SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST

October 18, 2026
9:00 a.m. Livestream

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Bagpipes" H. RYDER

RINGING OF THE BELLS Order of St. John

WELCOME Pastor Paul Baglyos

CALL TO WORSHIP

Fanfare on CWM RHONDDA E. WU

As music begins, the congregation turns and faces the Processional Cross.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

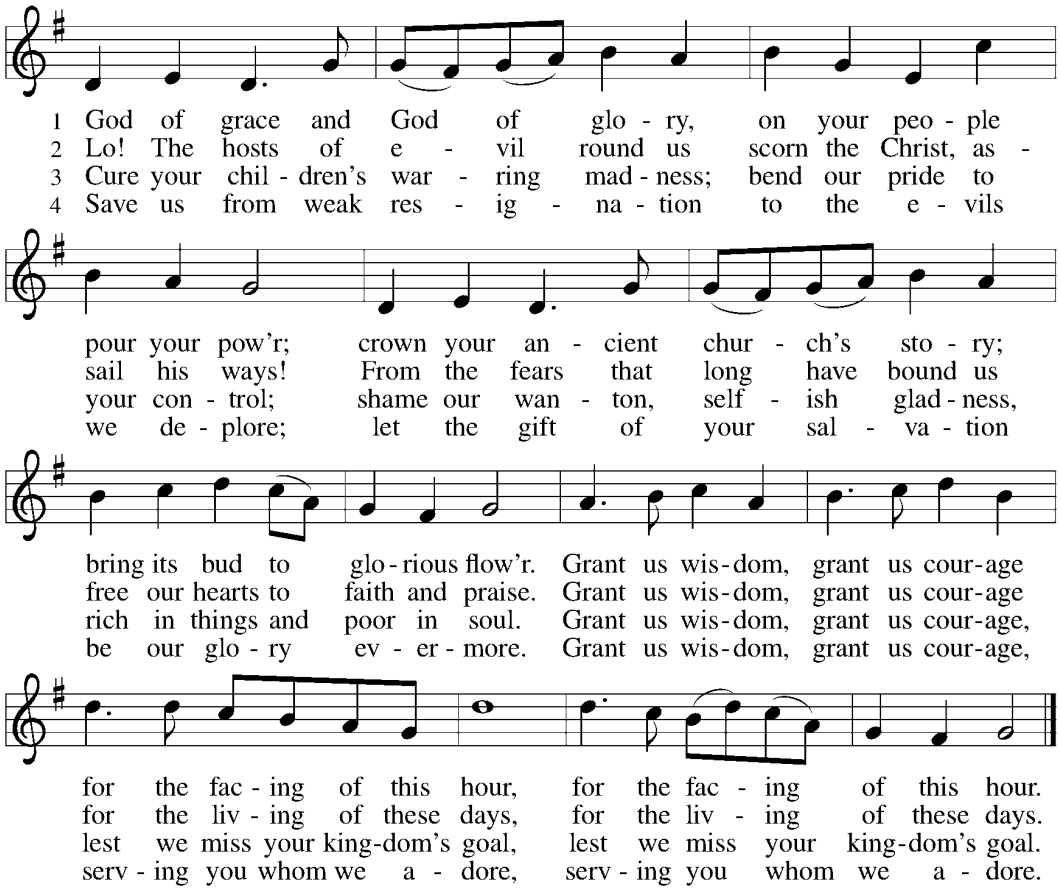
Sing to the Lord a new song;
Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
For great is the Lord,
And greatly to be praised.
Declare God's glory among the nations;
Tell of God's works among all the peoples.
As we confess:
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

