

Worship for the Lord's Day

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
AUGUST 2, 2026 • 11 AM

We Gather in the Lord's Name

Prelude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

ARR. MARK HAYES

Welcome / Announcements

*Call to Worship

One: Come, all who are searching for what truly lasts.

**All: We come seeking the treasure of God's kingdom.
We lay aside lesser things to worship the God above all.**

One: In Christ we have found the greatest treasure—
the love of God that cannot be bought or earned.

All: With gladness, we offer our praise, our hearts, and our lives.

One: Come, let us worship the Lord, whose kingdom is our greatest joy.

All: We worship God with thanksgiving, delight, and hope. Amen

*Hymn # 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

*Call to Confession

The One who calls us to repent hears us. Trusting that our Creator knows us through and through, let us open our hearts to the healing of God's forgiveness by confessing our sin and the sin of the world.

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful Father, You have revealed to us that Your kingdom is the greatest treasure, worth more than anything this world can offer. Yet we confess that our hearts have too often treasured lesser things. We have clung to comfort instead of costly discipleship and sought the approval of others more than the joy of belonging to You. Forgive us for treating You as one of many. We confess that we have divided our loyalties, holding tightly to possessions that keep us from giving ourselves fully to Christ. Grant us the faith to recognize the surpassing worth of Your kingdom and the courage to surrender whatever keeps us from wholehearted obedience. Now hear us as we confess our sins in silence...

*Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit, Friends, believe the good news: in Jesus the Christ, we are forgiven, freed, and Love. **Amen.**

*The Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share the peace with one another.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.**

We Listen for God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus the Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading

Psalm 145:10-13

PEW BIBLE P 506

**This is the Word of The Lord!
Thanks Be To God!**

Message for Children

Beth Gerdes

The New Testament Reading

Matthew 13:44-46

PEW BIBLE P 795

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Sermon

"The Problem with Finding the Kingdom"

Dr. William Benner

We Respond to God's Word

Call for the Offering

All that we know, and all that we have, comes from God. In gratitude for all that God has given us, let us give back to God what was God's to begin with in the form of our tithes and offerings.

Offertory

My Jesus, I Love Thee with I Love You, Lord

ARR. CAROL TORNQUIST

Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, the world and all that is within it was made at your Word. You have blessed us with countless gifts of love. Receive then, our offerings as commitments of our intention to see the world through the eyes of your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving | Prayers of the People | The Lord's Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

The Words of Institution

Sharing Bread and Wine

(THIS MORNING WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER BY INTINCTION. ALL BREAD IS GLUTEN FREE AND THE CUP IS GRAPE JUICE.)

*Prayer After Communion

Loving God, You have fed us on Your word and sustained us with the bread and cup. Give us hunger to know You more so that we may do Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

Go Into the World to Serve

*Hymn # 498

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

BEACH SPRING

*Benediction

*Postlude

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ARR. LYNN ARTHUR KOCH