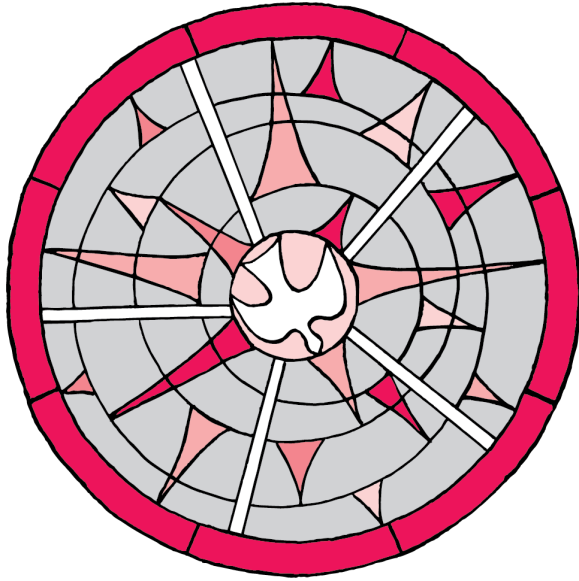




Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Abide with Me"

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: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

All: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

Liturgist: On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

All: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

Liturgist: They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.
Psalms 138:1-5

* **All Singing: 496 "Uyai Mose / Come, All You People"**
Sing first verse in Shona, then three verses in English

* GOD'S GREETING

* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

- * **All Singing:** **585** **“With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring”**
Verse 1 all, verse 2 women, verse 3 men, verse 4 all

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

Reconciliation

Liturgist: For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

All: **Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.**

Liturgist: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands. *Psalm 138:6-8*

Silent Reflection and Confession

Liturgist: Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

All: **And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”**

Liturgist: He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

All: **Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”**

Liturgist: And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.”
Matthew 16:13-18

- * **All Singing:** **17** **“Beautiful Savior”**

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: **God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Scripture: Philippians 2:8-11
 John 1:29
 John 8:58

Minister: The Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: His Names Are Wonderful

- * **All Singing:** **“Jesus, Name Above all Names”**

**Jesus, name above all names,
Beautiful savior, glorious Lord,
Emmanuel, God is with us,
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.**

**Messiah, Shepherd of Israel,
Suffering Servant, the great I AM,
Mighty God, Wonderful Counselor,
Our Sun of Righteousness, Prince of Peace.**

**King of Kings, the Bright and Morning Star,
Alpha Omega, Faithful and True,
Lamb of God, Lion of Judah,
Heavenly Warrior, Hope of the World.**

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. By the Hand Club for Kids

OFFERTORY “His Name Is Wonderful”

Audrey Mieir

* **All Singing: 965 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

* BENEDICTION

* **All Singing: 601 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”**

Postlude: “All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”

arr. Alice Jordan

Worship Leaders

Organist / Pianist:	Lynn Hollender	Acolyte:	Ari Varghese
Pianist / Vocalist:	Josiah Friesen	Liturgist:	Ginny Carpenter
Vocal Duet:	Ginny & Jeff Carpenter	Prayer:	Jeff Carpenter
Violinist:	Bethany Keeley-Jonker		
Percussion:	Clay Carlson		
Minister:	Ted Boswell		

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