



Order of Worship

Sunday, September 6, 2026



Vincent van Gogh, *The Mulberry Tree* (1889)

Norton Simon Museum, Pasadena, California

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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

Elizabeth Hedman, violin

Allemande from *Partita No. 2* in d minor, BWV 1004

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Gathering Around the Word

Concerns of the Church

Rev. Paula Mann

Pulpit Pitch

Emilie Nordhues

Introit

WPC Chancel Choir

Laurel Sanders, organ

Come, Everyone

Laurel Sanders (b. 1984)

*Call to Worship

Marin Miller, Director of Children & Family Ministries

The living God is near; all the earth is holy ground.

Let us attune our hearts to God's presence.

God opens our eyes to beauty and frees us to serve the world with joy.

Let us worship God with wonder, compassion, and praise.

*Hymn 405

Praise God for This Holy Ground

[HEYMONYSTRAAT]

*Confessions of the Body of Christ

Holy and gracious God, your presence burns within and around us, calling us to notice, to listen, and to love. We confess how often we hurry past what is sacred. We enjoy creation's beauty without tending its wounds. We benefit from labor we scarcely notice and eat our fill while neighbors hunger.

We look away from suffering and cling to habits that diminish the freedom of others. Forgive us. Open our eyes, loosen our grasp, and turn us again toward your grace, that our lives may reflect your compassion and serve your justice.

***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

Psalm 146; O.T., page 549

Kimberly Gallant

Anthem

Caritas

Elaine Hagenberg (b. 1979)

Second Lesson

Exodus 3:1-15; O.T., page 48

Jake Putich, Director of Faith

Formation & Creation Care

Meditation

Responding to the Word

Anthem

Ave Verum Corpus

Michael John Trotta (b. 1978)

*Love abounds in all,
from the depths most excellent
to beyond the stars,
and loving toward all,
she has given the highest king
the kiss of peace.*

– Hildegard von Bingen (1098-1079)

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Rev. Jeff Snell

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

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.**

Words of Institution

Receiving the Elements

Prayer of Response

***Apostles' Creed**

**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 Ghost, born of the
Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the
third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into
heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy
catholic church; the communion of saints; the
forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the
life everlasting. Amen.**

Bearing the Word Into the World

***Hymn 3**

Womb of Life and Source of Being
[RAQUEL]

***Benediction**

Response

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
John Rutter (b. 1945)

Postlude

Laurel Sanders, piano

The Rain (Perpetuum Mobile)
Carl Bohm (1844-1920)

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Katie Mahler

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Elder Host

Anne Louise Rice

Deacon Host

Cindy Trangsrud

Communion Servers

Anne Louise Rice and Sheila Lawrence

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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.*