GATHERING HYMN

CWM RHONDDA
ELW HYMN 705

God of Grace and God of Glory



GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

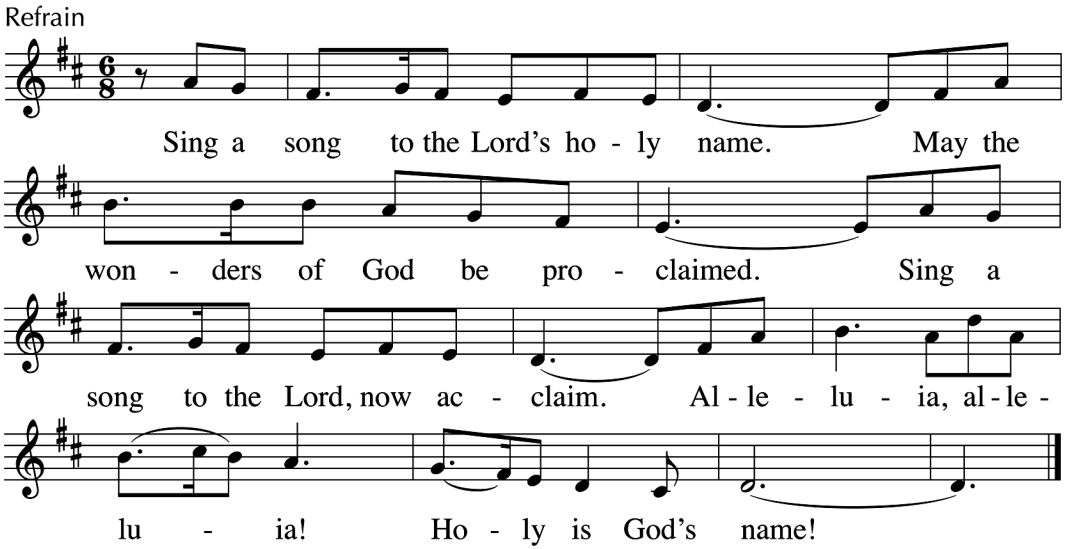
Let us pray. Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts.
Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

PSALM 96

Sing a Song to the Lord's Holy Name L. LAWTON

Refrain sung twice at beginning of song. 1st time by cantors, thereafter all.



Verses Give to the Lord, you families of people, give the Lord glory and power.
Give the Lord a heart that is grateful. Let us tell of the glory of God. ***Refrain***

Tell the world our God rules with justice. Tell the world its praises to sing.
Tell the world God's people know fairness. Let our voices proclaim God is King.
Refrain

Day by day we count on God's blessings. Day by day we seek for God's strength.
Day by day may love be our lesson. May our wonder of God have no end. ***Refrain***

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LESSON Isaiah 45:1-7

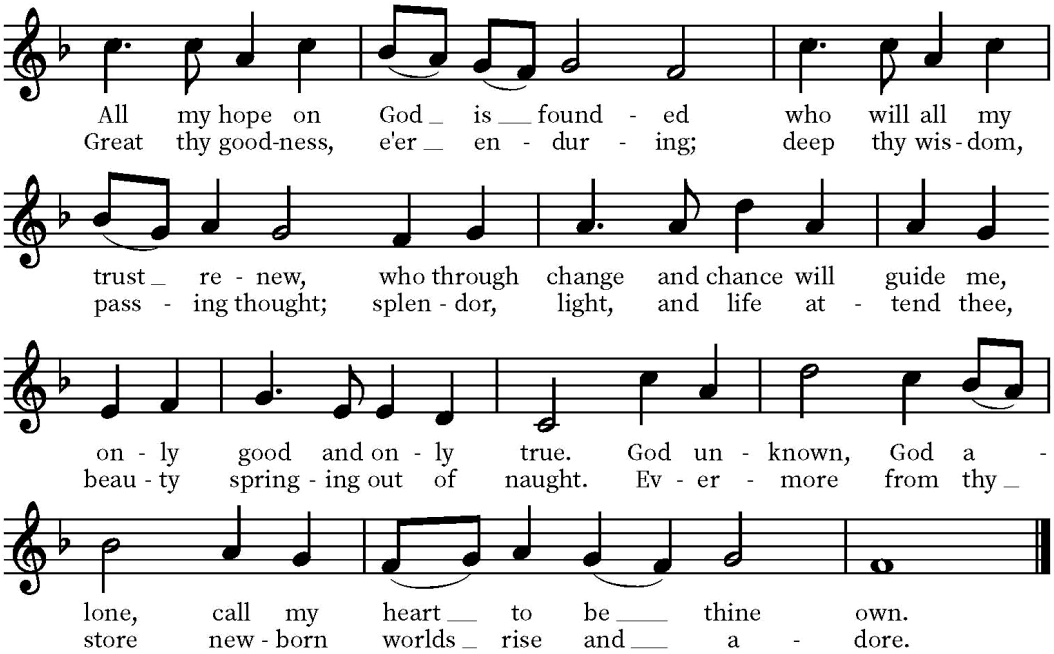
The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the Lord has anointed to end Israel's exile. The Lord makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this Lord as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the Lord claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION MICHAEL

