

Church of the Harvest (ARP)
Order of Worship
Sunday, September 13, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity

Theme: Kingdom versus Worldly Values

We Gather to Worship God

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION Psalm 130:7–8
O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is
steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he
will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

SILENT PREPARATION

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

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 111:1–2, 9–10
God calls us into His presence to connect with Him in worship.

Leader: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD
with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the
congregation.

ALL: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

Leader: He sent redemption to his people; he has
commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his
name!

ALL: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

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

* SONG OF PRAISE # 27
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.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Based on Psalm 51
*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) Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. (Silent Confession) In Jesus' name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE from Colossians 1
God declares that all who repent and believe in Jesus Christ are completely forgiven from the guilt and shame of all their sins.

God has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in Christ, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

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 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 # 438
We worship God in song as we prepare our hearts to hear His Word.

A Charge to Keep I Have

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 6:12-26 (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.*

“Sermon on the Plain”

We Respond to God's Call

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Heidelberg Catechism 46*
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 120: Why did Christ command us to address God thus: “Our Father?”

Answer: To awaken in us at the very beginning of our prayer that childlike reverence for and trust in God, which are to be the ground of our prayer, namely, that God has become our Father through Christ, and will much less deny us what we ask of Him in faith than our parents refuse us earthly things.

Question 121: Why is it added: “Who art in heaven?”
Answer: That we might have no earthly thought of the heavenly majesty of God, and from His almighty power expect all things necessary for body and soul.

* Please Stand. ■ CCLI #20061381

SONG OF COMMUNION REFLECTION # 362

We reflect on the meaning of the Lord's Table in song

Jesus, Strong and Kind

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 # 174

We respond to God in song as we prepare our hearts to go out into the world on His behalf.

O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

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

Unless noted, all Scripture is from the *English Standard Version (ESV)*.

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 next quarterly time of prayer and fasting for revival, reformation, outreach and church growth is scheduled for Friday, November 7th.

Season of Prayer and Fasting: The 2026 General Synod of the ARP Church set aside this week starting September 13, 2026, as a season of prayer and fasting for the purpose that the Lord of the Harvest would raise up laborers that we so desperately desire.

September Fellowship Meal: Our next Fellowship meal will be held after worship on September 27th. We will have a potato bar theme. More to follow!

Fall Home Group: We started the Fall with one Home Group that will meet at Ken and Kathy's at 6:30 PM on Wednesday evenings. Our material will be an eight-week study by Ligonier Teaching Fellow Joel Kim who is the president of Westminster West. The topic is an eight-week study of Colossians entitled Everything in Christ.



We appreciate that you took the time to visit and join us for worship.

Reflections on Woes and Blessings

“In the Old Testament, God would give His word to His prophets, and they would preface their announcements by saying, “Thus says the Lord.” These pronouncements came in two distinct forms. There were “oracles of weal,” which were good pronouncements, and “oracles of woe,” which were prophetic pronouncements from God that expressed His wrath and judgment. For example, in the book of Amos, the prophet pronounced judgment by saying, “Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria” (Amos 6:1). In the New Testament, Jesus condemned the Pharisees for their hypocrisy, saying: “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel across sea and land to make a single proselyte, and when he becomes a proselyte, you make him twice as much a child of hell as yourselves” (Matt. 23:15). It was a dreadful thing to hear a pronouncement from God that included oracles of doom, but it was a wonderful thing for God to pronounce you blessed.”

R.C. Sproul, *Luke*