

September 21, 2025



Iris Garden, Erin Hanson

The Service of the Lord's Day Order of Worship

*Please stand if you are able. Congregation to recite bolded passages.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elaine DePoy

PRELUDE

"Pastorale" by Robert Lau

Valerie Adelung

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elaine DePoy

Come, people of God. The soil is ready, the Gardener is near.

We come with open hearts, ready to be planted in love.

God gathers us like seeds, each one known and cherished.

God waters us with grace and shines light on our path.

In God's care, even the smallest seed can grow strong.

In God's presence, we are nurtured, challenged, and renewed.

So let us worship the One who tends us with mercy, and calls forth beauty and fruitfulness in our lives.

We worship with gratitude. We worship with hope. We worship the living God!

OPENING PRAYER Elaine DePoy

God of gardens and grace, we come as we are, some of us blooming, some of us brittle. You know where the soil is rich and where it's been worn thin. You know the weeds we've let grow and the harvests we've overlooked. So tend to us today. Turn our hearts toward your light. Soften what's hardened. Renew what's tired. And plant in us a word of truth that will take root and bear fruit. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Tracy Radosevic

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

and also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC "We Have Come to Worship" by Stan Pethel Chancel Choir We have come to worship, we have gathered here many times before We have come proclaiming Christ and praising our wonderful Lord. Sometimes with a shout of joy, or a quiet prayer, with a song of majesty, to the world we declare the love of the Father, the gift of the Son, the comfort the Spirit can bring. With joy in our voices and love in our hearts, this song of joy we now sing.

SCRIPTURE AND SERMON

Tracy Radosevic

"How Does YOUR Garden Grow?"

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Tracy Radosevic

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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Elaine DePoy

Just as the earth yields fruit in its season, so we bring the fruit of our lives, our time, our gifts, our love. Let us give with joy and gratitude.

During this time of offering, you may place your gift in the plate as you leave this morning, or give in any of the other ways listed in your bulletin's announcement page.

*DOXOLOGY # 647

"Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.

And now let the weak say "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"

Give thanks, Give thanks.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Elaine DePoy

God of growth and grace, we bring what we have, seeds of generosity, acts of kindness, gifts from the heart. Bless what we offer and use it to cultivate love, justice, and beauty in your world. Amen.

*HYMN # 714

"God of the Fertile Fields"

*BENEDICTION

Tracy Radosevic

POSTLUDE

"A Joyful Trumpet" by Patricia Lou Harris Valerie Adelung

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Written for an easy-to-sing folk melody familiar in England as well as Wales, this 20th-century North American text bears many resemblances to both Psalm 148 and the traditional canticle Benedicite, omnia opera Domini (Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord).

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You Shall Go Out with Joy

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The Trees of the Field



*Clap hands.

This text paraphrases Isaiah 55:12, which is generally understood to describe a "second exodus," this time from Babylon rather than from Egypt. This release of God's people and their return to their own land gives rise to a joyful celebration involving all creation.



Greater awareness has enlarged Christian stewardship to develop new dimensions of concern for people in all parts of the world. Because we believe that it is God's will that the gifts we have received should be shared, this hymn concludes with that phrase from the Lord's Prayer.