

ORDER OF WORSHIP

AUGUST 23, 2026

Prelude "Build My Life" *Emily Mathys, Instrumentalist*

Welcome *Rev. Scott Nowack*

Please sign and pass the black pew pad.

*Call to Worship

Leader: We give thanks to God with our whole heart.

People: We give thanks for God's steadfast love and faithfulness!

Leader: Though high above all things, God sees the lowly.

People: Even when we are in deep trouble, God makes us live again.

Leader: The love of God lasts forever!

*Hymn of Praise "The Church's One Foundation"
Hymn #321

Call to Confession *Kathi Kinney*

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have conformed our lives to the ways of the world and not the ways of your kingdom. We think of ourselves too highly and regard others as lowly. We exalt possessions and power, when you alone are to be exalted. We let conflicts prevail over grace and divisions over harmony. Have mercy upon us, we pray. Forgive and transform us, that we may be holy and acceptable to you, discerning and doing your will. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Time of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Response of Praise "Victory In Jesus"
On Screen

*Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also, with you.

Children's Focus *Rev. Scott Nowack*

Special Music "Thy Word" *Amanda Conti,
Emily Mathys, D'Anna Nowack, Laura Perkins*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings *Psalm 35
Matthew 16: 13-20*

Sermon "Seize Your Divine Moment" *Rev. Scott Nowack*

Affirmation of Faith "Heidelberg Catechism" *On Screen*

Service Prayer *Natalie Carbonara*

Pastoral Prayer (with the Lord's Prayer)

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.

Announcements

*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymn #608

*Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, we thank you for the measure of faith you have given to each of us. Increase in us generosity, compassion, and prophetic courage so we may continue to be your body in and for the world. With thanksgiving, we pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

*Closing Hymn "The Right Hand of God" (4 verses only)

Hymn #332

*Benediction Rev. Scott Nowack

Postlude "Everlasting God" Emily Mathys, Instrumentalist

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IN OUR PRAYERS: Pam Archer, Sara Bolden, Thelma Carlson, Noah Cassion, Lori Disbennett, Rick & Kay Gray, Bo Jarabak, Michelle Jewell, Rev. Donald Leckrone, Karl Leckrone, Andy Mickley, Gary and Elesa Thompson.

HOME BOUND: Larry & Helen Fox, Virginia McMannis, Wilma Miller.

IN A CARE FACILITY: Evelyn Rutherford at Heritage; Vivian Lowe at Bluebird, Tom Hurd at The Gables.