

# 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, September 8, 2024

9:30 AM

## PRELUDE

“Élévation” from *Messe pour les Couvents*

by François Couperin

## + Gathering +

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*The congregation may stand.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us.**  
**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,**  
**but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**  
**The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes.**  
**In our desire to be first**  
**we make distinctions among ourselves.**  
**We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.**  
**In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.**  
**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,**  
**and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,**  
**our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity  
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ,  
the source of eternal healing,  
your sins are forgiven.

**Amen.**



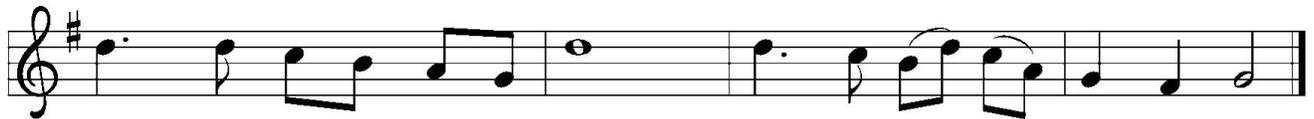
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem-er, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain where the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 shield me with your might-y arm, shield me with your might-y arm.  
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.  
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together.  
**Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life.  
 Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your  
 promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.  
 Amen.**

*The congregation may be seated.*



**4When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,  
and in that day | their thoughts perish.**

*Refrain*

5Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,  
whose hope is in the | Lord their God;

**6who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;  
who keeps promis- | es forever;**

7who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.  
The Lord sets the | captive free.

**8The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who | are bowed down;  
the Lord | loves the righteous.**

9The Lord cares | for the stranger;  
the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

**10The Lord shall | reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!**

*Refrain*

READING

James 2:1-17

A reading from James.

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup>For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

<sup>8</sup>You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. <sup>11</sup>For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. <sup>12</sup>So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. <sup>13</sup>For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The congregation may stand.*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Mark 7:24-37

The gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup>Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,<sup>25</sup>but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

HOMILY

*The congregation may be seated.*

Vicar Alex Linn

HYMN OF THE DAY

*The congregation may stand.*  
Healer of Our Every Ill (ELW 612)

*Refrain*



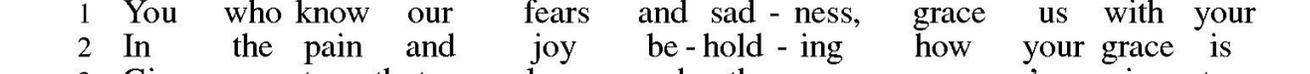
Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



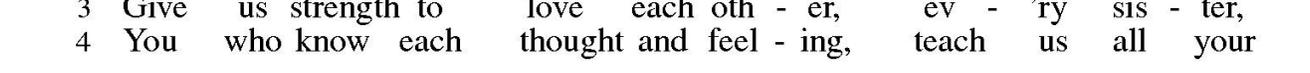
give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your



2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is



3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,

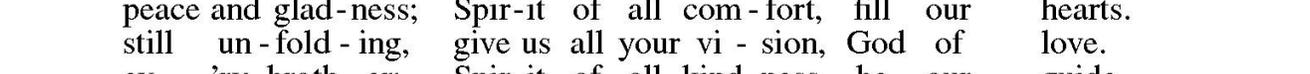


4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

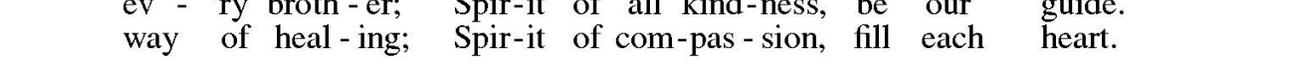
*Refrain*



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.



still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.



ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.



way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen  
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THE APOSTLES' CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living 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.**

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need. You may assume a posture of prayer by sitting, standing or kneeling.

