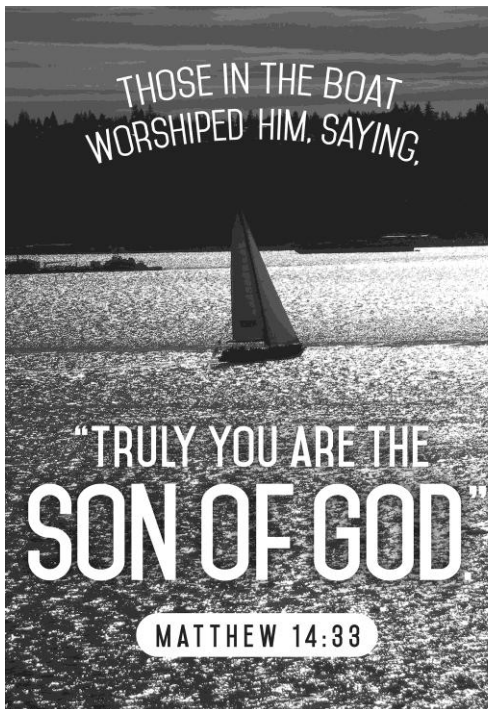


*Welcome to St. Paul's
The Lord Bless You as You Worship!*



***Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 9, 2026***

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Enter to Listen, Exit to Serve

WORSHIP NOTES

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. We're glad you're here! May you experience God's love through the words you hear and sing, the meal you eat, and the fellowship of God's people.

Prayer Requests If you have a prayer request, please give a note to the ushers or send an email to Pastor Lori.

Face Masks Just a friendly reminder...please wear a mask in the building if you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19/experiencing any kind of respiratory or flu-like symptoms. Masks are available on the table in the narthex in case you forget yours at home. Thank you!

Holy Communion All are welcome to share in Christ's meal of forgiveness and grace. Children who do not yet commune are welcome to come forward for a blessing. (If you feel your child is ready to receive or have additional questions, please speak with Pastor Lori.) Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. Wine is in the outer rings of the tray. Grape juice is in the center of the tray. Gluten-free bread is available; please indicate your need to the pastor.

Pew Cushions Are available on the pew in the back of the sanctuary.

Hearing Assistance Individual hearing devices are available at the back of the sanctuary. Please return the device at the end of worship so they can be sanitized.

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We Worship God

Welcome

Prelude

"Eternal Father Strong to Save"

arranged by Phillip Keveren

*The prelude is a time for people to become quiet, to meditate and pray, and to prepare their hearts and minds to worship God. You are invited to pray this prayer to help you transition from the cares and activities of daily life to worshipping the Living God: **God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

Please rise in body or spirit

Call to Worship

P: Let us find our strength in God,

All: Seeking our creator continually.

P: Remember all the amazing things God has done:

All: the miracles and wise decrees,

P: delivering people from famine,

All: and teaching wisdom to the elders.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Patient God,

All: you have taught us all we need to be your faithful people. And yet we persist in going our own way, doing our own thing, and minding our own business when we ought to be about the business of your kingdom. Forgive our selfish neglect of others and bring us back into wholeness with our brothers and sisters. Amen.

P: God is merciful, patient, kind and forgiving. We have been pardoned for all that we have done, and all that we have overlooked. May we give now as we have received: generously and extravagantly, in the way of our loving teacher, savior and friend.

All: Amen.

Gathering Hymn:

O God, Our Help is Ages Past

#632

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**



Hymn of Praise:

Give to Our God Immortal Praise

#848

1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and
2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and
3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of

truth are all his ways. Won - ders of grace to
dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to
kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er

God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It features a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the piano providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each corresponding to a line of the hymn. The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn, the second system contains the next three lines, and the third system contains the final three lines. The piano accompaniment is written in the right and left hands, with the right hand often playing chords and the left hand providing a bass line.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

Prayer of the Day

P: Loving God,

All: **when we are tempted to be afraid your hand is right there to calm us.
Show us that we have no reason for fear, as you have promised to be with
us forever, for the sake of Jesus our savior. Amen.**

Please be seated

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

A: Good and gracious God,

All: as we turn to your Word, help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing and in our living. Amen

Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

A: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

All: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

A: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

All: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

A: Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

All: When he summoned famine against the land, and broke every staff of bread, he had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

A: His feet were hurt with fetters, his neck was put in a collar of iron; until what he had said came to pass, the word of the Lord kept testing him.

