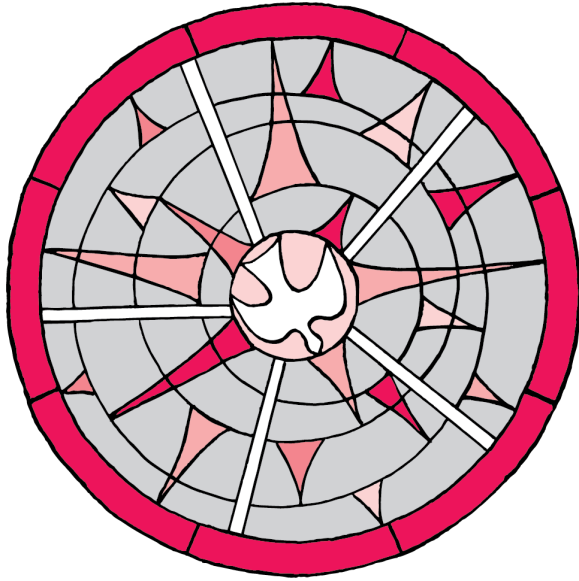




Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2026

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Hymns of the Cross"

arr. Phillip Keveren

Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: May the Holy Spirit unite us in worship, point us toward Jesus Christ, and inspire us to love mercy, do justice, and walk humbly with God. Come, let us worship God.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: The Lord reigns. Let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.

All: Clouds and thick darkness surround God; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

Liturgist: Fire goes before him and consumes his foes on every side.

All: His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

Liturgist: The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth.

All: The heavens proclaim his righteousness and all the people see his glory.

Liturgist: Let us worship the Lord.

Psalms 97:1-6 adapted

* **All Singing: 553 "How Great Thou Art"**

* GOD'S GREETING

* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* **All Singing: 529 "Gather Us In"**

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Reconciliation

Liturgist: Jesus says, "Behold I am coming soon! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."

All: **The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!"**

Liturgist: Let those who hear say,

All: **"Come!"**

Liturgist: Whoever is thirsty, let them come; whoever wishes, let them come.

All: **Let them take the free gift of the water of life.**

Revelation 22:12-17 adapted

Liturgist: Lord, hear us as we pray,

All: **Weak and thirsty, we wait, O Lord, for you. Come in the power of the Holy Spirit. Come to assure us that we are forgiven and free. Come to encourage and strengthen us for the living of these days. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Silent Reflection and Confession

Liturgist: Jesus says, "Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one – I in them and you in me – so that they may be brought to complete unity.

All: **Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. The love you have for me is in them, even as I am in them."**

John 17:21-26, adapted

Liturgist: This is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. Those who keep his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: we know it by the Spirit, he gave us.

1 John 4:23-24

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All Singing: 755 "Speak, O Lord"

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: *Hesed* in the Storm

* **All Singing: 685 "I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew"**

Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness.

OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. Illiana Christian High School

OFFERTORY “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Jack Schrader

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Eucharist

INSTITUTION

PRAYER

INVITATION

COMMUNION

All Singing: “We will Feast in the House of Zion”

**We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
“He has done great things,” we will say together
We will feast and weep no more**

**We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord, our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up (Chorus)**

**In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, O how long?
O God of Jacob, be my strength (Chorus)**

837 “Let Us Break Bread Together”
Standing to sing last verse

Sending

* BENEDICTION

Postlude: “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

arr. Jan Sanborn

Worship Leaders

Organist / Pianist:	Dora Diephouse	Acolyte:	Elouise Keeley-Jonker
Pianist:	Anne Triezenberg-Sims	Liturgist:	Steven Evenhouse
Vocalist:	Emma Vis	Prayer:	Mike Bosscher
Violinist / Vocalist:	Bethany Keeley-Jonker		
Guitar:	Jeremy Hulford		
Percussion:	Clay Carlson		
Minister:	Roger Nelson		

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