



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Order of Worship

13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026

~ GATHERING AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ~

CHIMES

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT: *“Rock of Ages”* #438 (verse 1)

*Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.
Let the water and the blood from thy wounded side which flowed
be of sin the double cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.*

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE AND GREETING

This is the day that the Lord has made! *Let us rejoice and be glad in it!*

PRELUDE: *“Oh, Worship the King”* - J.M. Haydn, arr. Frank

THE WELCOMING OF GUESTS

(We invite our guests to use the nametags in the attendance pads to identify themselves so that we may get to know each other.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Hear O Israel! I am calling! Are you listening?

We are here and we are ready.

Beloved Children, who do you say that I am?

You are our rock and our redeemer. Our trust is in you. Our hearts, minds and souls belong to you!

I created you, named you and have a calling for your life.

We give thanks with our whole hearts for your steadfast love.

* **OPENING HYMN: “I Danced in the Morning” - #157**

* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of truth, our brokenness eats away at our souls like a moth that gnaws at wool. We allow the noise of greed, selfishness, apathy and ignorance to drown out your voice as you call us to see and respond to the suffering in our world. In our busy lives, we convince ourselves that there is no time to help, no space for prayer and no need for justice. Forgive us. Remind us that only when we slow down and breathe deeply of your Holy Spirit and holy Word can our ears hear your voice. Inspire us to greater love for you and for one another. Amen

~ Let us take a few moments for silent reflection. ~

* **THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The prophet Isaiah wrote, “Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me.” Jesus promised, “I will give you the keys to the kingdom.” We know love and forgiveness because God first loved us and has been calling out to us forever, “You are my beloved!” May we respond to such abundant grace with deep gratitude for God’s unending forgiveness.

God loves me, heals me, strengthens me and calls me by name. Through Jesus I am made whole! Thanks be to God! Amen

* **GLORIA PATRI: “Glory to God” - #582**

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace of Christ be with you. ***And also with you.***

(You are invited to offer your neighbor a brief sign of peace.)

~ HEARING THE WORD OF THE LORD ~

* **HYMN: “We Are One in the Spirit” - #300**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: Richard Carter

*Following the children’s message, children are invited to go to the classrooms
for supervised Children’s Time.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, your Spirit inspired those who wrote the Bible and enlightens us to hear your Word fresh each day. Help us to rely always on your promises in Scripture. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 51:1-6

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word, ***Thanks be to God.***

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Matthew 16:13-20

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word, ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON: “Who Do You Say Jesus is?”

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD: 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.

~ CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OUR PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

(Please remember that our service is live streamed)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY: “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” - Bradbury, arr. Paxton

DOXOLOGY: “Our God Is an Awesome God” - #616 (sing twice)

***Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, power, and love; our God is an awesome God!***

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS**

~ TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD ~

*** CLOSING HYMN: “Because He Lives” (insert)**

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE: “Shine, Jesus, Shine” #192**
(verse 1 and 3—refrain only once)

*** POSTLUDE: “Lead On, O King Eternal” - Sewell**



Think of the words in our hymns today:

***“Rock of Ages”
“O Worship the King”
“I Danced in the Morning”
“Glory to God”
“We Are One in the Spirit”
“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”
“Our God Is an Awesome God”
“Because He Lives”
“Shine, Jesus, Shine”
“Lead On, O King Eternal”***

Who do YOU say Jesus is?