



Service of Worship October 19, 2025 9:30am
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

SONG TO GATHER

“As the Deer”

Martin Nystrom

Charter Ringers

arr. Patricia Cota

Celia Nicholas & Chris Krug, co-directors

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

“This is the Day”

Dora Ann Purdy

Joy! Singers (4s–1st graders)

Emily Hussey & Hilary Schmidt, co-directors

Drake Cabe, Rowan Cabe, Gilbert Dixon, Josie Noren, Wyatt Schendel, Abigail Schmidt, Weston Sellers,

Brody Frye & Bristol Sellers, chimes

*This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice! Let us rejoice and be glad!
From the rising of the sun 'til its going down, each day is a gift from God.
Our maker is with us to lead and guide. Give thanks for all He provides.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Come, all who long to grow in grace and truth—

ALL: We come to dwell in the Vine, to be rooted in Christ's love.

ONE: God's Word goes out like rain and snow, watering the earth with promise.

ALL: It will not return empty but will bear fruit in due season.

ONE: Abide in Christ, and let His life flow through you.

ALL: We come to worship the God who plants, who nourishes, and who brings the growth.

SONG TO PRAISE

“Festival Alleluia”

Allen Pote

Celebration Choir

Pam Kelly, director & Angela Krug, piano

Eloise Armbrecht, Margo Armbrecht, Henry Frye, Abel Frye, Kamden Frye, Charlotte Hearn, Mallory Hearn, Aiden Hussey, Liam Hussey, Brynnley Krug, Evie Schmidt, James Schmidt, Magnolia Sellers, Max Soule, Grant Stromberg, Nolan Tamke, Quinn Tamke, Sarah Wright & Lucas Wright
Eloise Dixon, descant

*Sing unto God all the heavens and earth, Alleluia,
clap your hands, rejoice and sing a joyful song.
Sing it loudly, sing it merrily, sing it softly, sing with a beautiful melody.*

*Sing unto God all the heavens and earth, Alleluia.
Celebrate, and with a cheerful voice sing Alleluia, sing it from your heart.*

*Make your life a song to God.
Listen to the rhythm, to the rhythm of creation, listen to the beat of life.
Wake up to the won-der of a world in celebration, and sing, children, sing Alleluia, God is love.*

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

(Children ages 4 through 1st grade may go to Awakening to Worship, our child-friendly worship time. Greeters at the back of the Sanctuary will go with children to Room 12 downstairs where parents may pick up their children following worship. Our Nursery welcomes young children and our ushers can assist families to the nursery located in the children's wing. Worship bags are available for children who stay in worship.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Emily Nelson Dixon

God tends and prunes the branches of our lives so that we may bear good fruit. When we cling to what does not give life, or try to grow apart from the Vine, God calls us back to Himself in mercy. Let us come before God in humble confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gardener of Grace, You plant us in good soil, yet we often fail to grow in love. You water us with mercy, but we resist Your pruning. We confess that we have tried to grow on our own strength, trusting our plans more than Your Spirit. Forgive us when we forget that growth is Your gift, not our achievement. Reconnect us to Christ, the true Vine, that Your life may flow through us and bear fruit for Your kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news: “As the rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return empty, so shall God’s Word accomplish what He purposes.” In Christ, that Word has taken root among us—bringing forgiveness, renewal, and life. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and growing in grace.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ONE: May the peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you and all others!

*SONG OF PEACE

“Day by Day”

by Oskar Ahnfelt

Day By Day

Words by
Karolina Wilhelmina Sandell-Berg
Andrew L. Skoog
Translated from Swedish by

Music by
Oskar Ahnfelt

VERSE

$\text{♩} = 78$

C F G

1. Day by day and with each pass - ing mo - ment, strength I find to meet my tri - als
2. Ev 'ry day the Lord Him - self is near me with a spe - cial mer - cy for each
3. Help me then in ev - 'ry trib - u - la - tion so to trust Your prom - is - es, O

4 C F

here. Trust - ing in my Fa - ther's wise be - stow - ment, I've no
hour. All my cares He fain would bear and cheer me, He whose
Lord, that I lose not faith's sweet con - so - la - tion of - fered

7 G C C/E F

cause for wor - ry or for fear. He whose heart is kind be - yond all meas - ure gives un -
name is Coun - sel - or and Pow'r. The pro - tec - tion of His child and treas - ure is a
me with - in Your ho - ly Word. Help me, Lord, when toil and trou - ble meet - ing, e'er to

11 G7/D G7 C

to each day what He deems best, lov - ing - ly, its part of pain and
charge that on Him - self He laid. "As your days, your strength shall be in
take, as from a Fa - ther's hand, one by one, the days, the mo - ments

14 F G C

pleas - ure, min - gling toil with peace and rest.
meas - ure," this the pledge to me He made.
fleet - ing, till I reach the Prom - ised Land.

