

ORDER OF WORSHIP
14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2026

Worship 10:30 AM

Gather

Prelude

“Meditation on BEECHER”

Roger Wilson

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit

“He Is Lord” (*Renew*, #29)

Anonymous

Praise

Prepare for Call to Worship

****Call to Worship**

Leader: Come take off your shoes; for this place is Holy Ground.

**People: The place where we sing songs of praise to the Lord
and repeat the stories of faith that inspire us to respond to Christ’s love.**

Leader: Look and listen; for God called us here,

**People: in whispering winds and in burning flames,
God’s presence disarms us of the barriers we have placed around us.**

Leader: Come and follow the One who walks toward Jerusalem,
inviting us to take up the cross of mercy, courage, and truth,

People: for we are all standing on holy ground.

All: Amen.

****Hymn (#405)**

“Praise God for This Holy Ground”

HEYMONYSTRAAT

Prepare

Call to Confession *Please be seated.*

Prayer of Confession

God of consuming fire: out of the flames, your voice calls, marking us as your own. Yet there are times when we choose to ignore your voice and listen instead to our own needs and desires and those that challenge our faith from within the world.

Forgive us for those times:

- **when we have ignored the needs of others;**
- **when we have failed to place our feet upon your path;**
- **when we allow the earthly voice to distract us from your call.**

O God, we dare to call on you, to bow before you, to welcome your Word. Send your cleansing fire among us now, forgiving God. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

****Congregational Response** “Spirit of the Living God” (Hymn #288)

LIVING GOD

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

****Passing the Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you all! *And also with you.*

Listen

Children’s Message

Anthem

“Meditation”
J. West, piano

David M. Collins

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading *Exodus 3.1-10, 13-14 (NRSVUE)*

Psalm Reflection Video *Psalm 105*

Gospel Reading *Matthew 16:21-28 (NRSVUE)*

Sermon “Holy Ground!”

Respond

****Hymn (insert)** “We Stand Before God”

KINGSFOLD

Offering (*Please be seated.*)

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn #709 (*Please remain seated.*) “God, We Honor You”

ABUNDANT BLESSING

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.

Choral Benediction

“God Welcomes All”

John L. Bell

Benediction

Postlude

“The Thirty-Second Psalm”

Benedetto Marcello

***Please stand as you are comfortable and able.*

Leaders in and for Worship Today

Preaching Today	Rev. Ronnie Osborn
Liturgist	Susan Winkelmann
Organist/Pianist	Rev. Bruce Jeffries
Director of Music	J. West
Audio-Visual Technicians	Bill Kennedy, Karen Neely, Odell Newkirk
Greeter	Marge Veum
Ushers	Seth Krause, Cathy Nelson

Announcements

Fellowship Time: Please stay for a while after worship today and enjoy light refreshments and conversation with others in our Fellowship Hall.

Adult Sunday School: Join us next Sunday, September 6, at 9:15 a.m. in Rm. 12 as we begin a new series called *Unbreakable Courage: Strong Faith in an Age of Anxiety, Chaos, and Exhaustion* based on the life of the prophet Elijah.

Trinity will serve the evening meal at Loaves and Fishes on Thursday, September 10. Please use the link sent out in the Friday evening to sign up to provide food and/or to serve at the new Loaves and Fishes location, 1300 Bowling St. (Voluntary Action Center Opportunity Campus)

Trinity Activities Coming Up This Week:

Monday, August 31:

2:00 p.m. – Public Witness Small Group (Rm. 12)

Tuesday, September 1:

7:00 p.m. – Evening Circle (FH)

Wednesday, September 2:

1:00 p.m. – Afternoon Circle (Rm. 12)

7:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 3:

7:00 p.m. – Worship Committee (Zoom)

Friday, September 4:

1:30 p.m. – Mahjong Small Group (FH)