*A brief silence.*

Awaken in our communities of faith a spirit of radical hospitality. Encourage our churches to celebrate and embrace people of diverse backgrounds, experiences, and abilities. Deepen our commitment to ecumenical and interreligious partnerships, especially those with Family Promise. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Bring forth water to nourish plants and animals in places suffering from drought. Renew our commitments to protect rivers, lakes, and streams, and make us good stewards of water in our homes and communities. Preserve wetland habitats and the creatures that make their homes there. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Inspire leaders of cities, nations, and tribes to lead with wisdom and humility. Bring peace among peoples in conflict, especially this day the people of Palestine, Israel, Lebanon and Iran, and strengthen global commitments to nonviolent solutions. Guide all who seek refuge from war to a safe haven. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Comfort all who live with chronic illness. Surround them in your tender embrace and sustain all who provide ongoing care and support. Bring hope and healing to people struggling with addiction and nourish the spirits of all who are in recovery. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Nurture in all people the gift of your creating Spirit. Inspire artists and musicians, woodworkers and quilters, poets and dancers. Revive those whose artistic wells have run dry and enliven all who doubt their creative talents. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give you thanks for all who have died and now find their rest in you. May their faithful witness guide us in our daily life with you. Hear us, O God.

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**Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*You are invited to share a sign of peace with one another (wave, handshake, hug, etc.), honoring the personal boundaries of all. Those online may unmute and verbally share the peace.*

*The congregation may be seated.*

## + Meal +

## OFFERTORY

*We give thanks for your ongoing support of the ministry of St. John's! Gifts may be placed in the offering plate, made in the Vanco Mobile app, or given online by scanning the QR code. Thank you for your generosity!*

