



Our Worship of God

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 2026 | 10:30am

Guests, welcome! We would love to know you.

You are invited to complete the Welcome Card in the pew rack in front and place it in the offering plate or you can scan the QR code on the card to respond electronically. There is no pressure - this is simply a way for us to connect. **We are glad you are here.**

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

Chiming

John Frank

*Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power. – UNKNOWN, C. 1757*

Welcome and Life of the Church

Krissi Vandagriff

Gathering Prayer

Voluntary

Come, Thou Almighty King
setting by Kevin Hildebrand

John Frank

Opening of the Bible and Lighting of the Candles

Carolyn Vandagriff

+ Call to Worship

The earth belongs to God, who created all that is.

Come, let us worship our Creator.

In Christ, God's love and grace are made known.

Come, let us follow our Redeemer.

The Spirit moves among us, breathing life into all creation.

Come, let us welcome the Sustainer.

Triune God, open our lips.

And our mouths will proclaim your praise.

+ Hymn 5

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Kyle Damron

Hymn

Have Mercy
See Back

CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Linda Medlock

What burdens your spirit? What regret or hurt do you carry today?

Together, let us confess that which does not give us life
and take up, instead, the love and grace of God.

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Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, we come before you
aware that you know the truth of our hearts before we can utter a word.
You know when our good intentions exceed our capacity for gospel living.
You know when we embrace the good news of liberation with our lips
but don't change our actions.
We imprison ourselves with the assumption
that you will judge us as mercilessly as we often judge ourselves and one another.
Forgive our shortcomings and the times we have failed to live the words we say.
Restore us in the confidence of people who have heard good news
and remind us that even when we arrive late, there is still work to be done. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Linda Medlock

Friends, believe this good news, in Christ we are new creations.
We are forgiven; we are set free; and we are made ready to live the living Word.

+ Passing of the Peace

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

+ Hymn 578

Come, All Christians, Be Committed

BEACH SPRING

Old Testament Reading

2 Samuel 11:2-15

Steve Mitchener

Epistle Reading

Colossians 3:5-11

Jessi Fillingham

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

+ Gospel Reading

Matthew 15:10-11, 15-20

Aaron Lacey

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

Sermon

Matt Vandagriff

Choral Music

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian
arr. Moses Hogan

Sanctuary Choir

Prayers of the People

Trish Rikli

Listening God, **hear our prayer.**

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Offertory

Prelude on Beach Spring

Charles Callahan

John Frank

+ 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

+ Hymn 532

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

Benediction

Matt Vandagriff

Postlude

Be Thou My Vision

setting by Melvin Rotermund

John Frank



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all about KBC!

Whether you are worshipping with us online or in-person, welcome!
We are happy you are here. If you have questions about the church,
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find some answers or where you can contact a pastor or staff member.

A nursery is available for birth - Pre-K children.
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HAVE MERCY

David Bjorlin

CONFESSION
Mark A. Miller



1. Have mer-cy on ac-tions that add to op-pres-sion;
2. Have mer-cy on kind-ness for-got-ten in hur-ry;
3. Have mer-cy on bi-as that bur-rows in-side us;
4. Have mer-cy, for mer-cy a-lone can still reach us;



mer-cy for words that are harsh and un-true. Have
mer-cy for call-ings we sti-fle or shun. Have
mer-cy for se-crets that seem be-yond grace. Have
mer-cy that meets us wher-ev-er we run. Have



mer-cy on thoughts that we nurse to ag-gres-sion;
mer-cy on tal-ents we hide in our wor-ry;
mer-cy on shames that un-know-ing-ly guide us;
mer-cy, for it is the Gos-pel you teach us:



mer-cy for ev-'ry-thing wrong that we do,
mer-cy for ev-'ry-thing we left un-done,
mer-cy for ev-'ry-thing we can-not face,
mer-cy for ev-'ry-thing and ev-'ry-one,



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Mer - cy!



Mer - cy! Have mer - cy, O God!

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