

August 30, 2026
14th Sunday after Pentecost



Leading Worship Today:

Preacher: Brian Entz

Lay Leader: Chuck Klaassen

Accompanist: Ralph Johansen

*Please read along with all **Bold** text
All are invited to stand when there is an **

Larger Print: Please see an usher if you would like larger print hymns.

Prayground: We have a Kids Corner for young kids on the front left side (by the stained glass windows). Kids and their adults are more than welcome to sit in that area during the service where there are coloring pages and puzzle books to engage young minds and hands in worship.

PRELUDE

Silence May Be Kept

Dan Locklair

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Come to me, O servant Lord, pour water in your bowl, and wash my feet. I am bold to ask this because of my longing for fellowship with you. Wash my feet, then, and be my companion. Amen.
- based on a prayer of Origen

"I really only love God as much as I love the person I love the least."
- Dorothy Day

GATHERING

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Will God not grant justice to those who cry day and night?

God will not delay in helping them.

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Through Jesus Christ let us be reconciled to God.

Come, let us bring our full selves and our whole world to God in worship.

***OPENING HYMN**

#301 Let Us Build a House

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to save us from sin. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Loving God, through Jesus Christ you taught us, "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Yet we continue to put our faith in earthly treasures, hoarding up possessions that moth and rust will destroy, clinging to power and privilege wherever we can. Set us free from greed and fear.

Your justice protects those who are weak, yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power. Your righteousness redeems those who are poor, yet we seek the status of wealth and

possessions. Your peace upholds those who are oppressed, yet we seek the security of weapons and retribution.

Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance, that we may trust in you in all things; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

As water is poured into the font remember your baptism and that in these waters your sins are forgiven and you are named as one of God's beloved and joined to Christ forever.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Friends, receive the good news, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Alleluia, Amen!

***RESPONSE**

#581 The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Therefore, since we have been made righteous through Christ's faithfulness, we have peace with God. Let us also share peace with one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

The people may exchange with their neighbors, by words or gesture, signs of peace and reconciliation.

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

As we open the scriptures, O God, we pray you would open our minds and hearts to receive the word you have for us today. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Beloved and our Savior. Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 41:1-4

Happy are those who consider the poor;
the LORD delivers them in the day of trouble.

²The LORD protects them and keeps them alive;
they are called happy in the land.

You do not give them up to the will of their enemies.

³The LORD sustains them on their sickbed;
in their illness you heal all their infirmities.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

James 2:5-13

⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor person. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into the courts? ⁷ Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸ If you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well. ⁹ But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹¹ For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but you murder, you have become a transgressor of ^[a]the law. ¹² So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³ For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN

#767 Together We Serve

THIRD READING

Matthew 21:12-17

¹² Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. ¹³ He said to them, "It is written,

'My house shall be called a house of prayer,'
but you are making it a den of robbers."

¹⁴ The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. ¹⁵ But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did and heard ^[b]the children crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they became angry ¹⁶ and said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read,

'Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies
you have prepared praise for yourself?'"

¹⁷ He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

An Embodied Faith: The Body in Service

Pastor Brian Entz

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY

At the End of the Day

Henley Willan



*“Let us present ourselves to God
as those who have been delivered from death to life.”
To contribute to our mission and ministry online, please scan the QR code.*

***DOXOLOGY**

#606 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from The Confession of 1967

God’s redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of human life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate. It includes the natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin. It is the will of God that the divine purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from creation.

With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of love and justice, you have made it clear to us that you tire of churchy words and religious festivals when they aren’t accompanied by an ethical life lived out in a society that reflects your justice. Receive our prayers for your whole creation, saying, God of justice, **save your world.**

We pray for the church and for all who live by faith, doing charity and advocating for social change. God of justice, **save your world.**

Cultivating peace between nations, between people, and between political parties. God of justice, **save your world.**

Protect and comfort those enduring the violence of war, the injustice of crime, or the destructive forces of nature. God of justice, **save your world.**

Preserve those who suffer violence at home or bullying at school. Embolden those who see their trouble to help bring relief and help. God of justice, **save your world.**

Grant your healing mercies to those who are ill, or facing death, and uphold those who care for them. Especially we pray for....
God of justice, **save your world.**

Delivering God, through Jesus Christ you come to us and teach us the way of true worship: doing good, seeking justice, rescuing the oppressed, defending the orphan, and pleading for the widow.

Set us free to serve you, sharing your work in the world, by the power of your strengthening Spirit; through Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray...

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.

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN

#700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*BLESSING SONG

#765 May the God of Hope Go with Us

POSTLUDE

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

Charles Callahan

Loving all People, Living our Faith, and Following Jesus

WORSHIP NOTES

The Call to Worship is taken from Luke 18:7 and 2 Cor. 5:18-20.

All other liturgy comes/is adapted from the Book of Common Worship (2018) or is written in house.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Retreat "Weekend with an Immersive God": Join the women of the church for a peaceful weekend of faith, fellowship, reflection, and beautiful outdoor surroundings.

Date / Cost: September 1st / \$55 due + food, which is estimated to be approximately \$25

Meals on Wheels: BPC is in charge of providing volunteer drivers for delivering Meals on Wheels (MOW) for the month of September. MOW now has 4 routes in the Buffalo area every weekday and we need drivers to cover as many routes as we can during September. **The time is from 10:45 to about 12:15.** It is a very rewarding mission activity that is greatly appreciated by the people who depend on this service for one hot meal each day. Catholic Charities of St. Cloud is the sponsoring agency for Meals on Wheels in the Buffalo area. **You MUST register and sign up through the Catholic Charities Volunteer Website** at the following link: *You can also visit with Ali during the week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday between 9am and 2pm for any assistance.*

<https://ccstcloud.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/SeniorDining>

BPC Adult Choir (Gr. 9 and up): Everyone is invited to come and lift their voice in song - No previous experience necessary! Questions see Mike Agre or any choir member.

