

Church of the Harvest (ARP)
Order of Worship
Sunday, July 26, 2026

Eighth Sunday After Trinity

Theme: Jesus Begins His Earthly Ministry

We Gather to Worship God

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION Numbers 23:19

God is not a man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?

SILENT PREPARATION

As we enter worship, we quiet our hearts and come with an attitude of reverence and expectation.

- * CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 147:1-3
God calls us into His presence to connect with Him in worship.

Leader: Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God.

ALL: For it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

Leader: The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel

ALL: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

- * OPENING PRAYER
We respond to God’s gracious invitation by asking Him to empower and receive our worship

- * SONG OF PRAISE # 15
God’s people have always worshiped Him in song, and we join our voices with theirs to give Him praise as our Creator and Redeemer.

Come Thou Almighty King

PRAYER OF CONFESSION by Ken Boa
As we come into God’s presence, we see ourselves as we are and at his invitation, we confess our sins individually and together.

(Unison) Lord God, where can I find life but in You! Teach me the error of seeking to reduce You to manageable proportions and to make the invisible visible. Protect e from the subtle forms of idolatry in which I worship and serve something in Your created order above You. I know that only one thing can occupy the center of my being and that if it is not You, it is an idol not worthy of my allegiance. I thank You that when I do succumb to the sins of disobedience, Your grace always reaches further than my rebellion. Still, I desire to delight in You above all else, and I am grateful for the gift of Your Word that guides me in the way I should go. Your revelation teaches me how to live and give me the perspective I so greatly need in a world of uncertainty. (Silent Confession) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE Heb. 10:19, 22-23
God declares that all who repent and believe in Jesus Christ are completely forgiven from the guilt and shame of all their sins.

Therefore brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
In gratitude to God, we give back a portion of what he has entrusted to us for the work of His kingdom.

- *DOXOLOGY
We celebrate what God has done, giving Him all the credit for it.

THE SHEPHERDING PRAYER
We express our hearts to God on behalf of God’s people for grace and mercy especially for the hurting, needy, and broken.

(Unison) **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.**

We Hear God’s Word

SONG OF PREPARATION # 400
We worship God in song as we prepare our hearts to hear His Word.
O Great God

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 4:14-30 (ESV)
The early church treasured the communal reading of Scripture. Rooted in this tradition we publicly read a portion of His Word.

MESSAGE Rev. Ken Bush
God has ordained the preaching of the Bible to be the chief means of proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ.

“From Commendation to Condemnation”

We Respond to God’s Call

- * AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Heidelberg Catechism 39*
We affirm our faith about what we have heard from His Word by reciting from Scripture or one of the confessions of His church.

Question 104: What does God require in the fifth Commandment?

Answer: That I show all honor, love, and faithfulness to my father and mother, and to all in authority over me, submit myself with due obedience to all their good instruction and correction, and also bear patiently with their infirmities, since it is God's will to govern us by their hand.

* Please Stand. Unless noted, all Scripture is from the *English Standard Version (ESV)*. ▪ CCLI #20061381

SONG OF COMMUNION REFLECTION # 614
We reflect on the meaning of the Lord's Table in song

Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

LORD'S SUPPER

We welcome all baptized Christians who trust in Jesus for salvation and who are members of a congregation that proclaims the Gospel to take the Lord's Supper with us.

The tinted cups in the center are grape juice and the clear cups around the outside contain Port wine.

* SONG OF RESPONSE # 606
We respond to God in song as we prepare our hearts to go out into the world on His behalf.

Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

We Depart to Serve God

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
We depart with and challenge and a final "good word" as reminders of the grace given to us in the Gospel.

* THREE-FOLD AMEN

* Please Stand.

Announcements

Tithes and Offerings: If you have tithes and offerings that you wish to give to the Lord as a part of your worship, please place them in the box located on the Welcome Table.

Day of Prayer and Fasting: The General Synod is asking the Church to set aside a quarterly time of prayer and fasting for revival, reformation, outreach and church growth. The first of these is scheduled for Friday, August 7th. See the enclosed insert. Fasting can be giving up food but also may be something else like a "digital fast" which is giving up social media for example.



Reflections on the Year of Jubilee

The Year of Jubilee, described in Leviticus 25, occurred every fifty years. It was marked by the blowing of a ram's horn on the tenth day of the seventh month, which was also the Day of Atonement. During this year, the land rested, slaves were freed, and debts were forgiven, bringing renewal to Israel. Though not mentioned in the New Testament, the Year of Jubilee symbolizes Jesus' salvation: freeing us from sin (Romans 8:2; Galatians 5:1), canceling our debt to God (Colossians 2:13–14), and offering rest (Matthew 11:28–30). Salvation through Jesus, not by our works, grants us eternal renewal and freedom, fulfilling the spiritual restoration of the Jubilee... The Year of Jubilee foreshadowed the salvation offered by Jesus. He sets us free from our slavery to sin (Romans 8:2; Galatians 3:22; 5:1; Luke 4:17–21). He forgives, or cancels, the debt we owe to God because of our sin (Colossians 2:13–14). He gives us rest from our labors (Matthew 11:28–30). It is impossible to attain righteousness by our own efforts. Rather, we find salvation and rest in Jesus Christ based on His work on the cross (Hebrews 4:9–10; Ephesians 2:8–10). Ultimately, just as the Year of Jubilee brought renewal and hope to the people of Israel, Jesus Christ offers us spiritual renewal, freedom from sin, forgiveness of debts, and eternal rest. Embracing His salvation means experiencing true freedom and restoration in every aspect of our lives.

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