All My Hope On God is Founded ELW HYMN 757

Verse 1



Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd Chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 22:15-22

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

After the reading: The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

ACCLAMATION REPRISE

All My Hope On God is Founded *See previous, verse 2*

FIRST GLANCE — Jo Hoffmeier

SERMON — Pastor Paul Baglyos

SERMON RESPONSE

Let the words of my mouth
and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord,
our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE — Assisting Minister Leah Lind

After each petition: Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERTORY

As we come together living out our faith in unity we trust in our God's loving care to provide for all we need. Let us respond generously to God's abiding love with our tithes and offerings. You are invited to visit our giving page link at https://www.stjohnslc.org/giving and leave an online offering.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Rondo Jubilate — D. E. WAGNER

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Great are you, O God, and greatly to be praised. All your works in heaven and on earth proclaim your glory.

You reveal your steadfast love throughout all generations. In covenant with our ancestors in Eden and in exile, in the Promised Land and throughout all lands, you demonstrate your abounding grace.

Long ago you spoke to us by your prophets, but now in these last days you have spoken to us by your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of your Son Jesus, whose coming again in glory we await.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this meal, that we may be fed by your presence with us, among us, and within us.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

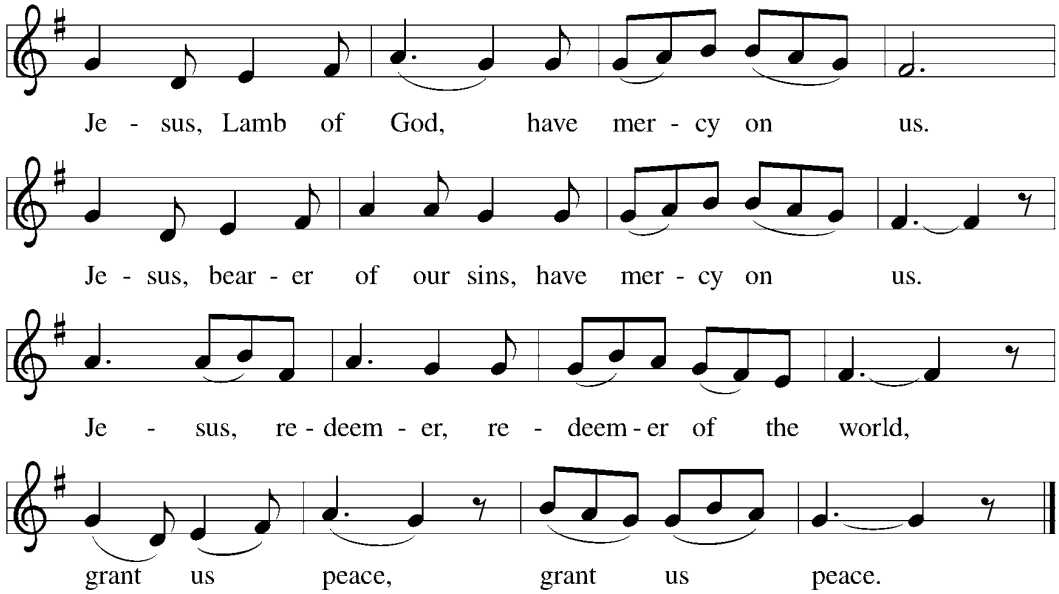
Lord's Prayer

Through your Spirit, we pray together as our Lord taught us:

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.

