

The Lord's Day, July 19, 2026

10:30 AM Morning Service

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the sojourner; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. ~Psalm 146:5-9

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

***Call to Worship: Ephesians 1:3-12**

Minister: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

People: **In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.**

Minister: In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us....

People: **In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.**

Unison: **Come, let us give glory to our God!**

***Hymn of Adoration: "To God Be the Glory" (TH No. 55)**

1 To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that we may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he has done!

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives. (Refrain)

3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

***Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation**

God of Mercy: We praise you! For we were dead in our sins. We were following the ways of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, and we were by our nature children of wrath. But you, God, are rich in mercy! Because of your great love for us, even when we were dead in our sins, you made us alive together with Christ. By your grace alone we have been saved through faith. To you alone be the glory forever! May we ever praise you with our lives, walking in your ways, doing the good you have prepared for us. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

***Confession of Faith: Westminster Confession of Faith 16.2A**

Minister: What do you believe concerning good works?

People: Good works, done in obedience to God's commandments, are the fruits and evidences of a true and living faith. By them believers show their thankfulness, strengthen their assurance, build up their fellow believers, adorn the profession of the gospel, shut the mouths of the adversaries, and glorify God.

Unison: For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Thanks be to God!

***Gloria (Tune: "Gloria Patri, Creatorex")**

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.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 58:1-12

New Testament Reading: James 1:22-27, 2:14-17

Hymn of Response: "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak" (SH No. 291)

Verse 1

Lord, speak to me that I may speak
in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let me seek
your erring children, lost and lone.

Verse 2

Oh, lead me, Lord, that I may lead
the wand'ring and the wav'ring feet;
oh, feed me, Lord, that I may feed
your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.

Verse 3

Oh, teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious truths which you impart,
and wing my words that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.

Verse 4

Oh, fill me with your fullness, Lord,
until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.

Verse 5

Oh, use me, Lord, use even me,
just as you will, and when, and where,

until your blessed face I see,
your rest, your joy, your glory share.

The Prayers of the People

Unison: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth and in the world to come life everlasting.

Minister: Father, we pray for your people throughout the world; for our denomination; for this church; and for all ministers and missionaries. We pray especially for the ministries we support financially: the staff of The Women's Refuge and of Care Net; and for Amjad and Sarah in England, the Mugaris in Zimbabwe, the Bersachs in Colombia, the Lees and Slaters with RUF, and Mike Osborne with Standing Stone Ministries.

People: We pray for the leaders of our nation and all who hold authority, that they would govern according to your truth, and especially that they would resolve to protect the lives of the unborn and the defenseless.

Minister: We pray for the world, especially that you would bring peace and justice and deliverance to nations and peoples oppressed by war, by disaster, by tyranny, and by evil. We pray for our brothers and sisters in these places as they offer the hope of the gospel of Jesus Christ amid great danger and opposition.

People: We pray for our children and future generations which will be born to them. May the knowledge of you, Lord, fill the earth through them.

Minister: May we have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Unison: Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastoral Prayer

Words of Encouragement

Minister: Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21)

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

***Hymn of Response: "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" (SH No. 57)**

1 Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation;
the God of pow'r, the God of love, the God of our salvation;
with healing balm my soul he fills, and ev'ry faithless murmur stills —
to God all praise and glory!

2 What God's almighty pow'r has made in mercy he is keeping;
by morning glow or evening shade his eye is never sleeping;
within the kingdom of his might, lo! all is just and all is right —
to God all praise and glory!

3 The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing;
as with a mother's tender hand he leads his own, his chosen band —
to God all praise and glory!

4 Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud his praises,
that all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises:
"Be joyful in the Lord, my heart! Both soul and body bear your part —
to God all praise and glory!"

Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology (Tune: "Lasst Uns Erfreuen")**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
O Praise Him! O Praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

***Reading of The Holy Scriptures: Matthew 25:31-46**

Minister: This is the Word of God.

Unison: Thanks be to God for his Word!

Sermon: "Inherit the Kingdom" (Rev. Seth Wallace)

***Hymn of Response: "What Grace Is Mine" (SH No. 454)**

1 What grace is mine that he who dwells in endless light
called through the night to find my distant soul;
and from his scars poured mercy that would plead for me,
that I might live, and in his name be known.

Chorus

So I will go wherever he is calling me;
I lose my life to find my life in him.
I give my all to gain the hope that never dies;
I bow my heart, take up my cross, and follow him.

2 What grace is mine to know his breath alive in me;
beneath his wings my wakened soul may soar.
All fear can flee, for death's dark night is overcome —
my Savior lives and reigns forevermore.

***The Benediction**

Postlude

**Denotes congregational standing, if able.*

If you would like someone to pray with you, an Elder will be available at the front of the sanctuary following the service.