

10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2026

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

Prelude *Great is Thy Faithfulness* William M. Runyan/arr. Larry Shackley

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: God is great and greatly to be praised;

People: There is no end to God's greatness.

Leader: God's kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;

People: God's dominion endures throughout all ages.

Leader: Let us worship God.

***Opening Hymn**

["How Firm a Foundation"](#)

***Call to Confession**

Leader: When we call upon God, God answers. Even when our steps stray from God's path, even when our feet slip, God listens to us and answers our prayers. Let us offer our prayer of confession.

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

Generous God, you freely offer us all we need. You offer us the bread of life, so we may never be hungry again. You offer us living water, so we will never thirst. But we scoff at your gifts, wasting our money, time, and energy on things that do not satisfy. Forgive us and call to us again, reminding us of your gifts of new life that are ours if we would only accept them.

A Time of Silent Prayer

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: Incline your ear, listen: God makes an everlasting covenant with us. God forgives us, renews us, refreshes us, and leads us onward. 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

What a Friend

Charles C. Converse/arr. Jack Schrader

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

[Genesis 32:22-31 \(NRSV\)](#)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading

[Matthew 14:13-21 \(NRSV\)](#)

Sermon

“A Deserted Place” The Rev. M. Rex Espiritu
of the Jabbok

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn [“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”](#)

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Ride on, King Jesus* arr. Anna Laura Page

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

*Indicates that those who are able may stand.

Lectionary readings for August 9, 2026

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33