



WESTWOOD
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026

⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

—*Philippians 4:6-7 NRSV*



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ORDER OF WORSHIP — 12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 16, 2026

10:00AM

WORSHIP NOTES:

Worshippers 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

Adagio in Ab

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Paula Mann

PULPIT PITCH

James Bortolini and Erin Zemet

INTROIT

*Christina Borgioli and
Devon Davidson, sopranos
Lindsay Day, alto
Elias Berezin and Emerson Boatwright, tenors
David Peterson, bass*

Come, Everyone

Laurel Sanders (b. 1984)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Marin Miller, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Praise the Lord, the Almighty, the ruler of all creation!

We come with joy to worship the God who
gives us life and salvation.

Come, all who hear; draw near to God's presence
with gladness.

Let all that is within us praise and adore
the Lord!

*HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

[LOBE DEN HERREN]

*CONFESSIONS OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

Jake Putich, Director of Faith Formation & Creation Care

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too
real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our
lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer
bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire
of judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open
to us a future in which we can be changed; and
grant us grace to grow more and more in your
likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of
the world.

*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 For A Closer Walk With God
Charles Stanford (1852-1924)

FIRST LESSON
Rose Helm

Psalms 46; O.T., page 489

*HYMN 819

Be Still, My Soul
[FINLANDIA]

COMMISSIONING PRAYER
Ellen Caldwell

Holy God, you are present with us in this place and in every place. We ask your blessing upon Katherine and all those traveling with her to Moinesti, Romania. Go with them as they travel, work, and serve together. May they see your presence in the people they meet and enjoy the relationships they form along the way. Give them strength for their work, patience and grace with one another, and joy in the experience they share. Keep them safe in their travels and bring them home with new stories, new friendships, and gratitude for the people and places they have encountered. In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

*HYMN 69
Verse 1

I, The Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I am Lord)
[HERE I AM]

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 You'll Never Walk Alone
(with Climb Ev'ry Mountain)
Music: Richard Rodgers (1902-1979)
Lyrics: Oscar Hammerstein II (1895-1960)
Arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

SECOND LESSON Mark 4:35-41; N.T., page 35
Rev. Shari Godbold

MEDITATION Eye of the Storm

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 821 My Life Flows On
[HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING]

*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE Epilogue
Mark L. Williams

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