

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Theme: Season of Creation - Praise in Motion

Sunday, September 20, 2026



“A new time is coming. In fact, it is already here. True worshipers will worship God in the Spirit and in truth. These are the kind of worshipers God is looking for.”
John 4:23

GATHERING

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Here we gather to worship.

People: Here we gather to lift up our praise.

Leader: Whether our voices are strong or weak, whether we are sick or well,

People: we offer our praise for God’s continual care.

Leader: Jesus says “Come, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

People: Therefore, we have what we need and trust the Holy One who provides

Hymn: #645 “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

*Prayer of the Day and Confession

Most wonderful God, we offer our thanks for the power of praise. In both the beauty and harshness of life in this world, we yet see cause for gratitude and praise. For the strength we receive in mind and body, heart and soul, we offer our thanks.

In Jesus your beauty is unveiled in human flesh. The work and worries of Your faithful people in the past—their leaders and their prophets—goes before us as a beacon.

In the span of our lives, keep us humble and give us courage. Both through moments of silence and reflection, through the singing of our faith, and through the actions of our lives, we will continually offer up our praise. Forgive us when we belittle, judge, or condemn others. Forgive us when we get caught up in complaint. Forgive us when we squander the talents and gifts we’ve been given. When we are overwhelmed or discouraged, motivate us to return to praise, this we ask in Jesus’ name. AMEN

Assurance of Pardon

Special Music – “How Great Thou Art” John Shuler

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Scripture: Isaiah 40: 29-31 and Psalm 150

Sermon: **“Praise in Motion”**

Hymn: #147 “I Dance in the Morning”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Within the strength of community, in the power of both silence and praise, we come before God with the truth of our lives, trusting in the mercy and love of our Creator. Upon this foundation, we act out our praise, offering our gifts when we bring them. AMEN

Announcements and Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

Hymn: #853 "We Are Marching in the Light of God"

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: Beloved, remember: God is at work in us all, enabling us to do all that is pleasing in God's sight.

People: As we work together with God and neighbor for the flourishing of all God's creation,

Leader: God blesses us with a spirit of joy, cooperation and Christian love.

ALL: Together, we offer up our praise. Hallelujah! Amen.

Postlude

(Please remain seated)

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Dianne Yuninger, Organist

Prayers of the Congregation

The Prayer Family this week is:

George & Karen Shue

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