



WESTWOOD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER of WORSHIP

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026



Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

by Herbert Boeckl (1894-1966)



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ORDER OF WORSHIP — 11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 9, 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

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

Arr. Olive Nelson Russell (1905-1989)

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Paula Mann

PULPIT PITCH

Ellen Caldwell

INTROIT

Matthew Lewis, bass

Emerson Boatwright, tenor

Lift Your Gaze

Dan Redfeld (b. 1970)

Lyrics: Christina Harding (b. 1977) and
John Gabriel Koladziej (b. 1980)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Marin Miller, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Grace meets us in unexpected places.

God's love walks with us on every road.

The Spirit brings strangers together and opens a new way.

With wonder and hope, let us worship God.

*HYMN 314

Longing for Light, We Wait in the Darkness
[CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT]

*CONFESSIONS OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

God of wide welcome, you meet us along the road
and gather us into one beloved community. Yet too
often, we draw boundaries around your grace. We
fail to see those traveling beside us, cling to what is
familiar, and resist the surprising movement of
your Spirit.

Forgive us. Open our hearts to your living Word, lead
us in the way of justice, and make us ready to answer
your call with love. 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'S MESSAGE

Children and Youth are dismissed to Sunday School

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 56:1-8; O.T., page 645

Geenger Gallardo

ANTHEM

At the River

Laurel Sanders, piano

American Hymn Tune

Arr. 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 TO THOSE BEING INSTALLED

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

(1) Do we, the members of the church, accept as elders: *Brooke Larson and Michael Sohigian*; and as deacon: *Anne Louise Rice*, 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 them, encourage them, respect their decisions, and follow as they guide 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 these whom you have called to serve as elders and deacons. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon them, that they may fulfill the work you have entrusted to them. 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.

COMMISSIONING



*HYMN 301
Verses 1, 2, & 4

Let us Build a House
[TWO OAKS]

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
Dan Redfeld, piano

Bridge Over Troubled Water
Music & Lyrics: Paul Simon (b. 1941)

SECOND LESSON

Jake Putich, Director of Faith Formation & Creation Care

Acts 8:26-39; N.T., page 118

MEDITATION

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service
[BEECHER]

*BENEDICTION

RESPONSE
*based on Numbers 6:24-26
& Romans 15:13*

His Holy Spirit Shines Through You
Dan Redfeld (b. 1970)
Koi Howard

POSTLUDE

Psalm 19
Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

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