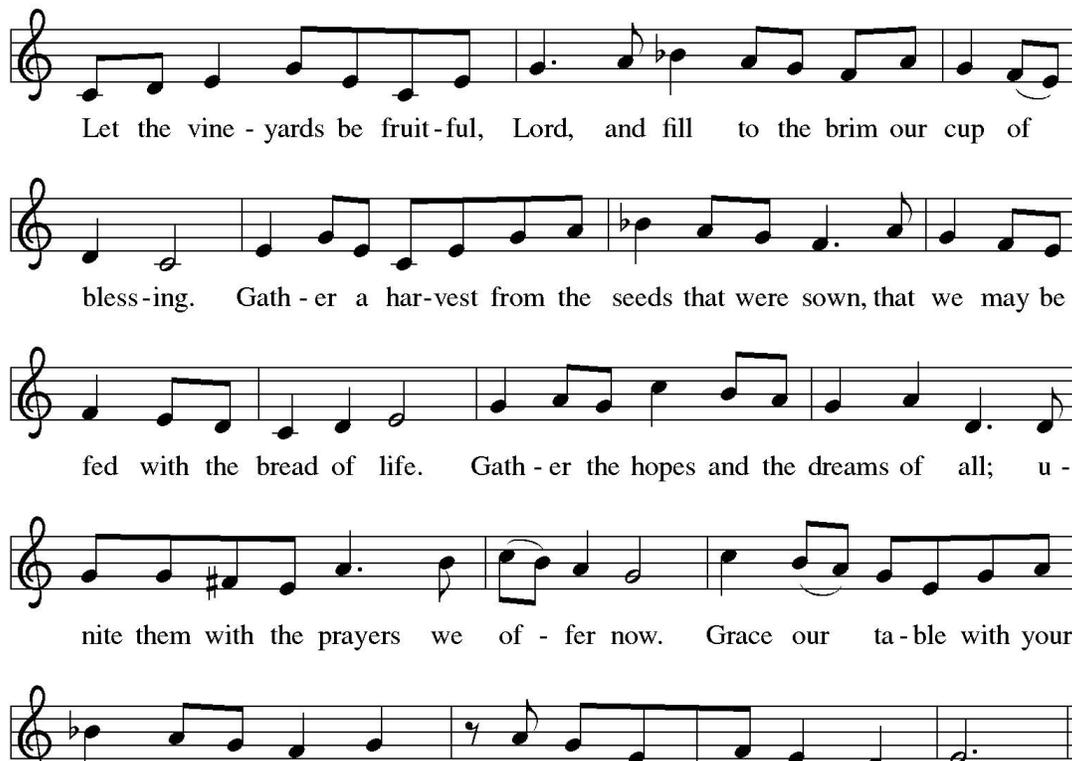


How Can I Keep from Singing

arr. by Alfred Fedak

## OFFERTORY VERSE

*The congregation may stand*



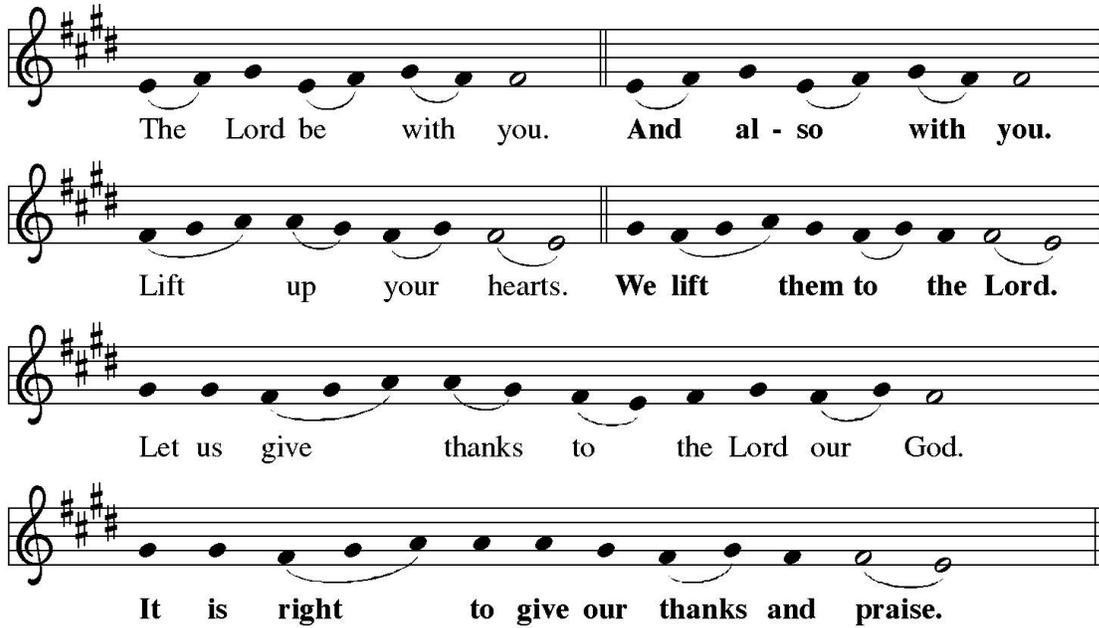
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray together.

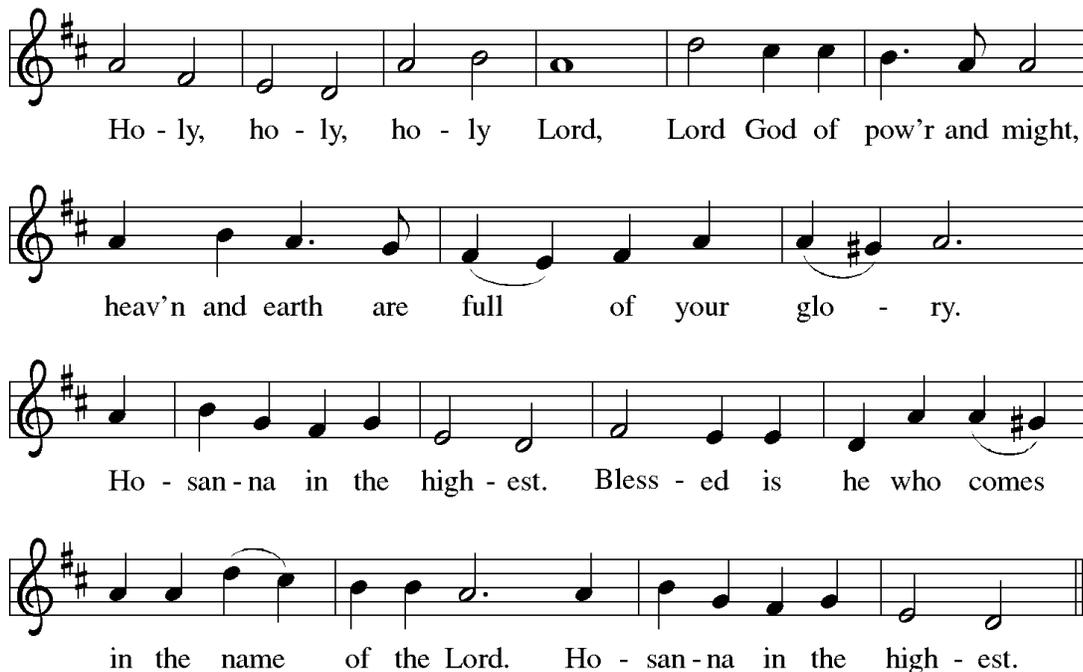
**Blessed are you, O God,  
source of every gift of your creation.  
By these gifts and with our lives,  
help us to serve one another and all in need,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

## DIALOGUE AND GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PROPER PREFACE AND SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

. . . to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us in the many and varied languages we hold dear...

