

†OFFERTORY PRAYER

Faithful God, when divisiveness and enmity threaten the unity you intend, remind us that we are called to be instruments of your peace. Bless this offering so that your vision for a world without want may come to fuller fruition in every corner of the world. Transform these gifts into vessels of grace that have the power to make all people one. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

†HYMN 687

[*In Christ There Is No East or West*](#)

ST. PETER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

August 16, 2026
10 o'clock

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

PRELUDES

Be Thou My Vision
Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand
Maria Soaft, soloist

EDWARD BROUGHTON
JENNIE WILSON

WELCOME

†CALL TO WORSHIP

COURT LEWIS

One: When misunderstanding and disagreement separate us,

Many: The love of God binds us together.

One: When insecurity and rivalry threaten to estrange us,

Many: The grace of Christ brings reconciliation.

One: When we feel excluded and left out,

Many: The peace of the Holy Spirit eases our pain. Let us worship the One who makes us one!

†HYMN 18

[All People That on Earth Do Dwell](#)

OLD HUNDREDTH

†OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, heal the wounds that impede our unity as your beloved children. Ease the resentments and assuage the fears that make us hesitant to embrace the balm of your forgiveness. Cast out the doubts that prevent us from seeking your peace and reconciliation. Even when our egos are bruised and heartache persists, send us friends who will bring us solace, through your loving Spirit. Amen.

ANTHEM

Landslide
Nicole Dickinson, Shannon Connelly, Maria Soaft, soloists

FLEETWOOD MAC

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE READING

[Psalm 133](#)

† 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

A Connection Even Among Things Separated by Vast Distances

rev.fredd

HYMN 433

[Blest Be the Tie That Binds](#)

DENNIS

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

God has blessed us abundantly. God calls us to bless others by giving our time, talent, and treasure – our best efforts for the benefit of others.

OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision
Nicole Dickinson, Shannon Connelly, Maria Soaft, soloists

SLANE

†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!