



**August 30, 2026, 10:30 am**  
*14<sup>th</sup> 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      *Berceuse*      Robert J. Powell

*Silent prayer of preparation*

God of mystery and might, whose wonderful works are to be remembered,  
move in our lives, change our minds, soften our hearts, direct our feet, that  
we may follow you more faithfully. Yes, Lord, we seek to follow Jesus, in  
whose name we pray. Amen.

Call to Worship *based on Psalm 105:1-3*

Liturgist: Bridget Harvey

Alleluia! Give thanks to Yahweh.

**Praise God's name and make God's deeds known to the nations.**

Sing to God! Sing praise and tell of God's wonderful works.

**Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts that seek Yahweh rejoice!**

✠Hymn 33      *Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show (Psalm 150)*

*Praise the Lord! God's glories show, Alleluia!*

*saints within God's courts below, Alleluia!*

*angels round the throne above, Alleluia!*

*all who see and share God's love. Alleluia!*

*Earth to heaven exalt the strain, Alleluia!*

*Send it, heaven, to earth again, Alleluia!*

*Age to age, God's mercies trace, Alleluia!*

*Praise God's providence and grace! Alleluia!*

*Strings and voices, hands and hearts, Alleluia!*

*in the concert bear your parts, Alleluia!*

*All that breathes, your Lord adore, Alleluia!*

*singing praise for evermore, Alleluia!*

✠Prayer of Confession *based on Romans 12:9-21*

**Holy God, we confess that our love for you and for others has not  
been genuine. We have not held fast to what is good and we have  
lagged in affection for our siblings. We have not been patient in  
suffering, nor have we persevered in prayer. We have repaid evil for**

evil and have failed to live peaceably with all. Forgive us our sin, free us from the power of evil, and help us trust in the power of your everlasting goodness; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

✠Assurance of Pardon

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

✠Joyful Response (Hymn 591 refrain)

*Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lujah!*

*Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lujah!*

*Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lujah!*

*Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

✠Peace and Greeting

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

### HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: *Matthew 16:21-28*

p. 22 in the pew Bible

Moment with the Children

Anthem

*Creation Hymn*

Scripture Reading: *Exodus 3:1-15*

p. 62 in the pew Bible

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

Sermon

Who Am I?

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✠Hymn 726      *Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)*

*“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?*

*Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?*

*Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;*

*will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”*

*“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?*

*Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?*

*Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?*

*Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”*

*“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”*

*“Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”*

*Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

✠Affirmation of Faith from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

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](http://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 826

*Lift High the Cross*

Refrain: *Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

*Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,  
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. [Refrain]*

*All newborn servants of the Crucified  
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died. [Refrain]*

*O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
your death has brought us life eternally. [Refrain]*

*So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory. [Refrain]*

✠Charge and Benediction

✠Postlude

*Recessional*

Charles Gounod

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



***Serving in Worship Today:***

Organist: Amy Shirk

Director of Music: Mike McCarthy

Ushers: Michele Coffman, Adam Nelen

Elevator Assistant: Bill Stewart

Sanctuary Guild: Mary Lou Cramer

Videographer: Les Johnson, Ed Foresman

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