

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2026

In Preparation for Worship

Jesus upsets the authorities with his unorthodox behavior. When the disciples pluck grain on the Sabbath, Jesus reminds the authorities that David ate the bread of the Presence. When Jesus himself heals the man with the withered hand, He asks them if it is harmful to do good on the Sabbath. Do not clutter the day with binding regulations that inhibit the possibility of giving God praise.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude and Silent Meditation

Prelude: "Prelude in E Flat" (Alexandre Guilmant)

Invocation

Words of Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Call to Worship

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and know me. You discern my thoughts from afar.

People: You search out my path and are acquainted with all my ways,

Leader: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

People: Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

Invocation and Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Praise "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"
Hymnal #645

*Nicene Creed Front of Hymnal Page 34

*Gloria Patri Hymnal Page #581



Dedication

Reading of the Word: Mark 3:1-6 Page 37

*Doxology Hymnal #606

*Prayer of Dedication

Anthem "Come, Christians Join To Sing" (arr. Craig Curry)
The Adult Choir

Supplication

Morning Prayer

Prayer Response "Awesome God" Hymnal #616

Exposition

Children's Message/Kids of the Kingdom

*Hymn "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" Hymnal #825

Preaching of the Word: "I Am Healed, A First Person Account"

Prayer of Application

Consecration

*Hymn of Consecration:
"When Peace like a River" Hymnal #840

*Benediction

*Postlude "How Firm A Foundation" (arr. Don Hustad)

*Congregation will stand if able.
Offering plate is at the entrance to sanctuary.



Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by
Linda Reid in loving memory of Ashlie Knight.