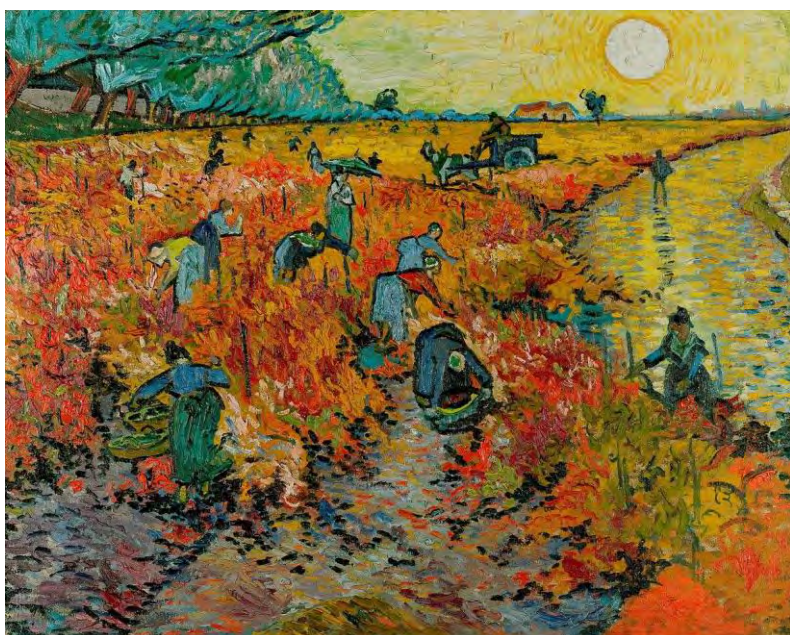




Order of Worship

Sunday, September 27, 2026



Vincent van Gogh, *The Red Vineyard* (1888)

Order of Worship — 18th 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

Arabesque

Darwin Wolford (1936-2023)

Gathering Around the Word

Concerns of the Church

Jake Putich, Director of Faith Formation & Creation Care

Pulpit Pitch

Matthew Thompson

Mike Sohigian

Introit

WPC Chancel Choir

Come, Everyone

Laurel Sanders (b. 1984)

*Call to Worship

Rev. Jeff Snell

Beloved, God meets us this day with grace.

In grace, every life can begin again.

Let us make room for transformation, in ourselves and in one another.

Let us worship the God who is still changing us.

*Hymn 475

**Come, Thou Fount of
Every Blessing**
[NETTLETON]

*Confessions of the Body of Christ

God of grace, you receive us in our wandering and call us home again. We confess that we often deny others the same grace that you so mercifully extend to us. We hold over them words they once spoke, failures they once made, and versions of themselves they may be trying to leave behind. We, in our arrogance, decide that we know who they are and who they will always be.

Forgive us, O God. Free us from the slavery of judgment. Give us the humility to trust that your grace is still at work in our neighbors, in our enemies, and in us. Open our hearts, by your grace, to the luminous gift of repentance and lives made new.

***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

*Christina Borgioli &
Devon Davidson, sopranos
Emily Kerrigan, alto
Elias Berezin & Emerson Boatwright, tenors
Matthew Lewis, bass*

Psalm 121

Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

First Lesson

Sheila Lawrence

Deuteronomy 30:11-14; O.T., page 179

***Hymn 692**

Spirit, Open My Heart

[WILD MOUNTAIN THYME]

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

Reflections of Peace

Joseph M. Martin (b. 1959)

Second Lesson

Matthew 21:23-32; N.T., page 21

Meditation

Bearing the Word Into the World

*Hymn 450

Be Thou My Vision

[SLANE]

*Benediction

Response

Amen

Paul Mealor (b. 1975)

Postlude

Marziale

Maurice Blazy (1873-1933)

The congregation gratefully acknowledges the contributions of:

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Deacon Host	Alisa Stewart
AV Team	Nick Pelayo and Dakota Hodge



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.*