



August 2, 2026, 10:30 am
10th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to worship! Led by the Holy Spirit, we glorify God, nurture the faith with each other, and witness the fullness of Christ's love in the world. Beyond the pews, we hope you will grow in faith with us on Sunday mornings and throughout the week.

Children are welcome in the Sanctuary throughout the service and are encouraged to visit our worship corner in the front left of the Sanctuary and borrow a variety of resources. This summer, toddlers and preschoolers are invited to join us in the pews for the beginning of worship. After the moment with the children, they may leave with staff and volunteers to play on the playground or in the nursery on the first floor of the Education Building.

Assisted listening devices are available at the Princess Anne Street side entrance. Restrooms are located underneath the Sanctuary, accessed via the stairs off the porch on the Princess Anne Street side or elevator, or in the Education Building. If you need access to the Ed. Building during worship, please speak to an usher. Our service is livestreamed via YouTube.

We are glad you are here as we give glory to God together!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

✠We rise in body or spirit.

We say words in bold together.

Welcome and Announcements Natasha Taylor, Faith Formation Coordinator

Prelude *I Need Thee Every Hour* arr. R. J. Hughes

Silent prayer of preparation

God, you have given us a dream of your world made whole, a heavenly realm that is near in heart and close at hand, and it is ours to choose each day.

May our smallest acts of courtesy, when transformed by your love, grow abundantly into a realm of flourishing for all. Amen.

Call to Worship *based on Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52* Liturgist: John Howe

Jesus said the kingdom of God is like this:

From the mustard seed a great and mighty shrub emerges.

A spore of yeast can leaven the whole loaf of bread.

Hidden treasures bring joy, fine pearls are worth the search;

A wide net cast draws in fish of every kind.

Come, let us continue to sort out the great mysteries of faith;

We gather to praise the God of great and mighty wonders.

✠Hymn 267 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;

praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;

his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,

singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

✠Prayer of Confession

God of grace, we want to understand what the kingdom of heaven is like, but our minds are clouded by cares and concerns of the world. We fail to trust your power, hidden in all things. We fail to watch for you, working for your purposes in mysterious ways. We fail to be whole-hearted in our faith and discipleship. We fail to put our trust in the treasures of your kingdom instead of the treasures of the world. Gracious God, hidden and manifest, give us eyes to see and ears to hear your good news for the world even here and now. Transform our lives and world by your grace through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

✠Assurance of Pardon

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

✠Gloria Patri (Hymn 581)

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

✠Peace and Greeting

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

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: *Psalms 119:129-136*

p. 700 in the pew Bible

Moment with the Children

Anthem

Teach Me Thy Song O Lord
Solo: Dorothy Mondak

Craig Courtney

Scripture Reading: *Romans 8:26-39*

p. 192 in the pew Bible

This is the word of faith that we proclaim. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

What Then? Rev. Shannon Waite Hendricks

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!
Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!*

*Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.*

✠Affirmation of Faith *from the Barmen Declaration*

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords — areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

... forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors ...

Presentation of Offerings

Gifts, tithes, and offerings may be placed in the plates at the Sanctuary entrance. We also give thanks to God for offerings given via mail and online at fredericksburgpc.org/give.

✠Doxology (Hymn 606) and Prayer of Dedication

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

✠Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

✠Hymn 318

In Christ There Is No East or West

*In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.*

*In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.
Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.*

*In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.*

✠Charge and Benediction

✠Postlude

The Call to Victory

David Paxton

Go in peace, holding quiet space for those who wish to reflect and pray.



Serving in Worship Today:

Organist: Amy Shirk

Music Soloist: Dorothy Mondak

Ushers: Steve Davis, Paul Kukla

Elevator Assistant: Charles Penick

Sanctuary Guild: Mary Lou Cramer

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