiply, multiply
Jesus said to the fishes and the bread, multiply

Thousands all stood hungry, waiting on the shore,
And afterward they gathered twelve full baskets more.

Multiply, multiply
Jesus said to the fishes and the bread, multiply

Just a little yeast, hidden in the dough
By its very presence, leavens all the loaf.

Multiply, multiply
Jesus said to the fishes and the bread, multiply

Though the mustard seed is small than the rest
When it grows to fullness, the birds will build their nests.

Multiply, multiply
Jesus said to the fishes and the bread, multiply

If you're My disciples, My love you will show
When you love another, by this they will know.

Multiply, multiply
Jesus said to the fishes and the bread, multiply

Now I tell you go into all the earth
Making new disciples, telling them My words

Multiply, multiply
Jesus said to the fishes and the bread, multiply
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BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

FIRST READING

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Genesis 15:1-6

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ² But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵ He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING

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Psalms 33:12-22

¹² Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to be God’s heritage!

¹³ **The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.**

¹⁴ God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

¹⁵ **God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.**

¹⁶ A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

¹⁷ **The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.**

¹⁸ Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD, upon those who wait for

your steadfast love,

¹⁹ **to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

²⁰ Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.

²¹ **Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.**

²² Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

Thy Loving Kindness is better than life, Thy kindness is better than life. My lips shall praise Thee, thus will I bless Thee: I will lift up my hands unto Thy name.

SECOND READING

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Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." ¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL

PASTOR

Luke 12:32-40

Jesus said:] ³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert

when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them.³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.³⁹ “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into.⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY

By the Grace of God

God gives us all that we need, to prosper on the earth
Water, bread, and shelter all abound from our work
What did we do to earn this gift, the gift of our birth

It's not from good deeds that we've done, it was given by the grace of God,
by the Grace of God, the grace of God

God's Son was sent to die for us, on that lonely cross
To give us life eternal so that our souls won't be lost
What did we do to earn this gift, the gift of eternal life

It's not from good deeds that we've done, it was given by the grace of God,
by the Grace of God, the grace of God

The grace of God is endless, forever on it goes
Though we may fear that it will end, the more and more it grows

Now's the time to give to God what he has asked us for
To love our friends and enemies and above all love the Lord
When asked from where does our love come, the love that's in our hearts
We say our love, it is a gift, given by the grace of God,
by the grace of God, the grace of God, the grace of God

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BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

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APOSTLES' CREED

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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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

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SHARING OF THE PEACE OF THE LORD

OFFERTORY SONG

He Won't Ask for Anything that We Cannot Give

God gives all believers, through His mighty grace
Gifts and capabilities that must not go to waste
Give and use them freely, you may be surprised
He'll replenish what we give, our Lord, He will provide

If we stop to listen and look around, we'll see
What the Lord has given us,
what the Lord has planned for you and me

Some are given many, others have a few
With each gift there comes attached an expectation too
Invest them in His kingdom, sow His heavenly seed
Waste not gifts that can be used for serving those in need

If we stop to listen and look around, we'll see
What the Lord has given us,
what the Lord has planned for you and me

The Lord has given us more, than we need to live
He won't ask for anything, that we cannot give

In our daily lives there are opportunities

To do His work by living, in generosity
God may need our money, talents and our time
He can ask for anything, He's given all that's mine

If we stop to listen and look around, we'll see
What the Lord has given us,
what the Lord has planned for you and me

If we stop to listen and look around, we'll see
What the Lord has given us,
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OFFERING PRAYER

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Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you
And also with you
Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give our thanks and praise

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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.**

COMMUNION

PASTOR

COMMUNION SONGS

One Thing Remains

Higher than the mountains that I face
Stronger than the power of the grave
Constant in the trial and the change

One thing remains
One thing remains

Your love never fails it never gives up never runs out on me
Your love never fails it never gives up never runs out on me
Your love never fails it never gives up never runs out on me

On and on and on and on it goes
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul
And I never ever have to be afraid
One thing remains
One thing remains

Your love never fails it never gives up never runs out on me
Your love never fails it never gives up never runs out on me
Your love never fails it never gives up never runs out on me

In death, in life, I'm confident and covered
by the power of Your great love
My debt is paid, there's nothing that can
separate my heart from Your great love

Your love never fails it never gives up never runs out on me
Your love never fails it never gives up never runs out on me
Your love never fails it never gives up never runs out on me

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Sanctuary

O Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you.

Stained glass windows, flow streams of color
From your sons love, opens my eyes.
Now I lay down, before your altar
Lord your servant, am I.

O Lord consume me, with your Holy Spirit
Light my pathway, to your truth.
Then I'll be a, living witness
A sanctuary, for you.

It is you Lord, who came to save,
The heart and soul, of everyone.
It is you Lord, who knows my weakness,
Who gives me strength, with thine own hand.

Lead me on Lord, from temptation,
Purify me, from within.
Fill my heart with, your Holy Spirit,
Take away Lord, all my sin.

O Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
Amen.

BLESSING

PASTOR

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace.
Amen.

CLOSING SONG

JOY

I got the joy, (joy), joy, (joy), joy
I got the joy, (joy), joy, (joy), joy
I got the joy, (joy), joy, (joy), joy
Two! Three! Four!

Down in my heart, down in my heart
Down in my heart to stay
Down in my heart to stay.

I got the love, (love), love, (love), love
I got the love, (love), love, (love), love
I got the love, (love), love, (love), love
Two! Three! Four!

Down in my heart, down in my heart
Down in my heart to stay
Down in my heart to stay.

I got the light, (light), light, (light), light
I got the light, (light), light, (light), light
I got the light, (light), light, (light), light
Two! Three! Four!

Down in my heart, down in my heart
Down in my heart to stay
Down in my heart to stay.

I got the joy, (joy), joy, (joy), joy
I got the joy, (joy), joy, (joy), joy
I got the joy, (joy), joy, (joy), joy
Two! Three! Four!

Down in my heart, down in my heart
Down in my heart to stay
Down in my heart to

Down in my heart, down in my heart
Down in my heart to stay
Down in my heart to

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GOOD NEWS

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DISMISSAL

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Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.