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August 23rd, 2026

We welcome you not as strangers but as a part of God's family! We are a community of faith that gathers to praise our Lord and Savior, serve others, search for answers, and enjoy the fellowship of one another. We hope today you will be challenged and discover encouragement. The peace of Christ be with you!

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 23rd, 2026

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

*Worship begins with the Prelude. Please use this time for **silent** preparation.*

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

CHORAL INTROIT “How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place”

Liam Lawton

(Congregation – Please join on the second time)

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord, my God!

How lovely is your dwelling place, is your dwelling place, O God!

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive; from Psalm 124)

Leader: If it had not been the LORD who was on our side – let Israel now say:

People: *if it had not been the LORD who was on our side, our enemies would have swallowed us up alive when their anger kindled against us.*

Leader: If it had not been the LORD who was on our side:

People: *then the flood would have swept us away; the torrent would have gone over us. Then over us would have gone the raging waters.*

Leader: Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.

People: *We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the hunters*

Leader: the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

ALL: *Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

*HYMN OF ADORATION # 726

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, you are present and active among us. We confess we sometimes fail to recognize and respond to your saving work in the world. We defer to power and privilege, expect the tried and true, and succumb to doubt and despair when your ways are not clear. Behold, you are doing a new thing; help us to perceive it. Forgive us when we do not respond to your call. Liberate us from our fears and self-imposed limitations. Guide us into the fullness of life and love that you are at work preparing. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

*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.*

A MOMENT WITH OUR CHILDREN

*HYMN OF PREPARATION # 716

“God, Who’s Giving Knows No Ending”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.*

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT ESSON

Exodus 1:8-2:10, page 49

ANTHEM

Delores Dufner

“To Be Your Presence”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 12:1-8, page 161

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

Rev. Maggie Beamguard

“Women Who Make Waves”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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“Apostles’ Creed”

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

John B. Dykes

“Offertory on Lux Benigna”

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn # 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT # 81

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Traditional

“Danish Amen”

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if able.*

Opportunities for the Week of August 23rd – August 30th

Sunday:	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Rev. Maggie Beamguard
Tuesday:	4:00 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
Wednesday:		First Day of School
		Distribute Church Mouse / Newsletter
	5:45 p.m.	Choir Practice
Sunday:	8:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service / Rev. Allen McLean

Announcements

Please take a moment and welcome back Rev. Maggie Beamguard as she brings forth our message for today.

The Pastoral Search Committee is working diligently to obtain feedback from our church family that will guide us in searching for a new Pastor. We invite every member of our church family to complete the Congregational Survey (Please use this link to access survey) <https://forms.gle/KACZEtmUGXBPeKYT7>. Your thoughtful input will help us identify key leadership priorities and understand our shared vision for local community ministry. If you prefer not to do the electronic survey, you may print the survey and mail it to the church office or drop it in the collection plate. Please contact Dale Buie with any questions..

Our One Call Communications list is being updated. Please review the One Call sign-up sheet that is located in the lower narthex and the church office. If you are on the one call list, if you want to be removed from the One Call list, or if you want to be added to the One Call list, please confirm your information by filling out the sign-up sheet. If you have any questions, please contact Sonya at the church office.

We have numerous "basket ministry" bins in the Family Life Center. Please continue to donate items to any of the ministries each month.

Sonya will be out of town the week of August 23, 2026, so the office will be closed. Emails will be checked periodically. The church office will be open the week of August 30th.

The flowers in the sanctuary is given to the glory of God by Ann & Joe Lynch.