

Benediction

Postlude: “Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

-Sicilian melody, arr. Gordon Young

In Your Prayers

-Laurie Smith, Connie Byrne as she recovers from knee replacement surgery, Barbara Buno, Bill Larson, Tom Best, Marcia Siebert, those affected by natural disasters, those who are hungry and without food, Peace in our community, our country and our world.

This and That & Upcoming Events

- Community Engagement is collecting 100% juice boxes or large juice containers for the month of August for FISH!
- Are you interested in joining FPCEA? Please see Pastor Jesse!
- We are looking for volunteers to assist in the occasional cleaning of the church. Please let us know if you'd like to be added to the list!
- The Stewardship Committee is currently laying out our calendar of this Fall's events for the 2027 campaign as well as our Consecration Sunday kickoff in October. Our Stewardship theme for this year is “Our Journey of Faith and Giving”. More details will follow next month. Our church is so thankful for all your 2026 pledge payments to date which are so vital in staying current with paying our annual operating expenses.
- Mark your calendars: Rally Day is Sunday, September 13th!

The flowers in the sanctuary are given with thanks to God!

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August 9, 2026



Rev Jesse Larson, Pastor
Brad Meholick, Music Director

Nan Murphy, Liturgist
Betty Pitcher, Organist

A warm welcome to all visitors! Please join us for
refreshments after the service!

Large print hymnals are available upon request!



Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: “Meditation” - Franz Liszt,
“I am Thine, O Lord” - Wm. Doane, arr. Emma Diemer

Call to Worship:

A voice speaks to us in our dreams, beckoning, calling;
Are we talking with ourselves, or is God speaking to us?

In the night our minds wrestle with worries and hopes;
Could there be something holy in that?

God’s love for us is steadfast, drawing us always into
wholeness;

**Our faith is in our God of providence, new beginnings, and
miracles.**

In the brightness of the morning, we seek a word from God;
**Let us be attentive to the voice of God this day. And let us
worship God.**

Hymn: “Sanctuary” - STF, n. 2164

Prayer of Confession:

**Loving and merciful God, you know our hearts and you know
our lives. We confess to you that which causes separation,
that which causes pain, that which causes distress, and that
which breaks down. We confess to you our part in those
things. And in humility and hope, we ask for your help to do
better, to reconcile, to heal, to soothe, to build up. So may we
love you and neighbor, and follow our Christ, in whose name
we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Passing the Peace:

The peace of Christ be with you – **and also with you.**

Song of Praise: “Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”

Sharing our Praises and Concerns:

Lord, in your mercy – hear our prayer

Lord, with thanksgiving – hear our prayer

Children’s Sermon

Old Testament Reading: 2 Samuel 1:17 – 2:4

Special Music: “Here’s That Rainy Day”

Sermon

Hymn: “There is a Balm in Gilead” - Hymnal, n. 394

Sharing Our Tithes & Offerings: “Communion” - E. Broughton

Doxology: Hymnal, n. 592

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion:

The Lord be with you – **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts – **we lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God – **it is right to offer
our thanks and praise.**

The Lord’s Prayer

Hymn: “Blest Be the Tie that Binds” - Hymnal, n. 438

