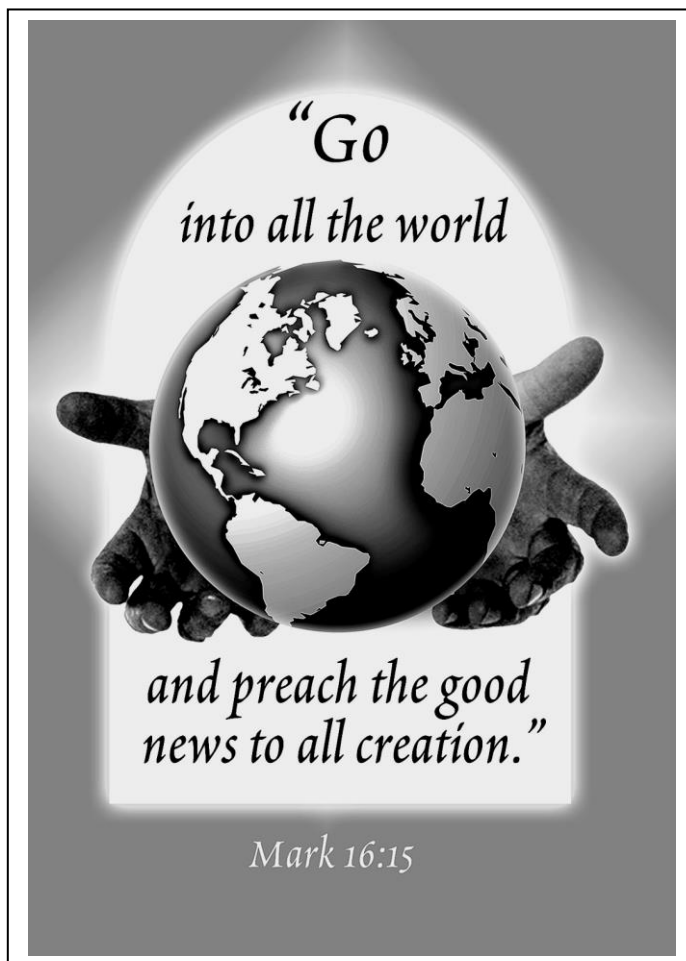


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Worship Notes

Mission Observance – September 28, 2025

*We welcome our members and guests who are worshiping with us today,
and pray God's rich blessings upon you during this time of worship!*

THEME

In His great commission, Jesus said, "All authority on heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." God tells *us* to go, too, and we often reply, "No." We think we're the wrong person, or not gifted enough, not old enough (*or too old*). But God tells us "Go" and that He will be with us. And because we do dare to believe those incredible words, we are here today to risk asking our Lord to send *us* as He was sent and as He sent His first disciples.

ORDER:

Today we follow a special order of worship of reading and music centered around the mission of the Church to go and reach all nations ... whether near or far!

HYMN OF THE DAY

Our *Hymn of the Day* this weekend is a song that many of us learned as little children in Sunday School or Vacation Bible School, ***I Love to Tell the Story***. The text was written by Arabella Katherine Hankey (1834-1911). Early in life she became involved in religious work. As a young girl she taught Sunday School, and at 18 organized a Bible study for girls working in factories in London. When her brother fell ill in Africa, she traveled there to bring him home, and that trip sparked a passion for foreign mission work. When she turned 30 she fell ill, and was confined to bed rest for almost a year. During that time she wrote a poem, "The Old, Old Story" of 100 stanzas! The following year, parts were quoted at the convention of the YMCA, and songwriter William Doane put a portion of her poem to music, giving birth to the hymn. The tune by William Fischer is named HANKEY in her honor!

Mission Observance

Sunday, September 28, 2025

Pre-Service Music

Call to Worship - Listen, God Is Calling

LSB 833

Refrain
Leader All



Lis - ten, lis-ten, God is call-ing Through the Word in - vit-ing,



Of - fer - ing for - give-ness, Com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All



1 Je - sus gave His man-date: Share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten Through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, Stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All *Refrain*



That He came to save us And set us free.
In the tri - une name of God Go and bap - tize.
Walk-ing in Your pre - cepts, Led by Your Word.

