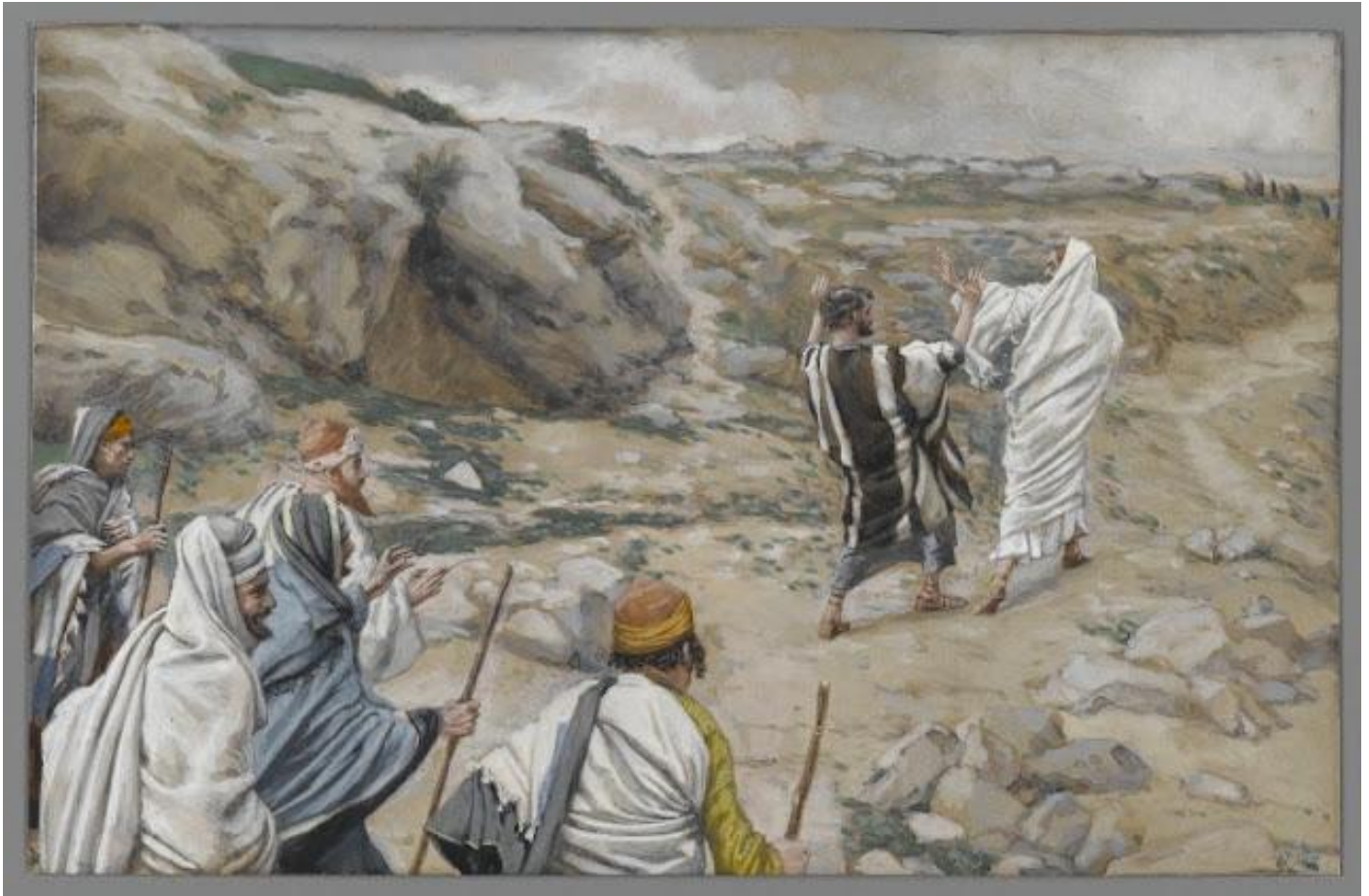




PRESBYTERIAN
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Reaching out with Nurturing Love to all People.



