



Order of Worship

Sunday, August 30, 2026

¹ After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

² But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir."

⁴ But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

⁶ And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

—*Genesis 15:1-6*

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Worship Notes: Worshipers are asked to join in the sections marked in **bold**. The *asterisk invites all who are able to stand. And, as always, please silence your cell phones.

Prelude

Laurel Sanders, organ

Bell Symphony

Henry Purcell (1658-1695)

Gathering Around the Word

Concerns of the Church

Rev. Paula Mann

Pulpit Pitch

Becky Crane-Okada

Introit

WPC Chancel Choir

Come, Everyone

Laurel Sanders (b. 1984)

***Call to Worship**

Jake Putich, Director of Faith Formation & Creation Care

Come, all who live in the shelter of the Most High.

Gather together, all who trust in God Almighty.

**God reigns through all generations. We will
praise God as long as we live.**

We trust in God, our refuge and our fortress. We can
count on God's faithfulness at all times.

**God lifts us up when we are threatened or afraid.
We call to God for protection and rescue.**

Worship God, who richly provides us with all things. Give
thanks to the One who dwells in unapproachable light.

**God, who made heaven and earth, keeps faith forever.
We will pour out our thankfulness in words and deeds.**

Let us worship God.

***Hymn 43**

You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord

[ON EAGLE'S WINGS]

***Confessions of the Body of Christ**

Marin Miller, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Lord All-powerful God, we have become so comfortable with our advantages that we forget who makes them possible. We are so eager for riches that we wander away from faith. We consider ourselves more worthy than others to enjoy your bounty. We look down on people less industrious or differently gifted than we. We turn away from the plight of neighbors who need our helping hand. O God, forgive our misplaced priorities. Have mercy on us and melt our hardened hearts so we may participate in the joy of your realm here and now. Amen.

***Silent Individual Confession**

***Declaration of Pardon**

***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.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Let us extend God's peace to one another with these ancient words:

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Proclaiming the Word

Children and Youth are dismissed to Sunday School

Anthem

O God Beyond All Praising

Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

Arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

First Lesson

Psalm 91:1-10; O.T., page 518

Dale Larson

***Hymn 39**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

[FAITHFULNESS]

Choral Call to Prayer

Verse 1: Choir

*Verse 2: Congregation
may join*

Hear Our Prayer

Music: Dan Redfeld (b. 1970)

Lyrics: Christina Harding &
John Gabriel Koladziej

**Lord above us hear our plea:
from our sorrows set us free.
This we humbly ask of thee –
grant us peace, oh Lord.**

**Lord above us hear our plea:
from our sorrows set us free.
This we humbly ask of thee –
grant us peace, Lord, hear our prayer.
Amen.**

Prayers of the People

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.**

Anthem

How Lovely Are The Messengers

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Second Lesson

Hebrews 11:1-3, 29-31; N.T., page 211

Rev. Elizabeth Gibbs Zehnder

Meditation

Faith. Sight. Action.

Bearing the Word Into the World

*Hymn 687

Verses 1, 3, 4 & 6

Our God, Our Help, in Ages Past

[ST. ANNE]

*Benediction

Response

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Postlude

Marche Triomphale

Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

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Coffee Fellowship

Following worship, please join us for fellowship on the Side Porch for refreshments. We invite you to take a turn sponsoring the fellowship hour! You can select your sponsorship date on the Bulletin Board after worship or on our website at westwoodpres.org.



Parking

*Parking is available in the church lot as well as next door at the AVCO/iPic theater parking garage. Following worship, pick up a **FREE** validation card from an usher before returning to the parking structure.*