Agnus Dei

ELW Hymn 199



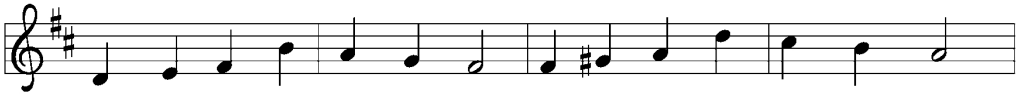
Self-Distribution of Communion

All are welcome here at God's table. We believe Christ is truly present in the bread and wine through the faith of those who gather. Jesus invites you to this meal that imparts God's free gift of grace.

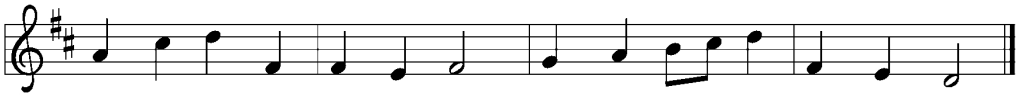
You are invited to partake of the meal with the bread and juice/wine you prepared saying:
"The body of Christ given for me/us." *And* ***"The blood of Christ shed for me/us."***

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION — PATMOS

Take My Life, That I May Be — ELW HYMN 685



1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



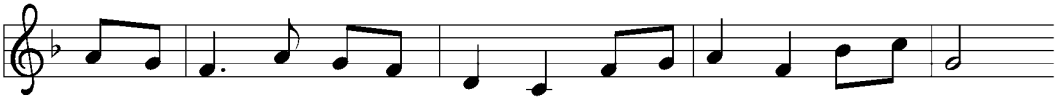
take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

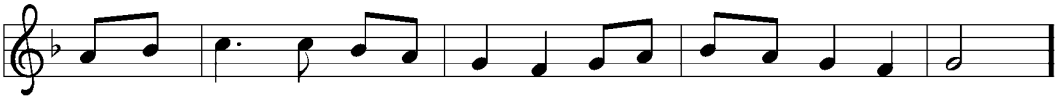
6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION — CAMROSE

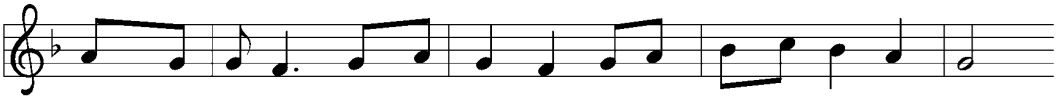
By Your Hand You Feed Your People — ELW HYMN 469



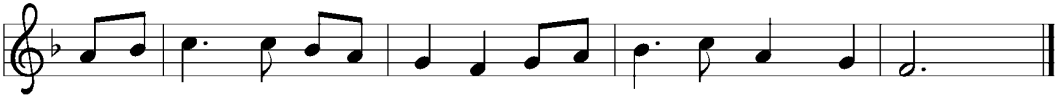
1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav - en's bread.
2 In this meal we taste your sweet - ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Sustaining God,