Date: Rehearsals begin Wed, Sept 2nd

Time: 7:00 pm in the BPC Sanctuary

Street Party of Hope: Join us at the Street Party of Hope for an evening of connection, healing, and inspiration. Sign up to help staff our booth outside the office.

Date: September 10th

Time: 4pm - 8pm

Location: Downtown Buffalo at the corner of 1st Avenue S, & 1st Street S.

Meal Kit Building: Join us as we work together to bring food to our neighbors.

Ways You Can Donate:

- Food: Sign up to buy specific food for the meal kits (indicate on sign up sheet how many items you will bring)
- Time: Help fill Meal Kits on September 12th from 9am - 11am.
- Money: For kit supplies - Door slot in the BPC office (Please place cash in envelope for Neighbors Feeding Neighbors. Please make checks out to BPC with Neighbors Feeding Neighbors in the memo)

Please have all donated items to BPC by September 10th

Women of Faith: We will be taking a break and are tentatively resuming September 17th.

Watercolor Event: Join us for a fun and relaxing afternoon of watercolor painting and fellowship! Sign up sheets are located outside the BPC office.

Date: September 19th

Time: 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Immigration Aid Collection: Thank you for your on-going support for our immigrant neighbors. Now, we have an opportunity to support our neighbors who are able to return to work, but are in need of assistance with food. We are looking for **donations of vegetable / cooking oil and Masca corn flour**. Donations can be dropped off in the bin outside Fellowship Hall. Thank you for being a blessing to so many in our community!

Today August 30	9:30am: Worship 10:30am: Coffee & Fellowship
Tuesday September 1	9:00am: Crafty Ladies 9:00am: Guy's Breakfast
Wednesday September 2	7:00pm: Choir Rehearsal
Thursday September 3	7:30am: People of Faith 5:30pm: Racial Justice Reading Group
Sunday September 6	9:30am: Worship 10:30am: Coffee & Fellowship

How Can We Pray for You?

Scan the QR code to submit prayer requests:



Along with the blue prayer request cards found in the pews you can also submit prayer requests on the BPC website. Scan this QR Code with your smartphone to be taken directly to the prayer request form. All prayer requests go directly to Pastor Brian.

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BPC Prayer List:

- Rich Dahl
- Christy Wood
- Dennis Stanley, fighting cancer
- Anne Marie Wille, Bonnie Morek's daughter
- Dennis Sletten, friend of Diane
- Sherry Sletten, friend of Diane
- Lois Lindstrom
- Madree
- Jim, Elaine Thole's brother, following a diagnosis
- Donna, a friend of Lana Kopplin, who has cancer
- Shannon, Virginia's former daughter-in-law
- Erva Hance
- Barb and Tom Stone
- Rochelle Tandrian, Angela's daughter
- Brittany Daniels
- John and Charlotte Collins
- Cassie & Bryce Taylor, grandson of Lanny

and Shirley Taylor

- Louise Markve
- Don Eddy
- Joseph Wille, Bonnie Morek's grandson
- Windi Willette
- Tony
- Allen, father of Jennifer Glauvitz
- The Grady Family (friends of Theresa) upon the loss of their father
- Dennis, Kate, Alicia, & Dan Vanderheiden (Del's family)
- Gloria & Daniel Elliott (Bonnie Moreks brother's wife)
- Nancy Grittman
- Sandy Anderson and family following Steve Anderson's death
- Marcy, Peggy Hunter's sister-in-law

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Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
C7 F C F B^b C Dm



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
F C F Dm7 Gm C



safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)
Gm C7 B^b F Am Dm



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)
Gm C F B^b



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

Although it was written for a church dedication, this text is not about a physical structure but a spiritual one. The building is at best only a vessel for the essential love and hope, life and faith, peace and justice, hospitality and nurture that form the worshipping community.

Together We Serve

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Capo 3: (G) B $\flat$ (D) F (Em) Gm (Bm7) Dm7



1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,
 2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,
 3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,
 4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,

(C) E $\flat$ (G) B $\flat$ (Am7) Cm7 (Dsus) (D) Fsus F



in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.
 a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
 the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.
 re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.

(G) B $\flat$ (D) F (C) E $\flat$ (Bm) Dm



We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,
 We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
 We of - fer a home to those who will come,
 To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,

(G) B $\flat$ (C) E $\flat$ (G) B $\flat$ (Am) Cm (D7) F7 (G) B $\flat$



ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.
 un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
 our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
 re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

The first three words of this text appear in the website address for First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo, California, for whose centennial the hymn was commissioned. The text draws on Ephesians 4:11-16, a passage describing the many gifts and ministries within the body of Christ.

700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so)
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time! (an - y - time!) I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
 work so (work so)
 pray so (pray so)
 sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, (my Lord,) an - y - time! (an - y - time!)

This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.

May the God of Hope Go with Us 765

Song of Hope / Canto de esperanza



May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, fill - ing all our
¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz! Al mun - do en



lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus - tice speed us
cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad. Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da -



on our way, bring - ing light and hope to ev - ery land and race.
nos tu luz, luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.



Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our joy with all;
O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos de tu a - mor.



work - ing for a world that's new, faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.
Lu - che - mos por la paz, fie - les a ti, Se - ñor.

This Argentine folk melody sets Spanish and English words, both created by a PC(USA) missionary with much Latin American experience. The two versions complement each other: the Spanish text offering a prayer to God, and the English one providing inspiration for the singers.

TEXT: Alvin Schutmaat, 1984
MUSIC: Argentine folk melody

ARGENTINA
11.11.11.11 with refrain