Text: tr. Howard S. Olson, 1922-2010

Text and tune: Kenyan

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Opening Sentences

- L** Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
C make known his deeds among the peoples!

L I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples;

C I will sing praises to you among the nations.

L For your steadfast love is great above the heavens;

C your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

L Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!

C Let your glory be over all the earth!

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

L Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

C make known his deeds among the peoples!

Hymn - From All That Dwell Below the Skies

LSB 816



1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's
2 E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal truth at -
△ 3 All praise to God the Fa - ther be, All praise, e - ter - nal



praise a - rise; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
tends Thy Word. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Son, to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through ev - 'ry land by
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and
Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore For - ev - er and for -

ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 set no more. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text (sts. 1-2): Isaac Watts, 1674-1748; (st. 3): William W. How, 1823-97
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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation, Confession of Sins, and Declaration of Grace

L In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

L If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

L Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

L In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins.

To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

Collect of the Day

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Let us pray.

Almighty God, in Your kindness You cause the light of the Gospel to shine among us. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, help us to share the good news of Your salvation that all who hear it may rejoice in the gift of Your unending love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Combined Choir Anthem - We Are the Church (Don Besig and Nancy Price)

We can feel God's love around us in this warm, familiar place,
Where our friends in Christ surround us, joined as one within His grace.
Let this fellowship which unites us be a gift for all to share.
As we go forth, let us show the world God's love is ev'rywhere.
We are the Church, we are God's people, and His word we faithfully proclaim.
We will join our hearts and hands as one to see His work is done,
And we will serve together in His name!

Let us join with one another, for we each have heard His call.
Let us stand and work together as we reach beyond these walls.
For we know the Lord will sustain us, He will be our constant guide
As we go forth into all the world, our voices raised on high.
We are the Church, we are God's people, and His word we faithfully proclaim.
We will join our hearts and hands as one to see His work is done,
And we will serve together in His name!
We are the Church, and we will serve in His name!

First Reading

Psalm 96

¹Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

²Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

³Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

⁴For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

⁵For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

⁶Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

⁸Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

⁹Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

¹⁰Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."

¹¹Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; ¹²let the field exult, and everything in it!

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy ¹³before the LORD, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Psalm 100 Anthem – King of Kings (*Brooke Ligertwood; Hillsong Worship*)

In the darkness we were waiting,
Without hope, without light.
'Til from Heaven You came running;
There was mercy in Your eyes.
To fulfill the law and prophets,
To a virgin came the word,
From a throne of endless glory,
To a cradle in the dirt. *Chorus:*

Chorus: Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost,
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross.

For even in your suffering,
You saw to the other side,
Knowing this was our salvation;
Jesus for our sake you died. *Chorus:*

And the morning that You rose
All of Heaven held its breath.
'Til that stone was moved for good,
For the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs,
And the angels stood in awe,
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored.

And the church of Christ was born,
Then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By His blood and in His name,
In His freedom I am free.
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me. *Chorus:*

Epistle

Romans 10:11-17

¹¹For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

¹⁴But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?

¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Handbell Anthem – **Shine, Jesus, Shine** (*arr. Peggy Bettcher*)

Lord, the light of Your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth You now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze Spirit, blaze, set our heart on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness, so our faces display Your likeness;
Every changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.
Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze Spirit, blaze, set our heart on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁴Then [Jesus] said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." ⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

The Sunday School children are invited forward to sing

Sunday School Song - **This Little Gospel Light of Mine**

All children are invited forward for the Children's Message

Children's Message

Hymn - I Love to Tell the Story

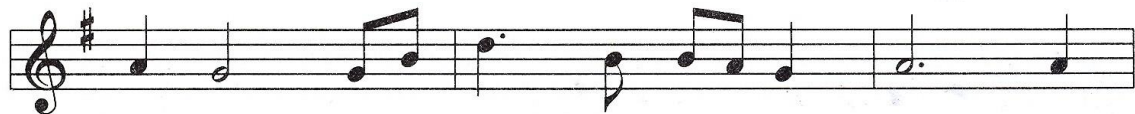
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1 I love to tell the sto - ry Of
2 I love to tell the sto - ry, 'Tis
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, For



