



September 13, 2026
Time after Pentecost
The Reverend Jenny Anderson

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

**All who are able, standing*

ENTRANCE

GATHERING

After the gathering, a bell will ring to signal the beginning of worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Hymn Prelude on *Hyfrydol*

Wilber Held

CALL TO WORSHIP

All That Hath Life and Breath, Praise Ye the Lord

Rene Claussen

Text adapted from Psalms 96 and 22

* HYMN

384 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit;
let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
 let us all thy life receive;
 suddenly return and never,
 nevermore thy temples leave.
 Thee we would be always blessing,
 serve thee as thy hosts above,
 pray and praise thee without ceasing,
 glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
 pure and spotless let us be.
 Let us see thy great salvation
 perfectly restored in thee;
 changed from glory into glory,
 till in heaven we take our place,
 till we cast our crowns before thee,
 lost in wonder, love, and praise.

* GREETING

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

* OPENING PRAYER

God of freedom,
 you brought your people out of slavery with a mighty hand.
 Deliver us from our captivity to pride
 and indifference to the needs and gifts of others,
 that we may be ready to love as you have loved us,
 and to give even as we have received. **Amen.**

* THE PEACE

* ACT OF PRAISE

70 Glory Be to the Father

Meineke

**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.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read
and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE *Lay Reader*

Exodus 14:19-31

Old Testament p. 76

CANTICLE

Canticle of Moses and Miriam

UMH p. 135

Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying

**“I will sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and its rider the Lord has thrown into the sea.**

The Lord is my strength and my song,

and has become my salvation;

this is my God whom I will praise.

I will exalt my father’s God

who is a mighty warrior,

whose name is the Lord,

Pharaoh’s chariots and his host the Lord cast into the sea;

and his chosen officers are sunk in the Red Sea.

The floods cover them;

they went down into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power,

your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.

“Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods?

Who is like you, majestic in holiness,

terrible in glorious deeds, doing wonders?

You stretched out your right hand,

the earth swallowed them.

In your steadfast love,

you have led the people whom you have redeemed;

you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.

“You will bring them in,

and plant them on your own mountain,

the place, O Lord, which you have made for your abode,

the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.

The Lord will reign for ever and ever.”

The Miriam, the prophet, the sister of Aaron,

took a timbrel in her hand;

and all the women went out after her with timbrels and dancing,

and Miriam sang to them:

**“Sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and its rider the Lord has thrown into the sea.”**

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

* HYMN

My Life Flows On (How Can I keep from Singing)
See Last Page

Robert Lowry

* GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 18:21-35

New Testament p. 24

ANTHEM

Beati quorum via

Charles Villers Stanford

Translation of the Latin:

Blessed are those whose ways are blameless,
who walk according to the law of the Lord.
(from Psalm 119)

SERMON

Forgive from the Heart

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle’s Creed

UMH p. 881

**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 Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at 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 Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

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 trespasses
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
 and the glory forever. Amen.

THE OFFERING

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Mack Wilberg

* DOXOLOGY

95 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Old 100th

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.

SENDING FORTH

* HYMN

369 Blessed Assurance

Assurance

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
 Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
 Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
 Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

*This is my story, this is my song,
 Praising my Savior all the day long;
 This is my story, this is my song,
 Praising my Savior all the day long.*

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,
 Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
 Angels, descending, bring from above
 Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,
 I in my Savior am happy and blest,
 Watching and waiting, looking above,
 Filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [Refrain]

* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Blessing

Katie Moran Bart

* POSTLUDE

Hymn Prelude on *Engelberg* (68 When in Our Music God is Glorified)



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My Life Flows On

(How Can I Keep from Singing)

Unison
Trebles
Men
Unison

1. My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's la-men-
2. Through all the tu-mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic
3. What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav-ior
4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev-er

ta-tion. I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that
ring-ing. It finds an ech-o in my soul. How
liv-eth. What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs
spring-ing! All things are mine since I am his! How

Refrain Harmony

hails a new cre-a-tion.
can I keep from sing-ing? No storm can shake my
in the night he giv-eth.
can I keep from sing-ing?

in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing. Since

love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Ministry of Worship

Preacher	Reverend Jenny Anderson
Liturgist	Jeff Pullium
Lay Reader	Carol Capers
Greeters	Joan Piercy, Paula Matson
Ushers	Chip Matson, Warren Spooner
Acolyte	Jamie DeLoach
Crucifer	Joseph DeLoach
Organist and Director of Music	Jamie Council Garvey
Guest Organist	John Ourensma
Choirs	The St. John Choir and The Lucia Ensemble Alumnae
Pianist	Larry Millen
Soloist	Courtney Kalbacker
Offering Counter	Mark Barron
Worship Technicians	Donald Tilton, Adam Kuehl

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2026 Budget	\$631,305
Weekly Giving	\$5,200
YTD Giving	\$300,301
YTD Other Income	\$72,899
YTD Expenses	\$421,473
Attendance 9/06	Sanctuary: 184 Online: 93

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