



August 23, 2026 at 9:30am (EDT, UTC-04)

Leading us in worship this morning:

Kim Faloppa, Deacon
Michael Rupke, Elder
Michael Lopez, Liturgist
Randall Engle, Minister & Organist
Errin Brooks, Soloist
Willie Yuhass, Technician

The flowers on the communion table are from the garden on Drake Dantzler.

Gathering Music

An Opening Prayer: *Thanks Be to God* Stanley Dickson

Thanks be to God for roses rare
For skies of blue and sunshine fair
For every gift I raise this prayer: Thanks be to God!

Thanks be to God for lovely night
For mystic fields with stars so bright
For hours of dream and deep delight: Thanks be to God!

Thanks be to God for love divine
For hopes that round my heart entwined
For all the joy that now is mine: Thanks be to God!

~Text: P. J. O'Reilly

***Our Opening Hymn:** *Come, Thou Almighty King* Hymnal 492

***God's Greeting and Mutual Greetings**

A common greeting, used by Christians for millennia, is "The Lord be with you,"
or "The peace of Christ be with you." The response: "And also with you."

***A Psalm of Praise:** *O Lord, Be Our Refuge* (Psalm 11) Hymnal 428

We Confess to God

The Call to Confession:

One: God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all.
If we claim to have fellowship with Him yet walk in darkness,
we lie and do not live by the truth.
But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus, His Son,
purifies us from all sin.
If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves
and the truth is not in us.

The Confession (prayed together):

**Most holy and merciful Father,
we confess to You and to one another
that we have sinned against You
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not always had in us the mind of Christ.
You alone know how often we have grieved You
by wasting Your gifts,
by wandering from Your ways,
by forgetting Your love.
Forgive us, we pray You, most merciful Father,
and free us from our sin.
Renew in us the grace and strength of Your Holy Spirit,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son,
our Savior,
Amen.**

The Declaration of Pardon:

Liturgist: To all who confess themselves to be sinners,
humbling themselves before God
and believing in the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation,
we remember this sure promise:
"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness."
In the name of Jesus, our sins are forgiven.
Believe the gospel, and live in peace.

***Our Response:** *How Vast the Benefits Divine* Hymnal 688

***Our Statement of Faith** *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Lord's Day 20

One: What do you believe concerning "the Holy Spirit"?

**All: First, He, as well as the Father and the Son,
is eternal God.
Second, He has been given to me personally,
so that, by true faith,
He makes me share in Christ and all His blessings,
comforts me,
and remains with me forever.**

We Speak to God

Our Morning Offerings are received

Our Morning Prayers are offered

God Speaks to Us

The Scripture Lessons: Psalm 119: 105–112 *The Bible*, page 962

One: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

The Anthem: *My Hope Is Built* traditional, arr. Tom Trenney

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly lean on Jesus' name

On Christ the solid rock I stand
All other ground is sinking stand

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil

On Christ the solid rock I stand
All other ground is sinking stand

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne

On Christ the solid rock I stand
All other ground is sinking stand
On Christ, the rock I stand

The Sermon: *Path Lights*

This is the ninth sermon in our series *A Summer in the Psalms*. Previous sermons—on Psalms 5, 93, 118, 26, 8, 127, 96, and 133 (Pastor Mary Hulst), 50—are archived on our website.

God Sends Us

***God's Blessing is Given and Received**

***The Closing Psalm:** *Your Word Sheds Light* (Psalm 119) Hymnal 759

The Charge and Choral Postlude: *Lord, Here Am I* John Ness Beck, arr. Craig Courtney

Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey
Only direct me and I'll find Thy way
Teach me the mission appointed for me
What is my labor, and where it shall be

Master, Thou callest, and this I reply:
Ready and willing, Lord, here am I

Willing, my Savior, to take up the cross
Willing to suffer reproaches and loss
Willing to follow if Thou will but lead
Only support me with grace in my need

Master, Thou callest, and this I reply:
Ready and willing, Lord, here am I

Living or dying I still would be Thine
Yet I am mortal while Thou art divine
Pardon whenever I turn from the right
Pity and bring me again to the light

Master, Thou callest, and this I reply:
Ready and willing, Lord, here am I

—Fannie Crosby

Come, Thou Almighty King

F Gm C F
 1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, gird on thy
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

C7 F
 name to sing; help us to praise.
 might - y sword; scat - ter thy foes.
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour.
 prais - es be hence ev - er - more!

C7 F Gm A Dm
 Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
 Let thine al - might - y aid our sure de - fense be made,
 Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in ev - ery heart,
 Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

F Gm C7 F
 come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 our souls on thee be stayed; thy won - ders show.
 and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Words: anonymous, 1757, alt., P.D.

Music (ITALIAN HYMN 6.6.4.6.6.6.4): Felice de Giardini, 1769, P.D.

1 O Lord, be our refuge,
when evils assail;
your justice is sure,
and your strength will prevail.
Yet wicked ones rise,
and the good are laid low.
Your mercy reveal
and your righteousness show.

2 O God, send your fire;
come to judge humankind;
our evil consume
and our virtue refine.
Then crowns of oppression
will fall to the dust,
and saints will delight
in the reign of the just.

3 How firm a foundation we find in God's Word!
We fashion our lives in the way of the Lord.
When all else gives way, God's salvation remains;
and even in death, God's great glory sustains.

For music see 427

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How Vast the Benefits Divine

1 How vast the ben - e - fits di - vine which we in Christ pos - sess!
 2 To you, O Christ, a - lone is due all glo - ry and re - nown;
 3 With - in the arms of sov - ereign love we ev - er shall re - main;

We are re - deemed from sin and shame, and called to ho - li - ness.
 no mer - it of our own we claim, nor rob you of your crown.
 nor shall the rage of earth or hell make God's sure coun - sel vain.

'Tis not for works that we have done—these all to him we owe;
 You were our on - ly sur - e - ty in God's re - demp - tion plan;
 Each one of all the cho - sen race shall sure - ly heaven at - tain;

but he of his e - lect - ing love sal - va - tion does be - stow.
 in you his grace was giv - en us be - fore the world be - gan.
 here they will share a - bound - ing grace, and there with Je - sus reign.

759 Your Word Sheds Light upon My Path

PSALM 119:105-112

1 Your word sheds light up - on my path;
 2 In my dis - tress I plead with you;
 3 When dan - ger brings me close to death,
 4 Your pre - cepts are my her - i - tage;

a shin - ing light, it guides my feet.
 send help ac - cord - ing to your word.
 your law stays with me night and day.
 they make my heart and soul re - joice.

Your right - eous judg - ments to ob - serve,
 Ac - cept my sac - ri - fice of praise
 The wick - ed lay a snare for me,
 To keep your stat - utes faith - ful - ly

my sol - emn vow I now re - peat.
 and make me know your judg - ments, LORD.
 yet from your truth I will not stray.
 shall ev - er be my will - ing choice.

For other settings of Ps. 119 see 720, 721, 758, 760

Words: Psalm 119:105-112; *Psalter*, 1912, P.D.

Music (FEDERAL STREET 8.8.8.8): Henry K. Oliver, 1832, P.D.