Get Thee Behind Me Satan (Rétire-toi Satan)

Source: [Wikimedia](#)

Artist: James Tissot (1836–1902)

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 30th, 2026 Worship 10 am

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.

Assistance needed?

Large print bulletins, hearing assist devices are available from our tech team at back of the church.

*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 "Intermezzo #2 Op. 118" Johannes Brahms

WELCOME –(If you are a guest, have a prayer request, or want to update your contact info, please fill out the connect card and place it in the offering plate.)

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sometimes God calls us through burning bushes, telling us to go free my people despite our insecurities and fears.

God, help us accept your call on our lives.

Sometimes God calls us, and we don't understand the full meaning of the call, the ways our families, friends, and communities may resist the good news and us as messengers of it.

God, help us accept your call on our lives.

Sometimes God calls us to a path that is harder than we think we can handle, asking us to trust that God will provide what we need.

God, help us accept your call on our lives.

Beloved, God's call takes many forms. Sometimes it feels as natural as breathing, and sometimes we want to run as far as we can. But take assurance in this: You are not alone. God is with us, and God's call can be trusted, because no matter where it leads, God is there.

God, help us accept your call on our lives and to trust that what you equip us to do is what you call us to do as members of the Body of Christ. Thanks be to God!

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

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high

tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

3. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou, mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Christ Jesus, our teacher and our friend, we have not listened for your word amid the clamor of words all around us. We are more pleased to repeat familiar tunes than to listen for new melodies and strange harmonies. We try harder to defend what we think we know than to reach for that which is beyond our grasp. Slow to trust, afraid of the unknown, we are cautious to hear and do your will. We pray for hearts to pay attention to the cries of our neighbor and to resonate with your Spirit. Silence us and instruct us until we learn afresh to sing the songs of faith, hope, and love.

*WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

There is no greater joy in the heart of God than the moment when a child opens to the gift of forgiveness.

God's Spirit reaches out to assure us of welcome in Christ.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Glory to God! 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

Jim Taylor

OFFERTORY "Change My Heart O God" Eddie Espinosa

(click to donate)



*DOXOLOGY

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

Holy God, you call ordinary people from unexpected places and send them into hard and holy work. As you met Moses in the fire that did not consume, and as you met Peter on the road of costly discipleship, meet us now in these gifts we bring. Shape us by your presence, by service, and by love that risks itself for the sake of others. Receive our offering as a sign that we trust your "I AM" to go with us and that we are willing to follow Christ, even when the way is demanding. Use what we give to bring freedom, healing, and hope to your world. **Amen.**

*Adapted from https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/lessons-in-leadership/week-2-fourteenth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-a/week-2-fourteenth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-a-lessons-in-leadership-offertory-prayers?_gl=1*ccuptk*_up*MQ*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION-

HYMN #288

"Spirit of the Living God"

D. Iverson

Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on Me

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 3:1-15 (NRSVUE) Jim Taylor

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

ANTHEM-

"Love Grows Here"

Don Besig

Madelyn Wolff and Deborah Wolff-Baker, sopranos
Genevieve Wolff and Shelby Cicairos, altos

*Take a look around you, tell me what you see;
People here to worship the Lord, just like you and me.
Some have come in gladness, some have come with fear;
But all have come because they know that love grows here!*

GATHERING OF THE CHILDREN-

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING- Matthew 16:21-28 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

"Limiting God?"

The Rev. Dr. Kevin Buchanan

*HYMN #828

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

William H. Doane

1. More love to thee, O Christ,
more love to thee!
Hear thou the prayer I make
on bended knee.
This is my earnest plea:
more love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee,
more love to thee!

2. Once earthly joy I craved,
sought peace and rest.
Now thee alone I seek;
give what is best.

This all my prayer shall be:
more love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee,
more love to thee!

