

8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2026

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

Prelude *We Gather Together* arr. Anna Laura Page

Greeting and Announcements **Opening Sentences**

***Doxology** - all to sing No. 592

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Prayer of Praise**

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Come by here, our Lord,

People: come by here.

Leader: Let us worship God.

***Opening Hymn** ["Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"](#)

***Call to Confession**

Leader: There is goodness within us that grows like fresh wheat. There is also sin within us that chokes that wheat like weeds. Let us bring all of who we are to God, who can separate out what is good, so that we are not overcome with evil.

***Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

Ever-present God, there is no place where you are not with us. You see us at our worst and at our best. There is much we would hide from you—the ways we harm your creation, the ways we mistreat others, the ways we turn away when we should turn toward. Even as you know us, forgive us. Guide our thoughts, our words, our actions, that you may delight in us as we delight in you.

A Time of Silent Prayer

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: Beloved, God knows us and forgives us and leads us in the way of everlasting life. This is good news!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

***Response of Praise**-all to sing "Gloria Patri" No. 579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

***We Share God's Peace**

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

(You are invited to share God's peace as you greet those around you.)

Special Music *Before the Throne of God Above* Bancroft & Cook/arr. Shackley

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading [Genesis 28:10-19a](#) (NRSV)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading [Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43](#) (NRSV)

Sermon *"Until the Harvest"* The Rev. M. Rex Espiritu
the gate of heaven

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People...The Lord's Prayer ('debts' and debtors')

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Sending Hymn** ["Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"](#)

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

We are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

arr. Patti Drennan

(We invite you to remain seated through the Postlude.)

*Indicates that those who are able may stand.

Lectionary readings for July 26, 2026

Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11,45b

Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52