



# Our Worship of God

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 23, 2026 | 10:30am

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*Today's sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of all who work in education—teachers, administrators, support staff, and all who dedicate themselves to nurturing and guiding students. We express our heartfelt gratitude for your service and commitment to learning.*

+ This symbol invites you to rise in body as you are able, or in spirit.

Welcome and Life of the Church

Krissi Vandagriff

Gathering Prayer

Voluntary

**O God Beyond All Praising**

Julia Matthews

Gustav Holst | arr. Eric Thomann

Opening of the Bible and Lighting of the Candles

Boone Kulha and Lucy Waters

+ Call to Worship (based on Psalm 84)

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**Our souls long for the courts of the Lord;**

**our hearts and voices sing for joy to the living God.**

Blessed are those who dwell in God's presence, ever singing God's praise.

**Blessed are those whose strength is in God,**

**whose hearts are set upon the journey of faith.**

Better is one day in the presence of God than a thousand days elsewhere.

**For the Lord is our light and our strength;**

**God surrounds us with grace and glory.**

Blessed are all who place their trust in the Lord.

**Let us worship God!**

+ Hymn 702

**I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord**

ST. THOMAS

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Susan Eaton

Solo

**I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

Jessi Fillingham, soprano

arr. Tom Trenney

Call to Confession

Theo Fillingham

You call out to us, Lord, but we struggle to listen.

As we come before you with our hearts open, quiet the noise of the world,  
of our pressing thoughts and fears, so that we may hear your Spirit fully.

Prayer of Confession (Romans 11, Isaiah 56)

**God of truth, like a moth that gnaws at wool,  
our brokenness eats away at our souls.  
We allow the cacophony of greed, selfishness, apathy and ignorance  
to drown out your voice as you call us to see the suffering in our world  
and respond to the needs of your children.  
In our busy lives, we convince ourselves that there is no time to help,  
no space for prayer and no need for justice. Forgive us.  
Remind us that only when we slow down  
and breathe deeply of your Holy Spirit and holy Word  
can our ears hear your voice.  
Inspire us to greater love for you and for one another. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon (based on Isaiah 51:4 and Matthew 16:19)

Theo Fillingham

The prophet Isaiah wrote, "Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me."  
Jesus promised, "I will give you the keys to the kingdom."  
We know love and forgiveness because God first loved us  
and has been calling out to us forever, "You are my beloved!"  
May we respond to such abundant grace  
with deep gratitude for God's unending forgiveness.  
**God loves me, heals me, strengthens me and calls me by name.  
Through Jesus I am made whole! Thanks be to God!**

+ Hymn

**At the Weaving of Creation**

MICHAELIS

*(See Next Page | Stanza 1 – Hannah Marroquin, Solo, Refrain & Stanzas 2 & 3 - Everyone)*

+ Passing of the Peace

Jennifer Wassenaar

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

+ Hymn 437

**Help Us Accept Each Other**

BECK

Scripture Reading

Romans 12:9-21

Don Hastings

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Matt Vandagriff

+ Hymn 507

**I Then Shall Live**

FINLANDIA

Offertory

**Lord, I Want to Be a Christian**  
arr. Diane Bish

Julia Matthews

+ Hymn

**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

OLD HUNDREDTH

## AT THE WEAVING OF CREATION

David Bjorlin

 MICHAELIS  
 Benjamin Brody



1. At the weav-ing of cre - a - tion all our  
 2. But when fear or fail - ure finds us and we  
 3. Though com - plic - i - ty is var - ied— who de -

lives were in - ter - twined, as with care and con - tem -  
 will not face our pain, then the liv - ing web that  
 serves the praise or blame— still our des - ti - nies are

pla - tion God con - fig - ured hu - man - kind.  
 binds us can be - come a tox - ic chain.  
 mar - ried, and our fu - ture world the same.

So a joy - ous rev - o - lu - tion that e - rupts and  
 And the dam - age done to man - y comes from ac - tions  
 So with each new choice be - fore us— what to love or

quick - ly spreads comes from ev - 'ry con - tri - bu - tion  
 that seem small, for the dam - age done to an - y  
 buy or think— hear the God of life im - plore us

of a thou - sand ti - ny threads.  
 soon en - dan - gers one and all. We are bound to one an -  
 to re - call our com - mon link.

oth - er, for we are bound to God. We were made to

love each oth - er, for we are loved by God.

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Julia Matthews

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