All: The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free.

A: He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his possessions, to instruct his officials at his pleasure, and to teach his elders wisdom.

All: Praise the Lord!

Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to

believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

A: Word of God, Word of life.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Please rise in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation

Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil

#512

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

The Gospel

P: The Gospel according to Matthew.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.

And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon

Rev. Lori Nickoloff

Following the sermon, there is a time of silence for reflection and quiet meditation.

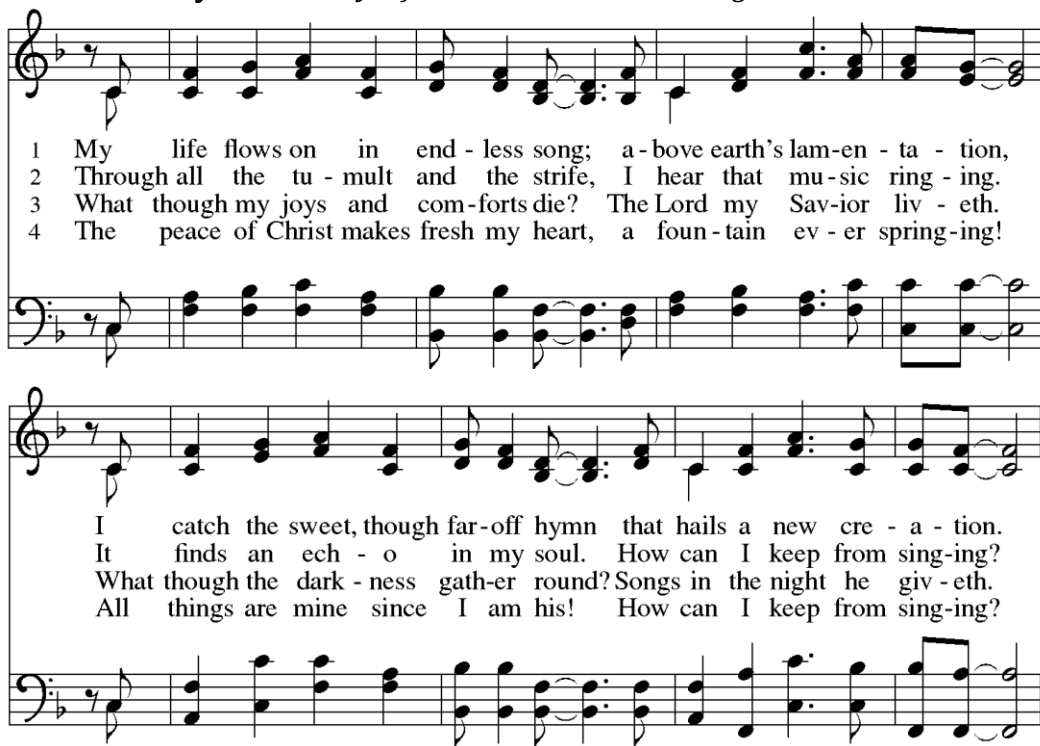
Our liturgy is made up not only of words, gestures, and music, but also moments of silence.

As the hymn begins, the assembly stands to sing.

Hymn of the Day:

My Life Flows on in Endless Song

#763



The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the next four lines. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!

I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

Affirmation of Faith

A: Let us affirm our faith with this brief statement of faith.

All: **In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace.**

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

A: We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

A: O God, you are as near to us as a whisper, and yet so often we forget or neglect to call on you. Show us your presence in the world around us: in the eyes of our neighbors, the beauty of nature, and acts of love from strangers. May we be the same blessing to others that we long to receive from you. Loving God,

All: **hear our prayer.**

A: You are committed to renewing us, along with all of creation, even when we act destructively toward the planet and its inhabitants. Bring us to repentance for all we have done, and show us all we could be doing to be your partners in global renewal. Loving God,

All: hear our prayer.

A: You see no distinction of class, culture or tradition, O God. Teach us to look through your impartial eyes, being compassionate and generous toward all. Loving God,

All: hear our prayer.

