



Sunday, July 19, 2026
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

During the Prelude, you are invited to meditate on the Psalm of the day.

Welcome and Gathering Prayer

Cheyne Davidson, Morning Worship Elder

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord;
Lord, hear my voice.
Let your ears be attentive
to my cry for mercy.
If you, Lord, kept a record of sins,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness,
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.
I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope.
I wait for the Lord
more than watchmen wait for the morning,
more than watchmen wait for the morning.
Israel, put your hope in the Lord,
for with the Lord is unfailing love
and with him is full redemption.
He himself will redeem Israel
from all their sins.

Prelude

"Plein jeu" from the "Gloria"
Messe pour les Paroisses (Mass for the Parishes)
François Couperin (1668-1733)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

*Call to Worship

Johanna Lindenstruth

Leader: This is the day the LORD has made;
People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Hymn of Praise – #466 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Prayer of Confession

Cheyne Davidson

Leader: Gracious God, you have commanded us to forgive others as you have forgiven us. So often, though, instead of granting forgiveness, we have sought revenge and retaliation, punishment and payback.

People: Forgive us for our failure to be Christ-like. Empower us through your Holy Spirit to show grace to others as you have shown grace to us. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon – Micah 7:18

Leader: Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance?

People: You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.

God's Gracious Will for Our Lives – Ephesians 4:31-32

Leader: Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.

People: Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

***Gloria Patri #579** “Glory Be to the Father”

RECEIVING THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Message

Lydia Meister

Old Testament Reading

Leviticus 16:1-16; 5:13 (pp. 118-119; 105)

Johanna Lindenstruth

New Testament Reading

Colossians 3:12-14 (p. 1184)

Sermon – “Forgiveness, the Central Problem”

Rev. Sam Wunderli

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Response – #347** “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Cheyne Davidson

Offertory

Adagio from Triosonata no. 3 in D minor BWV 527
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

***Doxology #592** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Prayers of the People

Cheyne Davidson

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison in English or the language of your choice*)

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. Amen.

GOING WITH GOD'S MISSION AND BLESSING

Welcoming of Visitors

Cheyne Davidson

Announcements

Moment for Mission

Betty Wegmann

***Hymn of Dedication – #355 “Hear the Good News of Salvation”**

***Sending and Pastoral Benediction**

Rev. Sam Wunderli

Postlude

Fugue in E flat Major BWV 552
Johann Sebastian Bach

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Please remain seated during the postlude. If you need to leave, please do so quietly.

****Please stand if you are able.***

Today's bulletin cover features Spanish artist Bartolomé Esteban Murillo's "The Return of the Prodigal Son" (1667-1670). This oil and canvas work portraying Jesus' parable of forgiveness is part of the collection of The National Gallery of Art in Washington D.C.