



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2026 10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

RINGING THE BELL

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

PRELUDE “Pastorale” from Psalm 23

Eurydice Osterman

() Indicates that all are invited to stand*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (1)

One: Sing a song of thanksgiving!

All: Declare God’s wondrous deeds.

One: For God dwells among all people;

All: The glory of God abides with us, in us, and moves through us into the world.

*GATHERING HYMN: “For the Beauty of the Earth” #28 *New Century Hymnal* vv.1-3

(For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack)

For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies,

For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,

***Refrain:* God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

For the wonder of each hour, of the day and of the night,

Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light. *Refrain*

For the joy of human life, brother, sister, parent, child,

Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild. *Refrain*

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (2)**

Holy God, we confess that our love for you and for others is not always gracious.

Doubting your loving care, we grab for more than we need.

Doubting your loving purpose, we shrink from living as your followers.

Forgive us, and guide us in trusting your grace so we might share it with each other.

(silent confession)

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Friends, hear the good news!

Through the gift of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.

Thanks be to God!

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE: “For the Beauty of the Earth” v.4**

For the good that loves inspires, for a world where none exclude,

For a faith that never tires, and for every heart renewed,

God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

LISTENING

God speaks to us in the Word proclaimed.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 12:9-21

Pew Bible pp.922-923

A Word of God that is still speaking,

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN OF REFLECTION Lord, Make Us Servants #904 *Lift Up Your Hearts Hymnal*

Descant

5 Dy - ing, we live, re - born through
 D G Gsus G

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -

night to end - less day; Lord, make us ser - vants of
 Em G Dsus D G C

hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing

peace to wake at last in light.
 G Am Dsus D C G

give; where there is strife, may we make one.
 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.

RESPONDING

We respond to God's Word through our prayers and our gifts.

NAMING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

OFFERTORY "God is Truly Present" arr. Michael Burkhardt
(A QR code at the end of the bulletin is available for online giving.)

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE "We Give You But Your Own" #785 *New Century Hymnal*
**We give you but your own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

With God's blessing, we are sent forth to follow Christ in the world.

*COMMISSIONING HYMN: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" #82 *New Century Hymnal*
(For full music, the *New Century Hymnal* is located in each pew rack)

**Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone;
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever,
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.**

**Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here with tender comfort stilled you;
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.**

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Procesión Alegre" Garry Cornell

Worship Endnotes

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