

A graphic featuring a treble clef and several musical notes in black, set against a green-to-teal gradient background. The text is overlaid on this graphic.

**"I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God
while I have being."**

Psalm 104:33

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Order of Worship

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Where you see an asterisk (), please rise in body or spirit.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC (10:30) — “Engelberg”: Theme and Pastorale (“When in Our Music God Is Glorified”) — Michael Burkhardt

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

PRELUDE — “A Mighty Fortress” — Wilbur Held

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

People: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Leader: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving!

People: Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

*OPENING PRAYER

***OPENING HYMN #275 — “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (vv. 1 and 2)**

HYMN #1 — “Holy, Holy, Holy” (vv. 1, 3, and 4)

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you are Sovereign over all our days. When the winds of faith blow strong and our energy is high, you are with us. When our burdens feel as heavy as hot, humid air in July and our faith begins to wilt, you are with us. When life feels like a summer thunderstorm that knocks out our power, you are right by our side, waiting to restore us. Forgive us when we forget to rely upon your steadfast love. Great God, let your mercy fall upon us like a gentle, cooling summer rain, and grant us the wisdom to trust you and the courage to serve you.

SILENT CONFESSION and KYRIE — #575

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA #321 — “The Church’s One Foundation”** (vv. 1 and 5)

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT — Sandra Willetts

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING — Colossians 3:12-17 (Common English Bible)

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN #8 — “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”**

***HYMN #331 — “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”** (vv. 1, 3, and 4)

***HYMN #340 — “This Is My Song”** (vv. 1 and 3)

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Leader: Lord in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer

HYMN #625 — “How Great Thou Art” (vv. 1 and 2)

“The Old Rugged Cross” (insert: vv. 1 and 4)

“Trust and Obey” (insert: vv. 1, 3, and 5)

“In the Garden” (insert)

OFFERING

Offertory — “Cry No More” — Dan Forrest

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***Doxology — #607**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise triune God whom we adore. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

WE DEPART IN JOY TO SERVE

***SENDING HYMN #450 — “Be Thou My Vision”** (vv. 1, 3, and 4)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION #541** (vv. 1) and **#542** (vv. 2)

***POSTLUDE — “Engelberg”: Final (“When in Our Music God Is Glorified”)**

— Michael Burkhardt

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The Rev. Dr. Neil Weatherhogg, *Pastor Emeritus*

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