un - seen things a - bove, Of Je - sus and His
pleas - ant to re - peat What seems, each time I
those who know it best Seem hun - ger - ing and



glo - ry, Of Je - sus and His love. I
tell it, More won - der - ful - ly sweet. I
thirst - ing To hear it like the rest. And



love to tell the sto - ry, Be - cause I know it's true; It
love to tell the sto - ry, For some have nev - er heard The
when in scenes of glo - ry I sing the new, new, song, 'Twill



sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else would do.
mes - sage of sal - va - tion From God's own ho - ly Word.
be the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.



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Sermon Text

Acts 17:26-28

²⁶And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we are indeed his offspring.”

Sermon

We Worship the Lord with Our Offerings

Instrumental Offering Voluntary – Here I Am, Lord

Stand

Apostles' Creed

C 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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

L Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

After each petition:

L Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Our prayers conclude:

L Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

L Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
C 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Luther's Morning Prayer

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Benediction

L The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

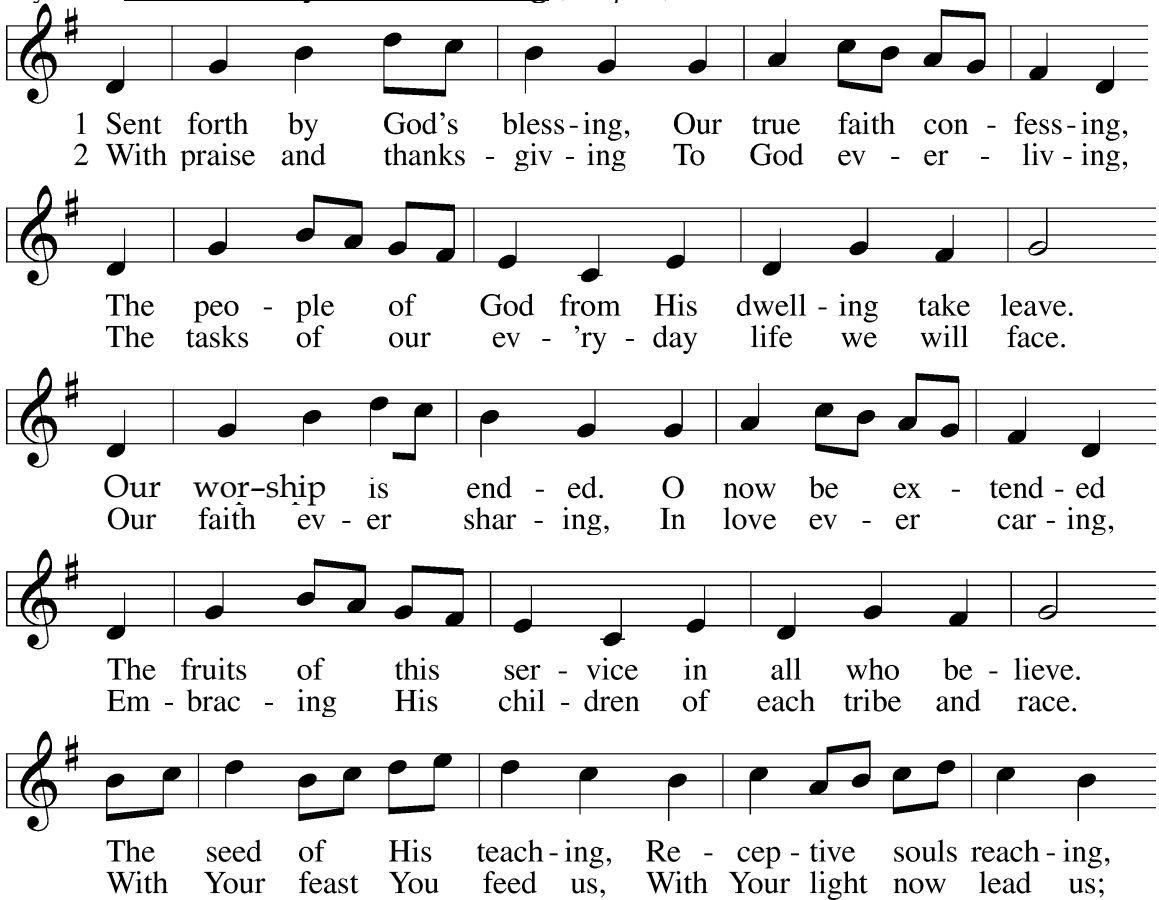
C Amen.

