



“May we cast the net wide.
May we bring out
treasures old and new as
we follow Jesus together.”



JULY 26, 2026
9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Order of Worship

July 26, 2026—9th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP #334 (*refrain*)

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed—small, surprising, full of promise.

God plants hope in us, and it grows beyond our imagining.

The Kingdom is like yeast—hidden, rising, quietly transforming everything.

God’s Spirit works within us, even when we cannot see it.

The Kingdom is like treasure and a pearl—worth giving everything to receive.

Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Come, let us worship the God who gathers, grows, and sustains us.

With joy, with trust, with expectation. Amen.

*OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Holy and gracious God, You scatter seeds of hope into the soil of our lives.

You mix Your Spirit into our hearts like yeast in dough, quietly working,

steadily rising, always transforming. Open us today to Your hidden work. Help

us recognize the treasure You place before us and give us courage to seek

Your Kingdom with joy. Root us in Your love— a love from which nothing in all creation can separate us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN #62 (v.1,4,7) “All Creatures of Our God and King”

CONFESSION OF SIN & PARDON

With confidence in God’s Grace, let us now confess our sins.

Merciful God, We confess that we often overlook the small beginnings of your grace. We grow impatient with your hidden work and cling to treasures that cannot satisfy. We forget that your Spirit intercedes for us even when our prayers falter. Forgive us for doubting your presence, for resisting your

**shaping hands, and for failing to trust the rising of your Kingdom within us.
Renew us, O Lord, and make us good soil for your Word. Amen.**

(Let us confess our sins in silence)

Hear the good news: The Spirit prays for us with sighs too deep for words. The love of God in Christ Jesus holds us fast. Nothing can separate us from God's mercy.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Live now as people restored by grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Spirit of the Living God, rise within us as your Word is read and proclaimed. Let the mustard seed of faith take root, let the yeast of grace expand our hearts, and let the treasure of your truth shine with clarity. Speak to us in ways that transform our living and deepen our trust in your unshakeable love. Through Christ, our Teacher and Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 29: 15-28

PSALTER #828

Psalms 105:1-11

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 8: 26-39

***THE GOSPEL**

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

SERMON

***HYMN #540**

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

THE OFFERING

ANTHEM

***DOXOLOGY #95**

"Praise God from All Blessings Flow"

PRAYER FOLLOWING THE OFFERING

Generous God, You plant, You nurture, You gather, You sustain. Receive the gifts we bring— signs of gratitude, seeds of hope, offerings of love for your Kingdom's work. Use them to bless this island, this church, and this world, that your grace may rise in every place and your treasure be discovered by all. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN #715**

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

***SENDING FORTH**

Go now as people of the Kingdom— trusting the seed, welcoming the yeast, seeking the treasure.

God's love goes with us, and nothing can separate us from it.

May Christ guide you, may the Spirit strengthen you, and may the Father surround you with steadfast love.

We go to live the Gospel and share its joy. Amen.

**Participating in worship today:
Steve Strange, Alex Cone, Donna Padgett**

Our Deepest Sympathy

Kevin Steele and Family

in the death of his brother,

Dale Steele



Last Sunday:

July 19, 2026

Attendance: 50

(in person & online)

Offering: \$985



Violet McKenney, The Loy Family, Duncan Bunch, Reynolds Hayden, Alex Cone, Rev. Len Ripley, Tommy Keller, Donna Padgett, Butch Evans, Beth Warshaw, Bob Foster, Dylan Rearden, Ann Bond, Lacey Reeves, Bob Spratlin, Laura & Jim Emory, Ethelynn Boozer, Nancy Culclasure, Lauren (Donna's niece), Margaret Steele, Thomas Tindall,



OPEN MONDAYS:
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Coming Fall 2026



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