

Order of Worship

“KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS IN THE STORM”

August 30, 2026 - 14th Sunday after Pentecost



Edisto Island United Methodist Church

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP #328**

“Surely the Presence”

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

When the waters rise and the winds howl, God speaks: Do not fear, for I am with you.

We lift our eyes to the One who comes to us in every storm.

When our hearts tremble and our steps falter, Christ reaches out His hand.

We fix our eyes upon Jesus, our refuge and our strength.

Let us worship the God who stills the storm and steadies our souls.

With trust and thanksgiving, we worship the Lord.

***OPENING PRAYER**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Holy and gracious God, You are our refuge when the waters roar and our peace when fear rises within us. As we gather in Your presence, calm our anxious hearts and steady our wandering minds. Speak to us as You spoke to Your disciples: Take heart, do not be afraid. Lift our eyes to Jesus, that we may walk in faith and not in fear. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN #369**

“Blessed Assurance”

CONFESSION OF SIN & PARDON

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

Merciful God, We confess that we often focus more on the storm than on Your presence. We allow fear to drown out Your promises. We look at the waves instead of the Savior who calls us. Forgive us when doubt pulls us under and when we fail to trust Your steady hand. Lift us up, Lord, and set our feet again upon the path of faith.

(Let us confess our sins in silence)

Hear the good news: Christ reaches out to us with grace stronger than the storm. In Him we are forgiven, restored, and made new. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Spirit of the Living God, Calm every storm within us so that Your Word may be clearly heard. Open our eyes to Jesus, our hearts to Your truth, and our lives to Your leading. Speak, Lord—Your people are listening. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 43: 1-3

PSALTER

Psalms 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. Selah

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on

the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.”

The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

EPISTLE LESSON

Hebrews 12:1–2

***THE GOSPEL**

Matthew 14: 24-31

SERMON

“Keep Your Eyes On Jesus In the Storm”

***HYMN #378** (v. 1,2,3,6)

“Amazing Grace”

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

God of steadfast love, You know the storms that surround us and the storms that live within us. For those facing illness, bring healing. For those weighed down by grief, bring comfort. For those overwhelmed by fear, bring courage. For those searching for direction, bring clarity. For our community, bring unity and peace. For Your church, bring renewed faith and bold trust in Christ. Keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who walks toward us in every storm and never lets us go. We pray in the name of the One who taught us to pray, saying:

THE LORD’S PRAYER #895

THE OFFERING

ANTHEM

***DOXOLOGY #95**

“Praise God from All Blessings Flow”

PRAYER FOLLOWING THE OFFERING

Generous God, You sustain us in every season and meet us in every storm. Receive these gifts as signs of our trust in You. Use them to lift up the weary, strengthen Your church, and reveal Christ’s love to the world. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

***HYMN #701**

“When We All Get to Heaven”

***BENEDICTION**

Go forth with eyes fixed on Jesus, the One who calls, the One who saves, the One who stills the storm.

We go in faith, trusting His hand and following His voice.

May the peace of Christ guard your hearts and steady your steps.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

A special “thank-you” to KEVIN STEELE for filling in for Rev. Len Ripley. Len is speaking at North Charleston United Methodist Church church’s 100th Anniversary.



Participating in worship today:
Kevin Steele, Steve Strange, Margaret Green, Donna Padgett

Last Sunday:
August 23, 2026
Attendance: 42
(in person & online)
Offering: **\$1,360**

Edisto Island UMC



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& Special Giving**



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WORSHIP TODAY

The flowers today are
given to the Glory of God
by **Henry and Harriet
Tindall**



*The Steele Family, Haley Davis, Violet McKenney, The Loy Family, Duncan Bunch,
Reynolds Hayden, Alex Cone, 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,
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We will need volunteers
to help on Sept 4th only.
(more info to follow)
Please consider and let
Judy W. know if you're

Coming Fall 2026
Sept. 6 at 8:40 AM



Adult Sunday School

Edisto Island United Methodist Church



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15
11:30 AM

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Charge Conference