



PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
OF THE ROSES

Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All People



"Two Women talking (1874) - Carl Bloch"

September 6th, 2026 | Worship 10 am
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Time Here? Thank you for coming!

Please pick up a Welcome Bag in the narthex. Please join us for fellowship & coffee in Bowen Hall after service today.

Assistance needed?

Large print bulletins, and hearing assist devices are available from the sound system tech.

Tip for the Service

*Asterisk means please stand if able.
The **BOLD** is spoken by the congregation.

Children with you?

Activity materials for young worshipers are in the entry way and the kids table in the back of our Sanctuary.

Sunday School is offered after *Gathering of the Children* during the service.
Quiet Room open at back of church.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"The Faithful Shepherd"

G. F. Handel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Family of God, we live in a world full of conflict and division.

God calls us to be a people of reconciliation.

We live in a world full of misinformation and confusion.

God calls us to be a people of truth and clarity.

We live in a world that wants to settle disputes with harmful words and actions.

God calls us to be a people who make peace through compassion and honesty.

We live in a world that does not understand the ways of Jesus.

Yet Jesus teaches us to be a people of reconciliation and peace for the good of the whole world. Thanks be to God!

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2026.

1. Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever,
and our confidence alone.

2. To this temple, where we call you,
come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
come, with all your loving-kindness;
hear your people as we pray,
and your fullest benediction
shed within these walls today.

3. Here bestow on all your servants
what they seek from you to gain;
what they gain from you, forever
with the blessed to retain;
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.

4. Laud and honor to the Father,
laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory
while unending ages run!

*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful.

We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.

We love with condition.

We judge and condemn.

We cast the first stone and keep the logs in our own eyes.

We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.

Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service.

*WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Alleluia! Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581 Gloria Patri

**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**

CALL FOR OFFERING

Ellen Marks

OFFERTORY

"The Call"

Ralph V. Williams

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*DOXOLOGY #606

**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.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Reconciling God, you mark our lives not with fear, but with mercy, and you gather us into a people shaped by grace. Receive these gifts as signs of our trust in your saving power and our commitment to your work of healing and restoration. Use what we offer to mend what is broken, welcome those who feel outside, and build a community where forgiveness and hope have the final word. In Christ's name, we pray.
Amen.

Adapted from Discipleship Ministries, Week 3 - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Year A (Lessons in Leadership) - Offertory Prayer

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HYMN #240

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

Donald Fishel

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth, Jesus has died and has risen.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 13:8-14

Ellen Marks

This is the word of the LORD! **Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM

“Float”

Robert Howard Ott

In memory of Rufus Zephyrus

Robert Howard Ott, piano

GATHERING OF THE CHILDREN-

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 18:15-20

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

“Living in Grace”

Rev. Dr. Kevin Buchanan

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

Jesus said: Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

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GREAT THANKSGIVING

May God our Teacher be with you.

And also with you.

Now is the moment to offer your hearts to God.

Now, we turn our hearts to your grace.

Join in songs of thanks and praise to our God.

We join with all who are here and throughout the world in praise.

We praise you, Holy God:

Shaper of the Bread of life,

Pourer of the Cup of salvation.

All that was light and wonder and hope

was offered to those crafted in your image,

but we wandered through the shadows of sin,

following the teachings of death.

You sought to bring us back to you
by sending prophets with your gracious words,
but we could not hear you
above sin's siren songs.

Taking on human form yourself,
you came to live among us,
so we might see your face-to-face
and know your forgiveness firsthand.

**God, our righteousness,
you take pleasure in your people and so
in love, you became human;
in hope, you came to us;
in joy, you gave yourself to us
through your Child, Jesus our Sibling.
Clothed in light,
he came to lead us out of the shadows.
Filled with your wisdom,
he came to teach us your ways.
One with you forever,
he came to gather us into your family.
Humble enough to take on our death,
he carries us into your kingdom.**

Move over these gifts of the Table,
Breath of God,
and on those gathered for this meal.
As the bread of hope heals our brokenness,
may we go forth to be reconciled
to those we have harmed.
As the cup of grace quenches our thirst for hope,
may we reach out to those
whom the world has forgotten.
As your peace fills our empty souls,
may we bring that peace to our world.

And when that day comes when
all brokenness is made whole,
all barriers are torn down,
all people live at peace with one another,
we will gather at your holy feast,
singing our praises forever, and praying what we have been taught:
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.

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DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

*(Please form two lines and come forward to receive the bread and the cup
of grape juice, please place cups in baskets as you return to your seat.)*

HYMN #527 "Eat this Bread" Jacques Berthier, 1984

***Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to Christ and never be hungry.
Eat this bread drink this cup, come to Christ and you shall not thirst!***

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of grace, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup
and made us one with Christ. Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all
the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*HYMN #203 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" Tom Colvin

Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.
[Refrain]

2. Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race; neighbors
are near us and far away. [Refrain]

3. These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should love; all these are neighbors to us and you. [Refrain]

4. Loving puts us on our knees, willing to wash others' feet; this is the way we should live like you. [Refrain]

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"No. VI Voluntary"

Richard Peek

PASTOR: Rev. Dr. Kevin Buchanan LITURGIST: Ellen Marks

MUSIC: Carol Menke, Robert Howard Ott along with Althea Wright accompanist.

AUDIO VISUAL TECHNOLOGY TEAM : Anthony Cornejo, Phil Goede, Mia Krause, Julia Lim, Nico Wycoff

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PRAYER REQUESTS-

Please include in your prayers-

Dennis Baker
The family of
David Barber
Greg Basham
Jim Bauer
Barbara Blinn
David Barber
Diana Burdick
Marjorie Cortez
Steve Cummings
Yvonne Draper

Robert Flandermeyer
G- Oregon Coast
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