Equipping

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 55:10–13 (NRSVue)

Cheryl Johnson

Just as the rain and the snow come down from the sky
and don't return there without watering the earth,
making it conceive and yield plants
and providing seed to the sower and food to the eater,
so is my word that comes from my mouth;
it does not return to me empty.
Instead, it does what I want,
and accomplishes what I intend.
Yes, you will go out with celebration,
and you will be brought back in peace.
Even the mountains and the hills will burst into song before you;
all the trees of the field will clap their hands.
In place of the thorn the cypress will grow;
in place of the nettle the myrtle will grow.
This will attest to the LORD's stature,
an enduring reminder that won't be removed.

SONG TO REFLECT

"The Gardener"

as recorded by Sarah Kroger

Praise Team

*God, You're the Gardener and Jesus the vine
Come have Your way in the branch of my life
Whatever is growing that doesn't belong, cut it away
Whatever is thriving, rooted and strong, oh, let it stay*

*For my good, for Your glory, Do what You have to do
Do what You have to do
Make me pure, make me holy, Prune me to bear Your fruit
Do what You have to do*

*Jesus, You grafted me into Your tree
Through every season You're working in me
Whatever is growing that doesn't belong, cut it away
Whatever is thriving, rooted and strong, oh, let it stay*

*For my good, for Your glory, Do what You have to do
Do what You have to do
Make me pure, make me holy, Prune me to bear Your fruit
Do what You have to do*

*Let there be love, and joy, and peace
Let there be patience, kindness, goodness in me
Let there be gentleness and self-control
Bear Your fruit in my life, oh Lord
Whatever You wanna bring it to pass in my heart*

*For my good, for Your glory, Do what You have to do
Do what You have to do
Make me pure, make me holy, Prune me to bear Your fruit
Do what You have to do*

*Prune me to bear Your fruit
Do what You have to do*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 15:1–10 (NRSVue)

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“God Gives Growth”

Karen Wright

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 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.

SONG FOR GIVING

"Garments"
All/Praise Team

as recorded by Cory Asbury

Garments*(based on the recording by Cory Asbury)*

Words and Music by
Cory Asbury, Nate Moore
and Tony Brown

INTRO

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C

1 When I saw my ash - es,

2 Well, I saw the wa - ter,

6 Csus C/E F

well, You saw Your dream. When I saw an or - phan, You were my fam - i - ly.

but You saw the wine. And I saw dead branch-es, but You were the vine.

9 C Csus C/E

When I saw my frail - ty, well, You saw Your might. When I saw my blind - ness,

And I saw my weak-ness, but You saw Your blood. And I saw my fail - ure,

CHORUS

12 F Dm C

for You were the light And You give me gar - ments of praise,

but You were e - nough.

15 Dm C/E F C

full - ness of joy, un - end - ing mer - cy, new ev - 'ry morn - ing. Gar - ments of praise,

19 Dm C/E F

full - ness of joy, un - end - ing mer - cy, new ev - 'ry morn - ing.

Sending

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*SONG TO SEND

"Go Light Your World"

by Chris Rice

All/Praise Team

**There is a candle in every soul
Some brightly burning, some dark and cold
There is a Spirit who brings a fire
Ignites a candle and makes His home**

**So carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the helpless, confused and torn
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle, and go light your world
Take your candle, and go light your world**

**Frustrated brother, see how he's tried to
Light his own candle some other way
See now your sister, she's been robbed and lied to
Still holds a candle without a flame**

**So carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the lonely, the tired and worn
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle, and go light your world
Take your candle, and go light your world**

**We are a family whose hearts are blazing
So let's raise our candles and light up the sky
Praying to our Father, in the name of Jesus
Make us a beacon in darkest times**

**So carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the hopeless, deceived and poor
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle, and go light your world**

**Carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the helpless, confused and torn
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle, and go light your world
Take your candle, and go light your world**

**Stand in body or spirit*

GOD'S PEACE TO YOU

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