

†OFFERTORY PRAYER

Source of Compassion, we return to you a prayerful portion of all you have given us. May our gifts become loaves and fish for those who need nourishment. May our offerings become love and light for those who feel lost and alone. Help us share our abundance with the world, that those who are famished may be fed. Amen.

†HYMN 321

[Break Thou the Bread of Life](#)

BREAD OF LIFE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Selection
Ina Jun, pianist

We welcome Ina Jun as our substitute pianist for this morning's service.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

August 02, 2026
10 o'clock

Rev. Fredd Ward, Senior Pastor
Jim Boratko, Director of Worship Arts
Amanda Bethune, Director of Faith Formation

PRELUDES

Selection

Ina Jun, pianist

WELCOME

†CALL TO WORSHIP

NINA LAWRENCE

One:

The people of God are hungry.

Many:

There are too many to feed.

One:

Give them something to eat.

Many:

We have minimal provisions -- five loaves and two fish.

One:

You have everything you need.

Many:

It would take a miracle.

One:

Faith in God makes impossible things possible.

Many:

In Christ, hope is always near at hand.

†HYMN 540

[O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go](#)

ST. MARGARET

†OPENING PRAYER

Even when our faith falters, Loving God, we will not let you go. Even when our souls are weary, Enlivening God, we will not let you go. Even when feelings of emptiness overtake our spirits, we trust that your presence will satisfy us. We seek your blessing, O God. We will not let you go. Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE READING

[Matthew 14:13-21](#)

†RESPONSE 263

[Surely the Presence of the Lord](#)

WOLF

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;

I can feel his mighty power and his grace.

I can hear the brush of angels’ wings; I see glory on each face;

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

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† Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.

SERMON

Before Breaking Bread

rev.fredd

HYMN 425

[Let Us Break Bread Together](#)

LET US BREAK BREAD

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

CALL TO OFFERING

Faced with a hungry crowd and only five loaves and two fish, Jesus fed the multitude until all were satisfied. Faced with a hungry world, God invites us to show our faith and offer our gifts, that all might be satisfied.

OFFERTORY

Domine Deus, from the Gloria

ANTONIO VIVALDI

Michelle Kayser, soloist, with Michael Loveland, oboe

†DOXOLOGY 46

[Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow](#)

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

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Please join us for fellowship and refreshments following the service!