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“Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World”



August 9, 2026

11th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m. Worship

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Piano and Organ: Terri Boykin

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GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "The Savior is Waiting"

*Call to Worship Psalm 85:8-13

God speaks peace to the faithful,
to those who turn to God in their hearts.

Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear God.

Where God dwells, steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Faithfulness springs up from the ground

and righteousness looks down from the sky.

God gives what is good, and we respond with abundant praise!

*Hymn "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" UMH #152

*Opening Prayer

O God with us, Your word is near, on our lips and in our hearts. You speak to us in a voice unexpected and come to us in ways we do not recognize. Be present in our places of fear, speak stillness into our trembling hearts, minister to us with bread and water and rest. Then send us from that rest to be present with all who long for the beautiful promise of Your good news and the serenity of Your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Passing the Peace

Welcome! Please take the next 60 seconds and find someone you did not come to church with and greet them in Jesus' name!

PRAISE AND PROCLAMATION

Ministry Moment

Scripture Lesson Romans 10:5-15 Mary Behan

SwanKids Worship

All kids are welcome to follow our staff for SwanKids Worship during the sermon.

Anthem "The Lord is Our Refuge" - Johann Sebastian Bach Choir

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon "Beyond the Boat" Rev. Laura Thompson

RESPONSE

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Response "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry" FWS #2051

A Service of Holy Baptism

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory Song "Fairest Lord Jesus" Choir

*Doxology UMH #95

95 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Musical score for the hymn "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow". The score is written for voice and piano in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men." The score includes a piano introduction, a main melody with piano accompaniment, and a final chorus. Chords are indicated above the staff: G, G, D, Em, Bm, Em, D, G, G, D, Em, C, G, D, G/B, C, D/F#, G/B, G, Em, D, Am, G, D7, G, C, G.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

SENDING

*Hymn "Stand By Me" UMH 512

Postlude "As We Go" W&S #3183

"As we go, may Your Spirit go before us. As we go, may we follow where You lead. May we live what we have learned, share the message we have heard, and be a light unto the world as we go."

* Please stand as you are able.