

Order of Worship

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 13, 2026 – 10:15 a.m.

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

“Washed”

Chorus:

I’ve been washed in the water, washed in the blood.
I’m as good as new. Oh hallelujah, I’ve been washed in the water,
Washed in the blood all because of You. Oh hallelujah.

I’m clean. Sin was stained on me.
Shame was running deep, but love was spilled on Calvary.
Oh hallelujah, I’m clean. God, how can it be?
I’m ransomed and redeemed, standing in Your victory.
Oh hallelujah. *Chorus*

I’m clean. It’s not what I have done, but what You’ve done for me.
You paid it all up on that tree. Oh, hallelujah.
I’m clean. Your love has overcome.
Your mercy is supreme. I’m dancing in Your victory. Oh hallelujah.

Chorus:

I’ve been washed in the water, washed in the blood.
I’m as good as new. Oh hallelujah, I’ve been washed in the water,
Washed in the blood all because of You. Oh hallelujah. *Repeat*

‘Cause You took away my shame, and You nailed it to the cross.
You got me running out the grave. Hallelujah, here I come. *Repeat*

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You got me running out the grave. Hallelujah, here I come. *Repeat*

Hallelujah, here I come. Hallelujah, here I come.
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Chorus:

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Washed in the blood all because of You. Oh hallelujah.

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

All: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

GENESIS 50:15-21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Please stand for the Reading of the Holy Gospel.

THE GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 18:21-35

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. ²³"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.'

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²⁷ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.
²⁸ But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found.
Brought here together by Christ's love, by love we are thus bound.
With grateful joy and holy fear, His charity we learn.
Let us with heart and mind and soul now love Him in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess.
And let us love each other well in Christian holiness.
Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease.
Be God's the glory that we seek, be ours, His holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, His only Son.
As members of His body joined we are in Him made one.
For love excludes no race or clan that names the Savior's name;
His family embraces all whose Father is the same.

arr. Joshua Chai

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THE SERMON

REV. GLENN A. LUCAS

"Broken Forgiveness – Broken Faith"

Matthew 18:21-35

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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Mighty To Save"

Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing;
Let mercy fall on me. Everyone needs forgiveness,
The kindness of a Savior. The Hope of nations.

Chorus: **Savior, He can move the mountains. My God is Mighty to save.
He is Mighty to save. Forever, Author of salvation.
He rose and conquered the grave. Jesus conquered the grave.**

So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures.
Fill my life again. I give my life to follow,
Everything I believe in. Now I surrender. *Chorus*

Shine Your light and let the whole world see, We're singin' for the glory of the risen King.
Jesus, shine Your light and let the whole world see,
We're singin' for the glory of the risen King. *Chorus*

Shine Your light and let the whole world see,
We're singin' for the glory of the risen King.
Jesus, shine Your light and let the whole world see,
We're singin' for the glory of the risen King.

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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 for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me. In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is My † blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“Behold The Lamb”

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away. Slain for us: And we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.
So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you: Eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one.
So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you: Drink and remember
He drained death’s cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering, we proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we’ll join in the feast of heav’n around the table of the King.

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“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

Lord, whose love in humble service Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken, Worked Your mercy's perfect deed;
We, Your servants, bring the worship Not of voice alone, but heart;
Consecrating to Your purpose Ev'ry gift which you impart.

Still Your children wander homeless; Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom; Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As You, Lord, in deep compassion Healed the sick and freed the soul,
By Your Spirit send Your power To our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, Till Your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to ardent service, Your abundant life to share.

arr. Joshua Chai

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THE DISMISSAL

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

All: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

“The Lion And The Lamb”

He's coming on the clouds, kings and kingdoms will bow down.
And ev'ry chain will break as broken hearts declare His praise.
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

Chorus:

Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah. He's roaring with power,
And fighting our battles. And ev'ry knee will bow before Him.
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain.
For the sin of the world, His blood breaks the chains.
And ev'ry knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb.
Ev'ry knee will bow before Him.

So open up the gates, make way before the King of kings.
The God who comes to save is here to set the captives free.
For who can stop the Lord Almighty? *Chorus*

Who can stop the Lord Almighty? Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord Almighty? Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord Almighty? Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord Almighty? Who can stop the Lord? *Chorus*

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Flower Arrangements

The flower arrangements which grace our altar this weekend are dedicated to the glory of the Lord by **Steve and Debbie DaPena** in celebration of **Jackie Baker's** birthday. Also, flowers are placed on our altar to the glory of our Lord by **John Taylor** in loving memory of his father, **J. Donald Taylor**.

Keep in Your Prayers

Prayers for strength and healing, guidance and blessing for:

Brian Adams

Alexander Hernandez

Brad Morton

Terri Green

Jeanne Kelly