**Our God in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## COMMUNION

*The congregation may be seated.*

*All are welcome to commune at Christ's table without exception! Please proceed down the center aisle at the direction of an usher. You may receive bread or request a gluten-free wafer. Please take a glass of wine (dark colored) or a glass of grape juice (light colored). After drinking, please place your empty glass in the basket before returning to your seat via the side aisle. If you would prefer to receive only a blessing, you may cross your arms across your chest to indicate this preference. If you would like to receive communion in your seat, please inform an usher, and the sacrament will be brought to you.*

## LAMB OF GOD



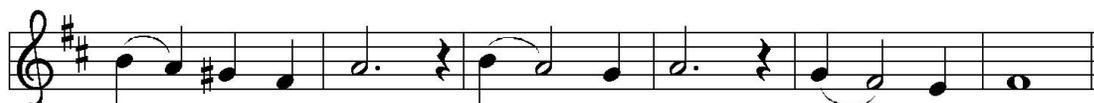
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The congregation may stand.*

Let us pray together.

**Holy God,  
you have welcomed us to this meal  
and fed us with dignity at your table.  
Send us now to welcome others  
and to be at peace with one another,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

+ **Sending** +

BENEDICTION

God all mighty, God most merciful  
✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (ELW 886)



1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem - er's praise,  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,  
3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,  
4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!  
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.  
sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
the mourn - ful, bro-ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,  
O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.  
Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

DISMISSAL

The worship is over. Now let your service begin  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Jubilate

by Fela Sowande

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## SERVING TODAY

<i>Interim Minister:</i>	Vicar Alex Linn
<i>Director of Youth &amp; Families:</i>	Evergreen Edwards
<i>Director of Music:</i>	Luke Duroc-Danner
<i>Cantor:</i>	Ariel Andrew
<i>Assisting Minister:</i>	Jason Shutters
<i>Reader:</i>	Mae Loesel
<i>Usher:</i>	Alan Swanson
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Cindi Rachowicz
<i>Livestream Camera:</i>	Michel Hauser

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Pastor Transition**

We've taken another step forward in our search for a new pastor. The Council met and is unanimously recommending a shared pastor role. We will partner with the Synod for 12 weeks to find a pastor for this role. If no suitable candidates emerge after that time, we will also pursue the option of a part-time pastor.

I'm very excited to see the next chapter in St. John's long history. I'm also hopeful we have found a way to keep St. John's strong and viable for many years to come. As always, if you have any questions, please reach out to me or Mylene.

All the best,  
Chad Johnson

### **Rally Day**

Today is Rally Day. Families and their children are encouraged to stay after the service for coffee hour and to create welcome banners and cards for our guests from Family Promise. This is also a service Sunday, and we will be setting up the sleeping rooms for our guests.

### **Family Promise**

Our Family Promise host week begins today! Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help make this a successful week. If you would still like to help, please see Jan.

### **Children's Church**

Children's Church will begin Sunday, September 15. Children will be dismissed at the beginning of the worship service to go to their classes.

## GoodFest

GoodFest is just around the corner. We're thrilled to have Tributosaurus join us once again, and this year local fave, Antler Chandelier, will be with us as well. Woot! Stay tuned for ways you can help, we can't pull this off without you! In the meantime, help us spread the word so we can share more with Family Promise and get your tickets now! Check out the ticket links in the E-news to purchase your tickets!

## IN OUR PRAYERS

- † Family & friends of Rena Leinberger, wife of Karl and mother of Shayna, Brandon and Jordan, who passed away 4/26/24
- † Sandy Kaspar, sister of Bill Kaspar, recovering from abdominal surgery
- † Tom Fries, friend of Jim Dossa, cracked vertebrae
- † Family & friends of Lorraine Beutelspacher, who died 3/6/24
- † Buckley Crist
- † Family & friends of Peter Knobel, who died 1/13/24
- † Dottye Wolf, sister of Margye Smith
- † Family and Friends of Hing You Tam Siu, mother-in-law of Jim Dossa, who passed away
- † Margaux Tauszig, granddaughter of Wolf Peddinghaus
- † Karen Brunn, daughter of Dave & Lyn Brunn, recovering from spinal cord injury