

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 13, 2026

*Indicates those able may stand

When the prelude begins, please quiet your hearts in preparation for worship

Prelude

“Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ” (BWV 639)

J.S. Bach

(I call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ)

“What Wondrous Love is This?”

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Drew DiNardo

Preparation for Worship

Dr. Stuart Sacks

*Call to Worship (*Adapted from Lamentations 3:22-24*)

One: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end.

All: They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.

One: The LORD is my portion, says my soul, therefore I will hope in Him.

*Invocation

*Hymn 77 “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

1 Praise, my soul, the King of
heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me, his praise should sing?

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise the everlasting King.

2 Praise him for his grace and favor
to our fathers in distress; praise him,
still the same forever, slow to chide
and swift to bless.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Glorious in his faithfulness.

3 Father-like, he tends and spares
us; well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Widely as his mercy goes.

4 Frail as summer's flow'r we
flourish, blows the wind and it is
gone; but while mortals rise and
perish, God endures unchanging on.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise the High Eternal One.

5 Angels, help us to adore him; you
behold him face to face; sun and
moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise with us the God of grace.

*Call to Confession

Rev. Nathan Titus

Time of Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

*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.**

*2nd Sunday Confession of Faith

(Adapted from The Ligonier Statement on Christology)

**We believe in and confess the mystery and wonder of God
made flesh and rejoice in our great salvation through Jesus
Christ our Lord.**

**With the Father and the Holy Spirit, the Son created all
things, sustains all things, and makes all things new.**

**Truly God, He became truly man, two natures in one person.
He was born of the Virgin Mary and lived among us.**

**Crucified, dead, and buried, He rose on the third day,
ascended to heaven, and will come again in glory and
judgment.**

**For us, He kept the Law, atoned for sin, and satisfied God's
wrath.**

**He is our Prophet, Priest, and King, building His church,
interceding for us, and reigning over all things.**

Jesus Christ is Lord; we praise His holy Name forever. Amen.

Psalter Reading (*Psalms 65*)

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Praise awaits you, O God, in Zion;

to you our vows will be fulfilled.

O you who hear prayer, to you all men will come.

**When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our
transgressions.**

Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your
courts!

We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.

You answer us with awesome deeds of righteousness, O God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas,

who formed the mountains by your power, having armed yourself with strength,

who stilled the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the turmoil of the nations.

Those living far away fear your wonders; where morning dawns and evening fades you call forth songs of joy.

You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly.

The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so you have ordained it.

You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops.

You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance.

The grasslands of the desert overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness.

The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for joy and sing.

Musical Offering

"The Call"
(St Stephen Choir)

A.B. Smith

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

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.

Offertory “Love Divine” arr. J. Nishimura
 (Jocelyn Crosby, flute)

Sermon Text Mark 4:26-34 Page 839

Sermon “Two Seed Parables” Dr. Drew DiNardo

*Closing Hymn 383 “Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast”

1 Almighty God, your word is cast like seed into the ground;
now let the dew of heav'n descend, and righteous fruits
abound.

2 Let not the foe of Christ and man this holy seed remove, but
give it root in ev'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.

3 Let not the world's deceitful cares the rising plant destroy, but
let it yield a hundredfold the fruits of peace and joy.

4 Oft as the precious seed is sown, your quick'ning grace
bestow, that all those souls the truth receive its saving pow'r
may know.

*Benediction

*Congregation Three-fold Amen

*Postlude “Toccata in C” J.S. Bach

Join us at 4:00 pm as Pastor Nathan preaches on
Deuteronomy 4:1-14, *Rules So Righteous*, this evening.