Sit

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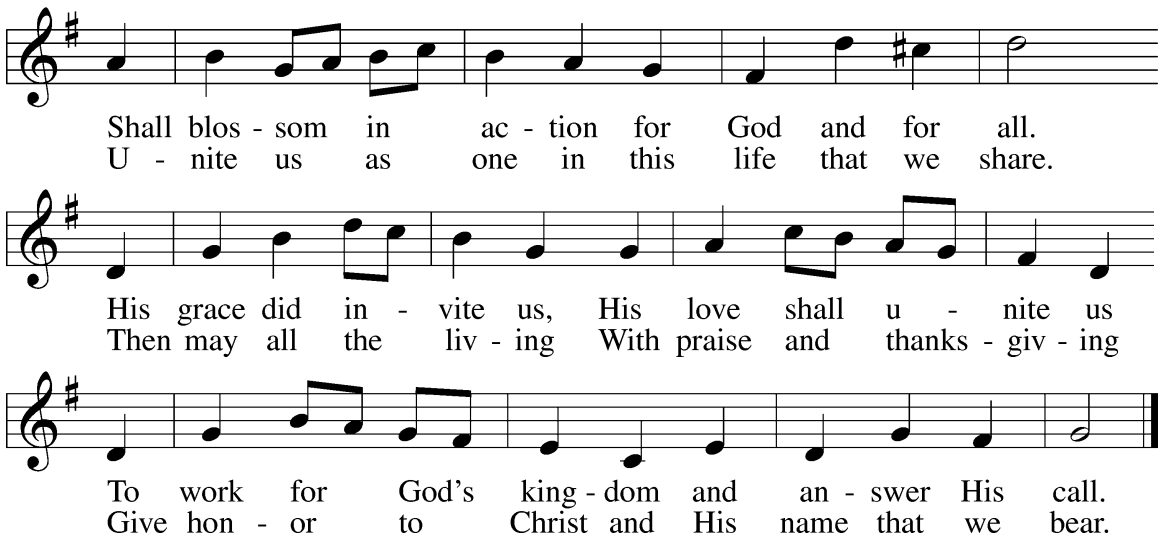
Hymn - **Sent Forth by God's Blessing** (*Adapted*)

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1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,
The peo-ple of our God from His dwell-ing take leave.
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.
Our wor-ship is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,
The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.
The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;

Continued ...



Shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
 U - nite us as one in this life that we share.

His grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us
 Then may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks - giv - ing

To work for God's king - dom and an - swer His call.
 Give hon - or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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Silent Prayer & Post-Service Music

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You may prepare for next weekend by reading:

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

"I will ... look out to see what He will say to me."

Psalms 62

"For God alone my soul waits in silence."

2 Timothy 1:1-14

"God gave us a spirit ... of power and love and self-control."

Luke 17:1-10

Faith as a mustard seed.



Serving This Morning:

Presiding Minister:

Pastor Rory Karg

Preacher:

The Reverend William (Bill) Wilson

Lectors:

Vicar Nan Tian & Vicar Justin Hilton

Translator:

Xuemei Si

Keyboards:

Paul Snyder

Choirs:

Immanuel/Light of Christ Combined Choir

Psalm 100 Ensemble

Immanuel Handbells

Immanuel Sunday School

Light of Christ Ensemble

Elder:

Jeff Nixon

Usher:

Team C - Andy Kruse & Gregg Knehans, Head Ushers

Chancel Flowers

The flowers in the chancel this weekend are given to the praise and glory of God with thanksgiving in joyful celebration of Olivia Mirly's 21st birthday!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PLACE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL
THE CHART IS AVAILABLE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL!

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