

The Divine Service of Covenant Renewal

on the Lord’s Day
August 16, 2026

Prelude Isaiah 53:7
He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

Welcome
God Calls Us to Worship Him

† Call to Worship Psalm 48:1–3
Pastor: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!
People: His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth,
Pastor: Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King.
People: Within her citadels God has made himself known as a fortress.

Δ† Hymn of Adoration #66 God Is Known among His People

† Salutation and Responsive Scriptures
Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!
People: Amen!
Pastor: The Lord be with you!
People: And also with you!
Pastor: Our help is in the Name of the Lord!
People: Who made heaven and earth!
Pastor: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
People: A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

† Prayer of Thanksgiving and Praise

† The Lord’s Prayer Together as God’s People
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.

† Affirmation of Faith Elder Jim Slocomb
Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 16 Paragraph 3
(p. 857, together as God’s people)

Δ† Gloria Patri
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.

God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

We Confess Our Sin Elder Jim Slocomb
O Lord, we have sinned and committed iniquity. We have acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from Your commandments and precepts. We have not listened to Your servants, the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our fathers and to us. We have not obeyed Your voice, nor have we walked according to Your teachings. Indeed, we have all sinned against You. Righteousness belongs to You, O Lord, but to us belongs open shame because of our sin. To You, O Lord, belong compassion and forgiveness. So now, please hear our prayer, and for Your sake, let Your face shine on us. Please incline Your ear and hear us. Merciful Father, we do not present our supplications before You on account of our merit, but on account of Your great compassion, and because of the merit of Jesus Christ our Savior. In His name we pray, Amen.

Individual Silent Confession of Sin

God Forgives Us in Christ Galatians 4:4–7
But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God. In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!

Interlude for Meditation

Δ† Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs
#164 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Children ages 3 to Kdg. to Covenant Kids (look for the flag bearer)

† The Passing of the Peace
Pastor: May the peace of Christ be with you!
People: And also with you!
Pastor: Let us offer one another a sign of peace!

(Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship such as the ancient words which the church has used over the centuries, “The peace of Christ be with you,” and the response, “And also with you.”)

Morning Prayer Rev. Billy Hastings
We Give Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

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

God Instructs Us With His Word

Prayer for Illumination
Scripture Reading Rev. Jason Wegener
Acts 11:1–18

Preaching of the Word
“Don’t Stand in God’s Way”
† Hymn of Response (as the Elders prepare the Table)
#252 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (1–2)

God Meets and Feeds Us at His Table

Invitation and the Words of Institution Rev. Jason Wegener
Prayer of Consecration
Distribution of the Elements The Elders
(Partake of the Bread individually and the Cup together. Wine is used for communion with a limited amount of grape juice in the center rings. Please note the bread in the center of the plate is gluten free.)

God Blesses Us and Sends Us Out

† Hymn of Dedication
#252 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (3–4)
† Benediction Rev. Jason Wegener
† Hymn of Dismissal
#342 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (5)
Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One, One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.

Postlude
The Order of Divine Worship
concludes with your silent prayer of praise and thanksgiving.

† Indicates the congregation standing
Δ Ushers may seat latecomers