



September 27, 2026



The Service of the Lord's Day

Order of Worship

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Blessed Assurance” by Susan Staples Bell

Valerie Adelung

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elaine DePoy

God calls us not only to speak of faith, but to live it.

We come ready to listen and to follow.

Christ calls us to a way shaped by humility, service, and love.

We come seeking the mind of Christ.

Sometimes faithfulness means admitting we were wrong. Sometimes following Jesus asks us to change direction.

God is still calling us, still teaching us, still leading us.

Come, let us worship God.

*HYMN # 264

“At the Name of Jesus”

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Elaine DePoy

Jesus tells of a son who first refused his father, but later changed his mind and went. Repentance makes room for this kind of turning. We do not come before God pretending that we have always understood correctly or chosen faithfully. We come trusting that God meets us with mercy and can still lead us in a different direction. Let us confess our sin together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Elaine DePoy

Merciful God, we know the words of faith more easily than we live them. We say yes to love and still protect our comfort. We speak of justice and remain quiet when speaking may cost us. We confess Christ as Lord and still give other powers too much authority over our conscience.

Forgive us when we have mistaken compliance for faithfulness, certainty for conviction, or respectable words for obedience. Give us humility to admit when we have been wrong. Give us wisdom to change our minds and courage to change our direction. Shape our lives according to the way of Jesus Christ, so that what we say and what we do may belong together. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Elaine DePoy

God's grace is not reserved for people who have never been wrong. In Jesus Christ, we are given room to turn, to learn, and to begin again. The God who calls us also meets us with mercy.

Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*CELEBRATION OF FORGIVENESS # 591

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

May the Peace of Christ be with you.
and also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elaine DePoy

God of wisdom, open your Word to us and open us to your Word. Unsettle what needs to be unsettled. Strengthen what needs to be strengthened. Give us humility to hear beyond what we already think we know, and by your Spirit, help us recognize the way of Christ and follow it. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2:1–13

Elaine DePoy

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,
so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Lord Have Mercy” by Steve Merkel

Valerie Adelung

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21:23–32

Grace McDowell

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴ Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why, then, did you not believe him?’

But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹ He answered, ‘I will not,’ but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father^[a] went to the second and said the same, and he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him

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Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS

Excerpts from the White Rose Pamphlets

Grace McDowell
Sharon Huber-Plano

*HYMN # 738

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Elaine DePoy

Alexander Schmorell lived in a time when saying the right Christian words was not necessarily the same as following Christ. His life reminds us that faith sometimes asks us to reconsider what we have accepted and choose a different way.

We join our voice with Christians across generations in speaking the Apostles’ Creed. We speak these words not as a substitute for faithful action, but as a reminder of whose story we belong to and whose way we seek to follow.

***THE 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.**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

**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

What we say matters. So does what we do with what has been entrusted to us. Our offering is one way our faith takes form: resources shared, neighbors cared for, ministry made possible, and the work of Christ carried into the world. Let us offer our gifts to God.

During this time of offering, we can share our financial gifts by placing them in the offering plates as you leave, or giving online.

OFFERTORY

“Great is Thy Faithfulness” by John Purifoy

Valerie Adelung

*DOXOLOGY # 609

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Elaine DePoy

God of mercy, receive these gifts and the lives from which they come. Use them to feed those who hunger, resist cruelty, strengthen community, seek justice, and make room for peace. Keep forming in us the mind of Christ, so that our faith may be known not only in what we say, but in how we live. Amen.

*HYMN # 326

“For All the Saints” (*all verses*)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Lord of the Wind and the Sea”
by Lloyd Larson

Valerie Adelung

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At the Name of Jesus

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Capo 5: (Am)
Dm(G) (Am) (C) (Am)
C Dm F Dm(Dm) (Am)
Gm Dm

1 At the name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
 2 Hum - bled for a sea - son to re - ceive a name
 3 Bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,
 4 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,

(C) (G) (Am) (C) (Dm)
F C Dm F Gm

ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
 from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,
 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,
 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;

(G) (Em) (Am) (G) (D) (G)
C Am Dm C G C

'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,
 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast,
 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,

(Am) (G) (Em) (Dm) (C) (G) (Am)
Dm C Am Gm F C Dm

who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;
 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This may well be a hymn based on a hymn, for scholars say that the passage behind it (Philippians 2:5–11), though not in the style of Greek poetry, shows traits of a communal creedal statement capable of being sung. It is set here to one of the composer's most sonorous tunes.

738 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience, still with thee
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray

in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;
 by some clear, win - ning word of love;
 in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,
 far down the fu - ture's broad - ening way;

tell me thy se - cret; help me bear the
 teach me the way - ward feet to stay, and
 in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in
 in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with

strain of toil, the fret of care.
 guide them in the home - ward way.
 trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.
 thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

In honestly admitting the limits of human ability, this prayerful hymn does not seek a sense of God's presence for self-comfort but for strength and companionship in pursuing the tasks that God sets before us. The author specifically chose this tune to accompany his words.

For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.