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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JULY 26, 2026

*Please stand in body or in spirit, as you are able.

All are invited to say / sing together the liturgy printed in *italics*.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

At the River

Copland, arr. Stanley

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

ALL: *Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.*

LEADER: Know that the Lord is God, it is God who made us and we are God's children.

ALL: *We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.*

LEADER: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and the courts of the Lord with praise.

ALL: *Give thanks to God and praise the name of the Lord.*

LEADER: For the Lord is good and God's love endures forever.

ALL: *God's faithfulness continues through all generations!*

*HYMN #139

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

1

*Come, Thou Almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise.
Father, all glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come, and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.*

2

*Come, Thou incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend:
Come, and Thy people bless,
And give Thy word success;
Spirit of holiness,
On us descend.*

3

*Come, holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour:
Thou who Almighty art,
Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.*

4

*To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be
Hence evermore.
Thy sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Sometimes we did not love you with our whole heart and mind and strength. Sometimes we do not love our neighbors the same way we love ourselves. Dear Lord, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Lord, hear our prayers...
(Silent Prayer of Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

ALL: *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God Amen. Hallelujah!*

*GLORIA PATRI

Hymn #579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

We invite you to share the peace of Christ with those around you – in whatever way you feel comfortable. You could say: “May the peace of Christ be with you.” And a response could be, “*And also with you.*” **Also at this time, we invite children ages 4 through 12 to go to the chapel with Brandy Webb, for Worship Workshop.**

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Psalm 105: 1-11, 45b

SECOND READING: Romans 8: 31-39

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

SERMON

Now What? and What’s Next?

William H. Neal III

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; 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, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Jesus Paid it All

arr. Jack Shrader

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn #592

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

*HYMN #379

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

*My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

Refrain:

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.*

*When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]*

*His oath, His covenant, his blood, support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]*

*When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found:
dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Simple Gifts

Copland, arr. Stanley

