

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP • 10 AM

GUIDING LIGHTS

RECLAIMING EVERYDAY VIRTUES

SEPTEMBER 21

TAKE A DEEP BREATH – PRUDENCE

Luke 14:25-33



A welcoming community of faith where Jesus Christ transforms lives

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Christopher A. Henry
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Rev. Gracie H. Payne
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Rachel Everett
Liturgist

Sanctuary Choir

Dr. Michelle Louer
Director of Music and Fine Arts

Dr. John Allegar
*Organist and Assistant Director
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Handbell Ensemble
Rebecca Holt, *conductor*

PROCESSION

Element Bearers
The Cox Family

Ewer Bearer
Tom Woo

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FOURTH GRADE BIBLE MILESTONE

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WELCOME FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Following today's *Word with Children*, children ages 4 through grade 5 may remain with their families or depart for *Sunday Mornings for Children*. If departing, please assure your child is wearing a green nametag or a printed nametag from a Rock check-in kiosk. Carol Choir pick up will be in Room 355 at 11:15 AM. Childcare is available on the second floor for infants through age 3.

VISUAL AND HEARING ASSISTANCE

Please speak to an usher if you need a large print bulletin, large print hymnal, or an assistive listening device.

September 21, 2025

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

We Come Together as God's People

Prelude

Praeludium in F# minor, BWV 146
Dr. John Allegar, organ

Dieterich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

This Little Light of Mine
Handbell Ensemble; Rebecca Holt, conductor

Allan Robert Petker
(b. 1955)

Welcome

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

Choral Call to Worship

Light Dawns for the Righteous
Sanctuary Choir; Dr. Michelle Louer, conductor

Hal Hopson
(1935-2025)

Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright of heart;
From the rising of the sun to its setting, give praise to the Lord.

* Call to Worship

Zach Rivers

One: This time of worship is a time set apart,

**All: to lay down our burdens,
to set aside our fears,
to quiet our distractions.**

One: This time of worship is a time of renewal,

**All: to breathe deeply,
to listen carefully,
to reflect prayerfully.**

One: This time of worship is a time of commitment,

**All: to trust the God who creates us,
to follow the Christ who calls us,
to obey the Spirit who leads us.**

One: Gathered in community,
listening for God's voice,
let us worship the Triune God.

* Prayer of Adoration

* Processional Hymn #371

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

One: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you.

One: We allow doubt's permanence in our lives.

All: You call, but we have not listened.

One: We fail to trust in your goodness and the goodness of your creation.

All: We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns.

One: We condone evil, prejudice, violence and greed.

**All: We fail to speak peace to one another. We fail to see you in others.
We sin in our empty words, broken promises, and silence.**

One: God of grace, one who speaks peace,

**All: Help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy,
calling us by name, we may repent, turn to you,
and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. (Silent Prayer)**

Assurance of God's Grace

* Response of Praise

Sing! Sing a New Song!

WE ARE CALLED

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign,
and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love.

Refrain
We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

* Passing the Peace of Christ

* Hymn #450

O Day of Peace

JERUSALEM

We Experience God's Word

The Word with Children

Presentation of Fourth Grade Bibles

Prayer for Illumination

Rachel Everett

First Scripture Lesson

Proverbs 3:13-18

(p. 575)

Anthem

Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

Frank Boles
(b. 1955)

Lord, make us servants of your peace;
where there is hate, may we sow love;
where there is hurt, may we forgive;
where there is strife, may we make one.

Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;
where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
where all is night, may we sow light;
where all is tears, may we sow joy.

Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek
to be consoled, but to console,
nor look to understanding hearts,
but look for hearts to understand.

May we not look for love's return,
but seek to love unselfishly,
for in our giving we receive,
and in forgiving are forgiven.

Dying, we live, and are reborn
through death's dark night to endless day:
Lord, make us servants of your peace,
to wake at last in heaven's light.

Text: James Quinn, based on the prayer attributed to Francis of Assisi

Second Scripture Lesson

Luke 14:25-33

(p. 952)

Sermon

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

Take a Deep Breath - Prudence

"Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple."

(Luke 14:27)

Moment of Silent Meditation

We Give Thanks to God

*** Affirmation of Faith**

from A Declaration of Faith, 1985

Rev. Gracie H. Payne

**We believe our hope in God gives us courage for the struggle.
The people of God have often misused God's promises
as excuses for doing nothing about present evils.
But in Christ the new world has already broken in
and the old can no longer be tolerated.
We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom.
But hope plunges us into the struggle
for victories over evil that are possible now
in the world, the church, and our individual lives.
Hope gives us courage and energy
to contend against all opposition,
however invincible it may seem,
for the new world and the new humanity
that are surely coming.
Jesus is Lord!
He has been Lord from the beginning.
He will be Lord at the end.
Even now he is Lord.**

Prayers of the People and 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.**

Invitation to Discipleship and Generosity

Offertory

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Handbell Ensemble; Rebecca Holt, conductor

Arnold B. Sherman
(1948-2024)

* **Doxology**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All crea - tures, your Cre - a - tor bless, And wor - ship God in hum - ble - ness.
 O sing ye! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son,
 And praise the Spir - it, Three in One! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

* **Prayer of Dedication**

We Go Forth to Serve

* **Closing Hymn #327**

O Word of God Incarnate

MUNICH

* **Charge and Benediction**

* **Choral Benediction**

Shalom, Chaverim!

ISRAELI ROUND

Shalom chaverim! Shalom chaverim!
Shalom, shalom!
L'hitraot, L'hitraot.
Shalom, shalom.

Peace, my friends! Peace, my friends!
 Peace, peace!
 Farewell, my friends. Farewell, my friends.
 Peace, peace.

שלום חברים, שלום חברים
 שלום, שלום
 להתראות, להתראות
 שלום, שלום

Postlude

Festival Fanfare on IN DIR IST FREUDE

Brenda Portman
 (b. 1980)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please remain in the Sanctuary following the Postlude for a brief congregational meeting.
 The Session has called today's meeting for the purpose of hearing and acting on recommendations
 to elect two members to fill unexpired terms in the Class of 2026 on the Session.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

Would you like one of our pastors to pray with you today? We invite you to come to Milner Chapel immediately following the 10 AM worship service for a short time of communion and prayer. You may also visit SecondChurch.org/Prayer to fill out a Prayer Request Form.

If you or a loved one is hospitalized, please contact:
Ashley McNamara, Coordinator of Pastoral Care
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TODAY

Congregational Meeting

Following 10 AM worship • Sanctuary
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Art Song Series: Songs of Peace

11:35 AM • Choir Room

Soul Care Class

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM • Room 356

Men at Second Sunday Cycling

4 PM • Danny Boy Beer Works in Carmel

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28



KEEP KNOCKING – JUSTICE

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

8:15 AM • Chapel Worship

9 AM • Sunday School for All Ages

10 AM • Sanctuary Worship

11:15 AM • Service of Wholeness and Communion • Milner Chapel

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Have Faith in Art Exhibit

Now – October 3 • McFarland Hall

Winter Warmth Coat Collection

Now – October 19 • Atrium Drop-off

Men's Monthly Fellowship

September 23 • 6 PM • The Roost in Nora

"What's So Great About Counseling Anyway?"

September 25 • 6 PM • Room 403

The Belonging

September 25 • 7 PM • Common Room & Community Room

2026 Kenya Trip Informational Meeting

September 28 • 11:30 AM • Room 312