3. Then shall my latest breath
whisper thy praise;
this be the parting cry
my heart shall raise.

This still its prayer shall be:
more love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee,
more love to thee!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In peace, let us pray to God for the church of Jesus Christ.

**Bless the church, deliver it from evil, and make it holy in every way, that
all people may see the light of your salvation through our witness as your
faithful servants.**

Let us pray to God for our elders, deacons, teachers, and ministers.

Arouse the leaders of your church to be prophetic witnesses. Help them to proclaim your justice fearlessly, to embody your righteousness sincerely, and to practice your mercy selflessly.

Let us pray to God for the world and for its leaders.

Uphold the leaders of governments. Give them sound judgment and merciful hearts, and lead them to do what is right in upholding the common good.

Let us pray to God for the good earth.

Let Earth be a gentle home for us. Subdue the violence of storm and earthquake, and heal the destruction of flood and drought, that life may flourish and every creature rejoice in the goodness of creation.

Let us pray to God for all children.

Bless children and those who care for them. Defend our children; enable them to thrive in mind and body and grow in wisdom and strength. Give them parents, family members, and guardians who faithful to their duty to provide for their needs and protect them from danger.

Let us pray to God for the sick and those in distress.

Merciful God, heal those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, and uphold those who are able to support them in their need. These prayers we offer through Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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.

Adapted from Feasting on the Word, Liturgies for Year A, Volume 2, pp. 144-145.

***HYMN #826 “Lift High the Cross” (verses 1,2,4) 1985 Hope Publishing**

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. [Refrain]

2. All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died. [Refrain]

4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory. [Refrain]

BENEDICTION-

POSTUDE- "Magnificat" Jean Tite Louze (1563 - 1633)Gigout

PREACHER: *The Rev. Dr. Kevin Buchanan* LITURGIST: *Jim Taylor*

MUSIC: *Carol Menke, The quartet: Madelyn Wolff and Deborah Wolff-Baker, sopranos Genevieve Wolff and Shelby Cicairos, altos, along with Althea Wright accompanist.*

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

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call the office at 707.542.4272. for info.

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Our Neighbors, Elisha's Pantry needs help-

"We can always use donations of Bags, Rubber Bands and Egg Cartons."

These items are always needed and very much appreciated. Elisha's Pantry is more than a place to receive groceries; it's a lifeline for households facing tough times.

Their food pantry is open every Thursday- Toiletries given once a month

*Our Tues. afternoon office volunteer Cheryl Malseed also volunteers at Elisha's pantry- see her on a Sunday or email her mkbycheryl@gmail.com -please drop off items at church office when open.

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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
Lisa Chaffey
Marjorie Cortez
Steve Cummings

Yvonne Draper
Robert Flandermeyer
G- Oregon Coast
Michele Hare
Jennifer Hochstettler
Andy Kaweck
Linda Lance
Dorothy LeCel
Chris Ledwick
Vivian Mazeski
Gene Michel
Nita Pinney

Lesley Pillsbury
Lavern Pinder
Catherine Priestley
Jonathan Steele
Susan & Sarah
Valerie Soldate
Bill St. John
Lynne Vandercook
Walker Cash
David Woff
Dr. Bob Yee

Those serving in our military

Coast Guard Commander Ian Alloway Culver in Washington D.C – Headquarters,
Col. David Trowbridge, M.D. with the Air Force Reserve



*“Flowers donated by Dan Bargar
in loving memory of Chris Bargar”*



California Coastal Clean Up - Sat. 9/19/26

“Join Regional Parks as we celebrate California Coastal Clean Up Day at Doran Beach Regional Park. This is a chance for everyone in our state to volunteer to clean up trash from our waterways and shorelines. Every piece of litter plucked from the environment can no longer harm the many inhabitants of our oceans, rivers and creeks.

**If interested please contact: Rhonda Darrow/Church & World Committee
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