A: Be present with your children around the world who have been abducted; comfort and protect them, strengthen their anguished parents, and empower all those committed to getting them home again. We ask your blessings of healing to all those who suffer, (*especially...*) and those we name silently in our hearts. Loving God,

All: hear our prayer.

Here other petitions may be offered.

A: Your servant Joseph kept the faith despite betrayal by his brothers and being sold into slavery. Encourage us when we feel that others have wronged us, showing us how you can use any situation for good. Loving God,

All: hear our prayer.

P: Receive the prayers of your people, and provide us with all we need, in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

Sharing of Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Please turn to the people near you to offer a gesture of peace and the greeting, "God's peace be with you!" You are also encouraged to turn to the back of the sanctuary and greet the worshippers on Zoom with a wave or gesture of peace.

Please be seated

Offering

*This month our Local Hunger Offering will be given to **The nursing home and jail chaplain ministries through The Council of Churches.***

Offertory Music

"Lied ohna worte"

Felix Mendelssohn

Please rise in body or spirit

Offertory Hymn:

verse 1 of Lord of Light

#688

*Lord of light, your name outshining all the stars and suns of space,
use our talents in your kingdom as the servants of your grace;
use us to fulfill your purpose in the gift of Christ your Son:
Father, as in highest heaven, so on earth your will be done.*

Offertory Prayer

A: The world needs to hear the proclamation of the gospel that we have to offer,
through words and acts of love.

All: **Accept these gifts as our tribute to your great mercy and compassion for us
and all your children. Amen.**

We Share God's Meal

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

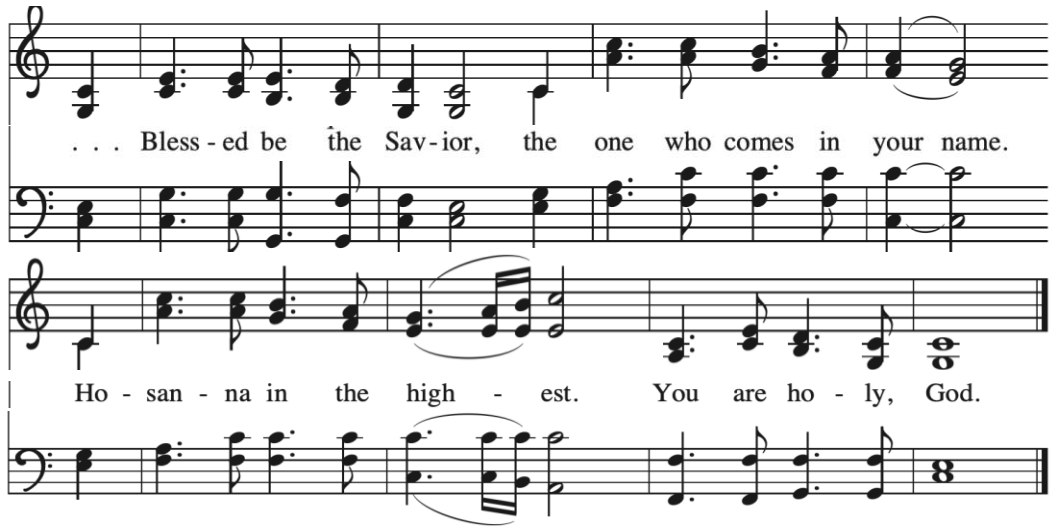
All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is right to lift our hearts to you, Almighty God, for your Spirit brooded over the
waters before the foundation of the world... .. and all the company of heaven,
singing the hymn of your unending praise.

The musical score is written for four staves, two in treble clef and two in bass clef. The melody is primarily in the treble staves, with the bass staves providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and mer - cy, your glo - ry fills all heav-en and earth. . . . You are ho - ly, God.'



