SENDING

***Closing Hymn:** #754 - "Help Us Accept Each Other" BARONITA

***Benediction** Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

***Benediction Song:** "Go Now In Peace" *Don Besig*

Postlude: "Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals" *Sigfrid Karg-Elert*
Jim Moore, Organist

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert
William Bennett, Director of Music
Sara Kaczmarski, Spiritual Growth Assistant
Jim Moore, Organist
Chancel Choir
Liturgists: **8:45 am—Kristi Selander 11:00 am—Colin Martin**
Elder-in-Charge: **8:45 am—Sherry Roberts 11:00 am—Doug Hess**
Ushers: **8:45 am—Julie McCormick, Walt and Emily Morgan**
11:00 am—Merrilyn Long, Jay Johnson, Oden and Marylou Semones

Flowers—The flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Joseph and Debbie Friday in honor of their 44th wedding anniversary.

Sermon Series: The summer sermon series is entitled "3 Kings." We are looking at the beginnings of Israel's monarchy as we examine events from the reigns of Saul, David, and Solomon. Each Sunday, there is an accompanying New Testament text that highlights a theme in each story. Read along to get the full story, which is found in 1 Samuel 9-31, 2 Samuel, and 1 Kings 1-11. We are looking at both familiar and lesser known stories to see how God continues to work despite the flaws of his anointed. Watch for the times the Holy Spirit shows up, as well as the importance of prayer and obedience in each man's reign.

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WELCOME

We welcome you to worship this morning! Please fill out the Connection Card in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate during the offering. A map of our campus is available in the pew racks. If you are a guest with us, we invite you to Lanneau Hall following the service to visit the Welcome Center. Please see an usher if you need assistance.

Children and Nursery—Nursery is available in Room 205. We offer two nurseries, one for ages 0-2 years and the other for ages 3-4 year-olds. We kindly ask that children 5 and above not be dropped off in the nursery. Please ask an usher for a pew pal to help occupy your child during the worship service. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Murphy at summervillepresnursery@gmail.com

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Fellowship: Zachary Storti (Chair), Vicky Methot
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Spiritual Growth: Hunter Harris (Chair), Amy Price
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Share Christ, Serve Others, Grow Together in Faith

"Be on your guard! If a brother or sister sins, you must rebuke the offender, and if there is repentance, you must forgive."

Luke 17:3

12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE
Sunday, August 16, 2026

GATHERING

Please prepare your hearts for worship during the prelude.
"Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

Prelude: "Toccata in C Major" *Domenico Zipoli*
Jim Moore, Organist

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

Minute for Mission: Amy Price, Spiritual Growth—Fall Kick Off

***Call to Worship:**
Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven
and whose sin is covered.
They are happy for the Lord declares them "not guilty"
and there is no deception in their hearts.
Let us worship and rejoice in the One
who is our hiding place and our refuge in times of trouble.

***Opening Hymn:** #2 - "Come, Thou Almighty King" ITALIAN HYMN

***Confession and Pardon:**
We often refuse to hold ourselves accountable
yet are eager to judge the actions of others.
Let us come to God in prayer so that we see ourselves correctly
and can look at others with eyes of grace.

Forgiving God,
We come into this place of joy and freedom
with the burdens we just can't seem to lay down,
The weight of all the scores we long to have settled,
the justice we want to demand
for the wrongs we have suffered.
Yet we also know what would happen if You were to deal with
us justly;
with our greed and violences, our betrayals and lusts.
If justice was served in our lives, we could not stand.
So forgive us our wrongs, O God,
forgive us as we do not deserve;
forgive us and free us from guilt and judgment.
May our worship lead us to the place
where our hunger for grace and mercy may be filled,
and where we may be freed
to forgive others and ourselves.

(Time for silent confession)

Song of Assurance: "Lord Have Mercy" KYRIE
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and has not dealt with us according to our sins.
Instead, God has chosen the sacrifice of God's own Son
on our account.
It is because Jesus Christ pays the last full measure
that our sins are forgiven.
This gift of forgiveness makes us able, with the power of Holy Spirit,
to choose to forgive, renew and live again
in right relationship with each other and with our God.
So friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***Song of Praise:** "Glory Be to the Father" 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.

***Affirmation of Faith: 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.

***Passing the Peace**
Please introduce yourself as you pass the peace of Christ.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Church Family Moment: Sara Kaczmarski

Prayer of Illumination:
Eternal God, Your Spirit inspired those who wrote the Bible
and enlightens us to hear Your Word fresh each day.
Help us to rely always on Your promises in Scripture.
In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

First Scripture Reading: Luke 17:3-4
3 Be on your guard! If a brother or sister sins, you must rebuke the
offender, and if there is repentance, you must forgive. 4 And if the
same person sins against you seven times a day and turns back to
you seven times and says, 'I repent,' you must forgive."

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

Musical Offering: "I Believe" *Mark Miller*
8:45 am—William Bennett, solo
11:00 am—Sandi Hess, solo

***Doxology**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication** Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

***Reflection Hymn:** #619 - "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"
LAUDA ANIMA

Second Scripture Readings: 2 Samuel 13:1-2, 20-22, 28-29, 37-39
Some time passed. David's son Absalom had a beautiful sister whose
name was Tamar, and David's son Amnon fell in love with her.
2 Amnon was so tormented that he made himself ill because of his
sister Tamar, for she was a virgin, and it seemed impossible to
Amnon to do anything to her.
…
20 Her brother Absalom said to her, "Has Amnon your brother been
with you? Be quiet for now, my sister; he is your brother; do not take
this to heart." So Tamar remained, a desolate woman, in her brother
Absalom's house. 21 When King David heard of all these things, he
became very angry, but he would not punish his son Amnon because
he loved him, for he was his firstborn. 22 But Absalom spoke to
Amnon neither good nor bad, for Absalom hated Amnon because he
had violated his sister Tamar.
…
28 Then Absalom commanded his servants, "Watch when Amnon's
heart is merry with wine, and when I say to you, 'Strike Amnon,' then
kill him. Do not be afraid; have I not myself commanded you? Be
courageous and valiant." 29 So the servants of Absalom did to
Amnon as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons rose,
and each mounted his mule and fled.
…
37 But Absalom fled and went to Talmai son of Ammihud, king of
Geshur. David mourned for his son day after day. 38 Absalom, having
fled to Geshur, stayed there three years. 39 And the heart of the king
went out, yearning for Absalom, for he was now consoled over the
death of Amnon.

Sermon: "David: Lack of Forgiveness" Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert