

†OFFERTORY PRAYER

Generous God, you reach out to rescue us from fear – fear of drowning in doubt and despair. You know our hearts and you offer heavenly help that we may respond with hope and trust. Bless, accept, and multiply this offering, so many may know you, your saving power, and your saving love. Amen.

†HYMN 618

[How Firm a Foundation](#)

FOUNDATION

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

On Eagle's Wings
Phillip DeFazio, pianist

MICHAEL JONCAS

We welcome Phillip DeFazio as our pianist for this morning.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

August 09, 2026
10 o'clock

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

PRELUDES

Holy, Holy, Holy
Phillip DeFazio, pianist

JOHN B. DYKES

WELCOME

†CALL TO WORSHIP

JIMMY QUINN

One: Christ draws nearer to us in the midst of life’s storms.

Many: **We watch for you, Savior Jesus! Blessed be your name!**

One: Christ reaches out to us when we are battered by the waves and far from land.

Many: **We watch for you, Savior Jesus! Blessed be your name!**

One: Christ reassures us when the winds are raging and before the dawn.

Many: **Our hope and trust are in you, Savior Jesus! Blessed be your name!**

†HYMN 100

[When Morning Gilds the Skies](#)

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†OPENING PRAYER

Savior Jesus, fill us with your faith, that we may overcome the troubles that might otherwise overwhelm us. By your great grace, your great strength, your great compassion, fulfill your selfless sacrifice in us for the glory of your name. By your great presence and your great power, fulfill God’s divine vision through us for the saving of lives and for the redemption of our world. Amen.

ANTHEM

Jesus, Lover of My Soul
Linda Bronstein and Michael Loveland, handbells

ARR. RAYMOND H. HERBEK

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE READING

[Matthew 14:22-33](#)

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

†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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SERMON

4 Four-Word Phrases

rev.fredd

HYMN 576

[My Faith Looks Up to Thee](#)

OLIVET

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

We are stewards of all that God has placed in our hands – time, talent, and treasure – life itself. This time of offering is not merely about tithes and gifts for the benefit of the church. It is also about rededicating our whole lives in service to Christ.

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†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.**

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments following the service!