

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

**Please stand if you are able* *GtG = Glory to God hymnal*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 25)*

One: To you, O Lord, we lift up our soul.

All: Make us to know your ways, O God, and teach us your paths.

*One: Lead us in your truth, for you are the God of our salvation;
For you we wait all day long.*

All: Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love.

One: Good and upright is the Lord, who instructs sinners in the way.

All: God leads the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

All: Let us worship God!

***OPENING HYMN** “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” GtG 35

1. Praise ye the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!
2. Praise ye the Lord,
who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings,
yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth? *(continued...)*

3. Praise ye the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before him!
Let the amen
sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.

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UNISON PRAYER ADORATION OF CONFESSION

O God, you are gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Do not remember the sins of our youth or our transgressions. Encourage us in Christ, and offer us your consolation. We find it hard to humble ourselves and live obediently. We resist suffering for your sake. Help us live our lives in a way that is worthy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, standing firm in one spirit and striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the Gospel. May we stand together and hold firm to the faith we profess as we come before you in this moment of silence, confessing our sins...

SILENT PRAYER *(moment of silence for personal confession)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Beloved, work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel;

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE: “Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)” *GtG 581*

1. 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

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THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls. In you we trust. Make us to know your ways, O Lord, and teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth, O God of our salvation.

All: Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Old Testament	Ezekiel 18:1-4; 25-32	[NRSV]
Epistle	Philippians 1:27-30, 2:1-13	[NRSV]
Gospel	Matthew 21:23-32	[NRSV]

SERMON “*As One*” by Reverend Emily Rosencrans

***HYMN** “O For a World” GtG 372

- 1. O for a world where everyone
respects each other’s ways,
where love is lived and all is done
with justice and with praise.**
- 2. O for a world where goods are shared
and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared,
equality achieved.**

(continued ...)

3. We welcome one world family
and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity
and gives our vision voice.
4. The poor are rich; the weak are strong;
the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong,
who perishes will rise.
5. O for a world preparing for
God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more,
and all but love will cease.

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (THE NICENE CREED)**

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven.
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

(continued...)

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power and the Glory
Forever.
Amen**

OFFERING

Invitation

One: Let us give so there may be encouragement in Christ, consolation from love, and sharing in the Spirit. In humility may we regard others as better than ourselves. Let us not look to our own interests but to the interests of others and may our gifts bring compassion and joy.

Reflection

ANTHEM “The Journey is Our Home” Union-Pacific Choir

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***THE DOXOLOGY** GtG #607

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.
Amen.**

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MUSIC (OLD HUNDREDTH, LM): Genevan Psalter, 1531.

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**Prayer of Dedication*

One. May our gifts go forth so that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God.

All: Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN "Lead On, O King Eternal!" GtG 269**

- 1. Lead on, O King eternal!**
The day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest
your tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation
you grace has made us strong,
and now, O King eternal,
we lift our battle song.
- 2. Lead on, O King eternal,**
till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper
the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords' loud clashing,
nor roll of stirring drums;
with deeds of love and mercy
the heavenly kingdom comes.
- 3. Lead on, O King eternal:**
we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning
wher-e'er your face appears;
your crow is lifted o'er us;
we journey in its light.
The crown waits the conquest;
lead on, O God of might!

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***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

One: Live your life in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ, standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side... having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. For it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

All: Amen.

***POSTLUDE**