

# 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## Prelude

### GATHERING

#### Welcome & Announcements

#### WE GATHER BEFORE GOD

#### Call to Worship

Let us embrace this wonderful time of worship, we come together not as strangers or even friends, but as beloved sisters and brothers in Christ. Come let us worship!

*HYMN VU 567 Will You Come and Follow Me*

#### Opening Prayer

O'Lord, You know us when we are at our very best and when we are at our very worst. You see the heart and true intentions. Thank You for continuing to do a good work in us and making each day new and filled with Your mercy and grace. Thank You for being here as we gather to worship. Thank You for always welcoming us home. We invite the Holy Spirit to move within the heart of each person present with us here today. Breathe in our lives, as we worship You this marvelous day.  
Amen

#### WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

##### SERVICE OF THE WORD TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Philemon

New International Version

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker— also to  
Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier—and to the  
church that meets in your home:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your love for all His holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.

Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus—that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.

I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary. Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back forever—no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord.

So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self. I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

And one thing more: Prepare a guest room for me, because I hope to be restored to you in answer to your prayers.

Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends you greetings. And so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas and Luke, my fellow workers.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.  
This is the word of God for the people of God. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN VU 581** *When We Are Living*

**Choir Anthem**

*As a Little Child*

**AS WE REFLECT UPON THE WORD OF GOD**

Sermon Message – Rev. Lisa Naumann

**Prayers of the People**

**Ministry Of Music**

*Where Two or Three are Gathered*

**WE GO FORTH AS GOD’S PEOPLE**

**Invitation to the Offering**

Created by God to give and to share, let’s give and share with love and generosity, not just in this time of offering, but in the days and weeks ahead.

**DOXOLOGY VU 541** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Offering Dedication**

Gracious God, You have blessed us beyond measure; You have entrusted us as partners to care for Your world. Bless these gifts and our very lives. Amen.

**HYMN VU 559** *Come O Fount of Every Blessing*

**COMMISSIONING AND SENDING FORTH**

May The Spirit’s power give us courage.

May Christ’s love gives us compassion.

And may God’s image shine through us, as we carry a cross of light and love for all to see.

**HYMN MV 215** *Peace Be with You*

**Postlude**



*Leading Worship:*  
**Rev. Lisa Naumann**  
*Music Director*  
**Craig Garnham**

**Sunday September 07, 2025**

***Thank you!***

Paul for guitar accompaniment  
Bonnie Martin for Greeting  
Renie Wilson for Coffee  
Linda Dunford for reading the Scripture  
Dale Cation for Flowers  
Philip for Slides and Audio

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## VU 567 – Will You Come and Follow Me

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- 1 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?
- 2 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?
- 3 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?
- 4 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?
- 5 Christ, 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.

## **VU 581 – When We Are Living**

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- 1 When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,  
and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.  
Both in our living and in our dying,  
we belong to God, we belong to God.
  - 2 Through all our living, we our fruits must give.  
Good works of service are for offering.  
When we are giving, or when receiving,  
we belong to God, we belong to God.
  - 3 'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,  
when sensing beauty or in love's embrace,  
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,  
we belong to God, we belong to God.
  - 4 Across this wide world, we shall always find  
those who are crying with no peace of mind,  
but when we help them, or when we feed them,  
we belong to God, we belong to God.
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### **VU541 *Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow***

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures high and low;  
give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

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## **VU 559 – Come, O Fount of Every Blessing**

- 1 Come, O Fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing your grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing  
call for songs of endless praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount; I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of God's unfailing love.
- 2 Here I pause in my sojourning,  
giving thanks for having come,  
come to trust, at every turning,  
God will guide me safely home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God,  
came to rescue me from danger,  
precious presence, precious blood.

- 3 O, to grace how great a debt  
or daily I am drawn anew!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to you.  
Prone to wander, I can feel it,  
wander from the love I've known:  
here's my heart, O, take and seal it,  
seal it for your very own.

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**MV215 *Peace Be With You***

Peace be with you, Peace forever,  
Peace be with you, My friends.

Till we meet again, May God be with you. Peace, peace, peace

# *Hymns*