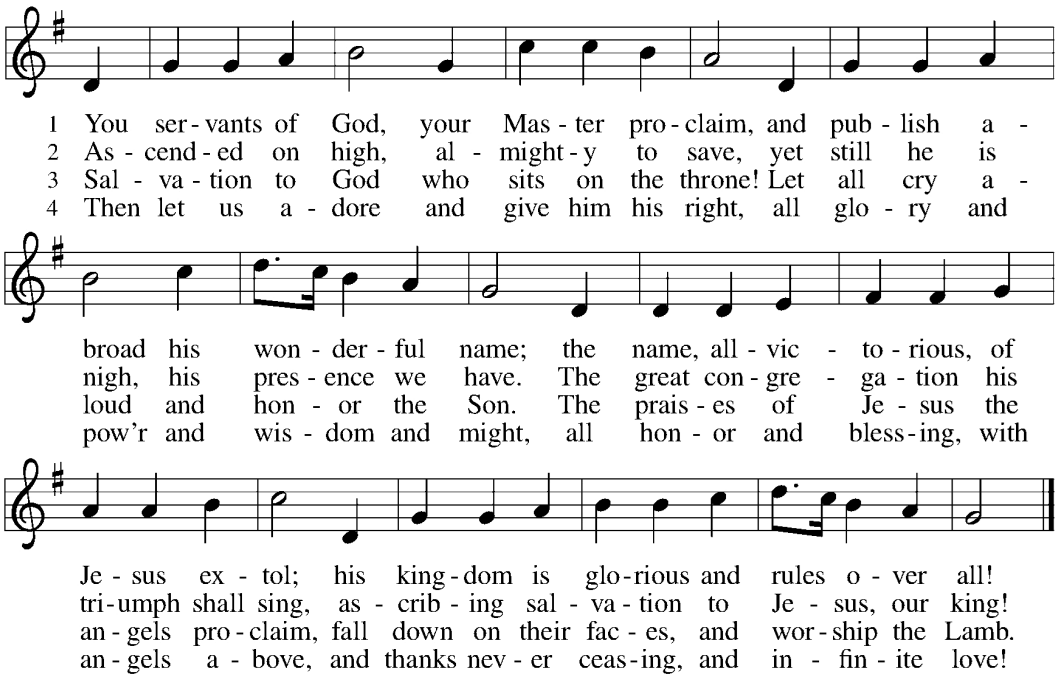
with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING FORTH HYMN — LYONS

You Servants of God — ELW HYMN 825



DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord,

and live God's love in the world.

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Major (BWV 553b) — J. S. BACH

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Greeters	Mark Carlson, Mary Miller
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St. John's Ministry Announcements

- 3rd Annual Community Oktoberfest
  Saturday, October 24th | 4-7 p.m. | St. John's Lutheran Church Parking Lot

  A family-friendly festival with live music and remarkable Sacramento vendors - admission is free, food and drinks (non-alcoholic included) will be available for purchase. If you'd like to volunteer for the event, you can sign-up online or in the back of the sanctuary!

- Reformation Sunday Potluck Brunch
  Sunday, October 25th | 10:15 a.m. | The Gathering Place

  Come celebrate Reformation Sunday with a beloved St. John's brunch! We'll have delicious breakfast food and enjoy festive time in community. If you'd like to bring food to share OR help bring the brunch to life, you can sign-up online or in the back of the sanctuary.

- Family Halloween Movie Night
  Friday, October 30th | 6-9 p.m. | The Gathering Place

  Come gather for a family-friendly spooky Halloween Movie Night! An evening for the entire family, this movie night will feature a spooky family-friendly Halloween movie, delicious snacks and treats, and cozy fall fun with friends. Get dressed up in your Halloween costume and bring a friend! RSVP to Jeremy Kaetzel.

- Johnny Cash America's Songs and Stories Benefit Concert
  Friday, November 13th | 6 p.m. | The Gathering Place

  Enjoy an evening of Johnny Cash music and stories while supporting direct service ministries for the unhoused here at St. John's! Local musicians Jim Keddy, John Bologni, Rob Sawyer, Eric Malme, and Sasha Avanov will play beloved Johnny Cash hits and share stories from Cash's long and colorful life, and explore his deep spirituality. Tickets are available at a $15 recommended donation ahead of time online or at the door, with complimentary baked goods and non-alcoholic beverages offered.

Today at St. John's

- Rock-Washing Ritual for Healing & Prayer | 10:15 a.m. | Oehler Hall

  At the St. John's Pride booth, we invited visitors to express their feelings about "church" and "God". Perhaps it's been a hurt, a prayer, or a statement of an expression of faith. They wrote on river rocks that we kept on display throughout the festival and brought back with us afterwards. All are invited to participate in this rock-washing ritual, where we'll participate in "washing" or "offering up" the expression from the rocks as a way to recognize how God is able to wash away our hurts and will always hear our prayers!

- Worship Leader Training - Greeters & Ushers | 12:30 p.m. | Oehler Hall

  All worship volunteers serving as an Usher or Greeter, or interested in getting involved, are invited to attend today's training! Come enjoy lunch after worship and then receive important hands-on training to start serving in worship.