P: We thank and praise you, Lord God, because in Jesus you come to us, call us to you, lift us up when we fear and fail and fall, and stay with us through the storm... .. Great is the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

P: Everlasting God, you promise us the righteousness that comes from faith, and you assure us that everyone who calls upon your name will be saved. Be close to all who struggle to believe, make yourself known to any who are called to proclaim, and bless the ones you have sent. Visit those who are hungry: be among as the bread of life. Comfort any who are thirsty: restore them with your foundation of living water. Strengthen all who are at sea in the trails and travails of life: come to them across the waters and make your home with them. We pray in union with Christ in the power of your Holy Spirit, who helps us in our weakness, and intercedes with sighs too deep for words, Father of all, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

All: 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.

Eucharistic Invitation

P: No one who believes in you will be put to shame, O God. Lift up your children as we gather at this table. Strengthen us for our journey and give us courage to follow where you will lead us. Let us come now to the feast of love!

All: Amen.

Please be seated

In This Feast of Love

ACS#962

The musical score is written for a three-part setting (Soprano, Alto, and Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are written below the staves, with some words in italics. The first system covers the first two lines of the lyrics. The second system covers the next two lines. The third system covers the final line of the lyrics. The music features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests and ties. The lyrics are:
Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä, täs - sä
1 In this feast of love, in this
2 In this bread and wine, in this
3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us
pöy - däs - sä syn - ti - sil - le
feast of love, Lord, you share your
bread and wine, you have prom - ised,
peace, O Lord; fill us with the
it - se - si an - nat, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa!
blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.
Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.
joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

Hymns During Communion:

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

We Walk by Faith

#773

#756 (requested hymn)

#635

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

ELW#773

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.

Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

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Eternal Father, Strong to Save



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os -
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

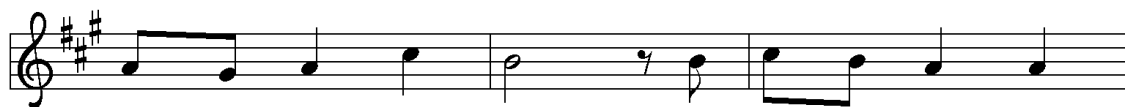
own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
 calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

We Walk by Faith



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
 5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found:
 and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.

Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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Table Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All: **Amen**

Prayer After Communion

A: Jesus, Bread of life,

All: **we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.**

We Leave to Serve

Announcements

Benediction

P: Go confidently into the world knowing that God loves you, Jesus forgives you and the Holy Spirit guides you both now and into eternity.

All: **Amen.**

Litany

L: Just as the disciples left Jesus on the shore,

All: **we often set out on our own, not thinking to take Jesus with us.**

L: Just as the storm blew up on the sea,

All: **storms catch us unaware in our lives, leaving us terrified.**

L: Just as the disciples thought Jesus was a ghost,

All: **we do not believe what we see when Jesus comes to us.**

L: Just as Peter's faith failed him, and he began to sink,

All: **we become mired in doubt and sink into despair.**

L: Just as Jesus reached out to Peter,

All: **Jesus reaches out to us and pulls us from our fear.**

L: Just as Jesus calmed the storm,

All: **Jesus calms our hearts and brings us peace.**

L: No matter what we face, Jesus will always meet us in the boat.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Having heard to word and shared the eucharist, we are sent to live our baptism through word and deeds, making known the love of Christ, and working for justice and peace in our families, communities and world.

Please turn to follow the flame as it exists the sanctuary.

Sending Hymn:

Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

ACS#1024

Refrain

Kwa - ke Ye - su na - si - ma - ma, ndi - ye
Here on Je - sus Christ I will stand. He's the

mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma. Ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la -
sol - id rock of my life. He's the sol - id rock of my

ma, ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma.
life. He's the sol - id rock of my life.

1 There's no oth - er place I can hide till the
 2 It is not the work of my hands that has
 3 When my days on this earth are done, and I

storm that rag - es sub - sides. My voice cries to God from the
washed a - way all my sins. I'm re - deemed, and all of my
stand at God's ho - ly throne, my heart will not have an - y

Refrain

flood, and I'm saved be - cause of his blood.
days, Je - sus Christ will be my heart's praise.
fear; in Christ's righ - teous - ness I am here.

Text: Kenyan hymn; adapt. Greg Scheer, b. 1966

Music: KWAKE YESU NASIMAMA, Kenyan melody; adapt. Greg Scheer

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Sending

A: Go in peace. Live and love in the way of Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Allegretto in C minor”

Franz Schubert

