



Order of Worship

Sunday, September 20, 2026

*"You will be someone's ancestor.
Act accordingly."*

— Amir Sulaiman

Order of Worship — 17th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Meditation on BEACH SPRING

Hal H Hopson (1933-2025)

Gathering Around the Word

Concerns of the Church

Rev. Paula Mann

Pulpit Pitches

Ken Williams, Elder of Worship & Music Committee

Jake Putich, Director of Faith Formation & Creation Care

Introit

WPC Chancel Choir

Come, Everyone

Laurel Sanders (b. 1984)

Call to Worship— *Rev. Michael David Lewis

Marin Miller, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Come, beloveds... queer and questioning, joyful and tired,
certain and seeking.

We come as we are: created in love.

In this space, no boxes confine us, no labels define us.

**We worship a God beyond gender, beyond fear,
full of welcome.**

Let every story be sacred. Let everybody be blessed.

**Let us worship with pride, with tenderness, and
with joy.**

***Hymn 760**

Verses 1, 2, 3, & 6

Bring Many Names

[WESTCHASE]

Confessions of the Body of Christ— *The Episcopal Diocese of Arizona, in honor of Indigenous Peoples Day, 2019

O Great Spirit, God of every people and every tribe, we
come to you as your many children, to ask for your
forgiveness and guidance. Forgive us for the colonialism that
stains our past, the ignorance that allowed us to think that
we could claim another's home for our own. Heal us of this
history.

Remind us that none of us were discovered since none of us were lost, but that we are all gathered within the sacred circle of your community.

Guide us through your wisdom to restore the truth of our heritage. Help us to confront the racism that divides us as we confess the pain it has caused to the human family.

***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

First Lesson

Jonah 3:10-4:11; O.T., page 811

James Babbin

Anthem

Zion's Walls

Aaron Copland (1900-1990)

Service of Installation

Elder, Tracy Cluss-Harmeyer

Litany—1 Corinthians 12

There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving, but it is God who energizes them all.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Statement of Service

Constitutional Questions

Questions to the Congregation

(1) Do we, the members of the church, accept as deacon: *Kelly Sheridan*, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

(2) Do we agree to pray for her, encourage her, respect her decisions, and follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

Prayer of Installation

Loving God, you have welcomed us into your house, and blessed us with brothers and sisters in faith. We thank you for Kelly whom you have called to serve as deacon. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon them, that they may fulfill the work you have entrusted to her. And fill us all with your Spirit, that together we may be refreshed and transformed to do your will for this world. In Christ we pray. Amen.

*Hymn 762

When the Poor Ones

[EL CAMINO]

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

O Radiant Dawn

James McMillan (b. 1959)

Second Lesson

Acts 16:13-22; N.T., page 127

Meditation

Good Girl, Bad Girl

Wendy Tajima, Co-Transitional General Presbyter

Bearing the Word Into the World

***Hymn 769**

Verses 1, 4, & 5

For Everyone Born

[FOR EVERYONE BORN]

***Benediction**

Response

Amen

Paul Mealor (b. 1975)

Postlude

Chaconne

Louis Couperin (c. 1626-1661)

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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.