

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Rally Sunday

September 13, 2026

GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

Prelude

Ländler
Moment Musical

Franz Schubert
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Greeting and Announcements

Opening Sentences

Rally Sunday Welcome

Prayer of Dedication – New Exterior Sign

*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: We bow with the rolling rocks.

People: God is our strength and our salvation.

Leader: We sing with the roaring rivers.

People: God is our justice and our joy.

Leader: We will never stop telling God's story.

People: God is the hope of our ancestors.

Leader: With all that we have and all that we are, we say:

People: God is so good!

Leader: Let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn ["Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"](#)

*Call to Confession

Leader: We are not here to pass judgment on each other: all of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Therefore, let us go before God as we offer our confession.

*Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God our Judge, we admit we have double standards. We seek forgiveness for ourselves, but fail to forgive others. We seek relief for ourselves, but fail to seek relief for others. We seek leniency for ourselves, but fail to show that mercy to others. Forgive us, mighty God, and help us to forgive, showing others the same grace and mercy that you have generously shown to us.

A Time of Silent Prayer

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: God does not deal with us according to our sins, but according to God's own steadfast love for us. As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our sins from us. 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

Allemande on Auf Meinen Lieben Gott Dietrich Buxtehude

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

[Exodus 14:19-31 \(NRSV\)](#)

Hymn (seated)

"Jesus Loves Me"

No. 304

*Jesus loves me! This I know. For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

Children's Message

(Children grades K-8 may be dismissed to Sunday School)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading [Matthew 18:21-35 \(NRSV\)](#)

Sermon “*Patience With Me*” The Rev. M. Rex Espiritu
the waters forming

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn “[Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee](#)”

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Fugue in C Major* J.S. Bach

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

*Indicates that those who are able may stand.

Lectionary readings for September 20, 2026

Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16