



**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 14, 2025**

**GATHERING AND PRAISE**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

*Joys Are Flowing Like a River*

Marshall

*The prelude signals the beginning of our sacred time together. During the prelude, you are invited to prepare your heart for worship by focusing your attention upon God.*

**Call to Worship**

Susan Hubbuch

"There is no God!" people say.

**"I can do what I like!" everyone thinks.**

"Who cares about God?" questioners ask.

**"I'm here for me; I don't answer to anyone!"**

**the foolish think.**

God looks for faith.

**Will God find it?**

God looks for care of the poor.

**Will we provide it?**

God looks for love.

**Will God find it in us?**

### **Opening Prayer**

Susan Hubbuch

O God of heaven and earth,  
bless us with your mercy and grace.  
Enter our hearts and make us holy.  
Be our Shepherd and guide us in your ways,  
that we might not wander alone.  
Hear our cries and gather us to yourself,  
that we may be one with each other,  
through the power of your Holy Spirit.  
Amen. O God of heaven and earth,  
bless us with your mercy and grace.  
Enter our hearts and make us holy.  
Be our Shepherd and guide us in your ways,  
that we might not wander alone.  
Hear our cries and gather us to yourself,  
that we may be one with each other,  
through the power of your Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

### **Hymn**

*My Hope is Built*

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### **Passing the Peace of Christ**

Susan Hubbuch

Friends, God rejoices in you. For you were lost but now are found. Let us share the peace of Christ and rejoice that each and every one of us is highly treasured.

### **Children's Message**

Pastor Larry

### **Ministry of Music**

*Daystar*

Choir

## **PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

### **Prayer for Understanding**

*All Praying*

**As we listen for God's still-speaking voice, may the words we hear, the thoughts we think, and the wisdom we glean transform our lives by the renewing of our minds and the maturing of our faith. Amen**

## **Scripture Reading**

*I Corinthians 12:12-31*

**12** Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. **13** For we were all baptized by [\[c\]](#) one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. **14** Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

**15** Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. **16** And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. **17** If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? **18** But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. **19** If they were all one part, where would the body be? **20** As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

**21** The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” **22** On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, **23** and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, **24** while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, **25** so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. **26** If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. **27** Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. **28** And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. **29** Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? **30** Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? **31** Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

## **Response to the Word**

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **Hymn**

*They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love*

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## **Sermon**

*One Body, Many Parts*

Pastor Larry

### **The Apostles' Creed**

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I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;\*  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\*\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **\*Gloria Patri**

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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. Amen.

### **Morning Prayer**

Pastor Larry

### **The 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  
trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into  
temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the  
glory forever. Amen.

### **Invitation to the Offering**

Susan Hubbuck

Sisters and brothers, as Paul encouraged the earliest Christians, I invite you now to  
present yourselves and your gifts as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God.

### **Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings**

*Offertory*

*Christ the Cornerstone*

Pride

*\*Doxology            Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*  
***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;***  
***Praise God, all creatures here below:***  
***Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!***  
***Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!***  
***Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

*\*Prayer of Dedication*

Susan Hubbuch

**Most gracious God, we bring these gifts,  
as we bring ourselves.  
We are nothing special in ourselves.  
But you seek us, you gather us together;  
and in your arms, our lives come together.  
Bless us and these gifts,  
that together we may be a blessing  
and return your glory to you, where it belongs. Amen.**

## **GOING FORTH TO SERVE**

### **\*Hymn**

*We Are the Church*

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### **\*Benediction**

Pastor Larry

### **\*Choral Benediction**

*Shalom to You*

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***Shalom to you now, shalom my friends.  
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.  
In all your living and through your loving,  
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.***

### **Postlude**

*Christ the Redeemer*

Birchwood

## MY HOPE IS BUILT

*My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

### **Refrain:**

***On Christ the solid rock I stand,  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.***

*2. When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil.*

### **(Refrain)**

*3. His oath, his covenant, his blood  
supports me in the whelming flood.  
When all around my soul gives way,  
he then is all my hope and stay.*

### **(Refrain)**

*4. When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in him be found!  
Dressed in his righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before the throne!*

### **(Refrain)**

**THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE**

*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.*

**Refrain:**

***And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.***

*We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. **Refrain***

*We Will work with each other, we will work side by side;  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;  
And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride. **Refrain***

*All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.  
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. **Refrain***

**WE ARE THE CHURCH**

**[Refrain:]**

***I am the church! You are the church!***

***We are the church together!***

***All who follow Jesus, all around the world!***

***Yes, we're the church together!***

*1 The church is not a building,  
the church is not a steeple,  
the church is not a resting place,  
the church is a people.*

***(Refrain)***

*2 We're many kinds of people,  
with many kinds of faces,  
all colors and all ages, too,  
from all times and places.*

***(Refrain)***

*3 Sometimes the church is marching,  
sometimes it's bravely burning,  
sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding,  
always it's learning.*

***(Refrain)***

*4 And when the people gather,  
there's singing and there's praying,  
there's laughing and there's crying  
sometimes, all of it saying:*

***(Refrain)***

*5 At Pentecost some people  
received the Holy Spirit  
and told the Good News through the world  
to all who would hear it.*

***(Refrain)***