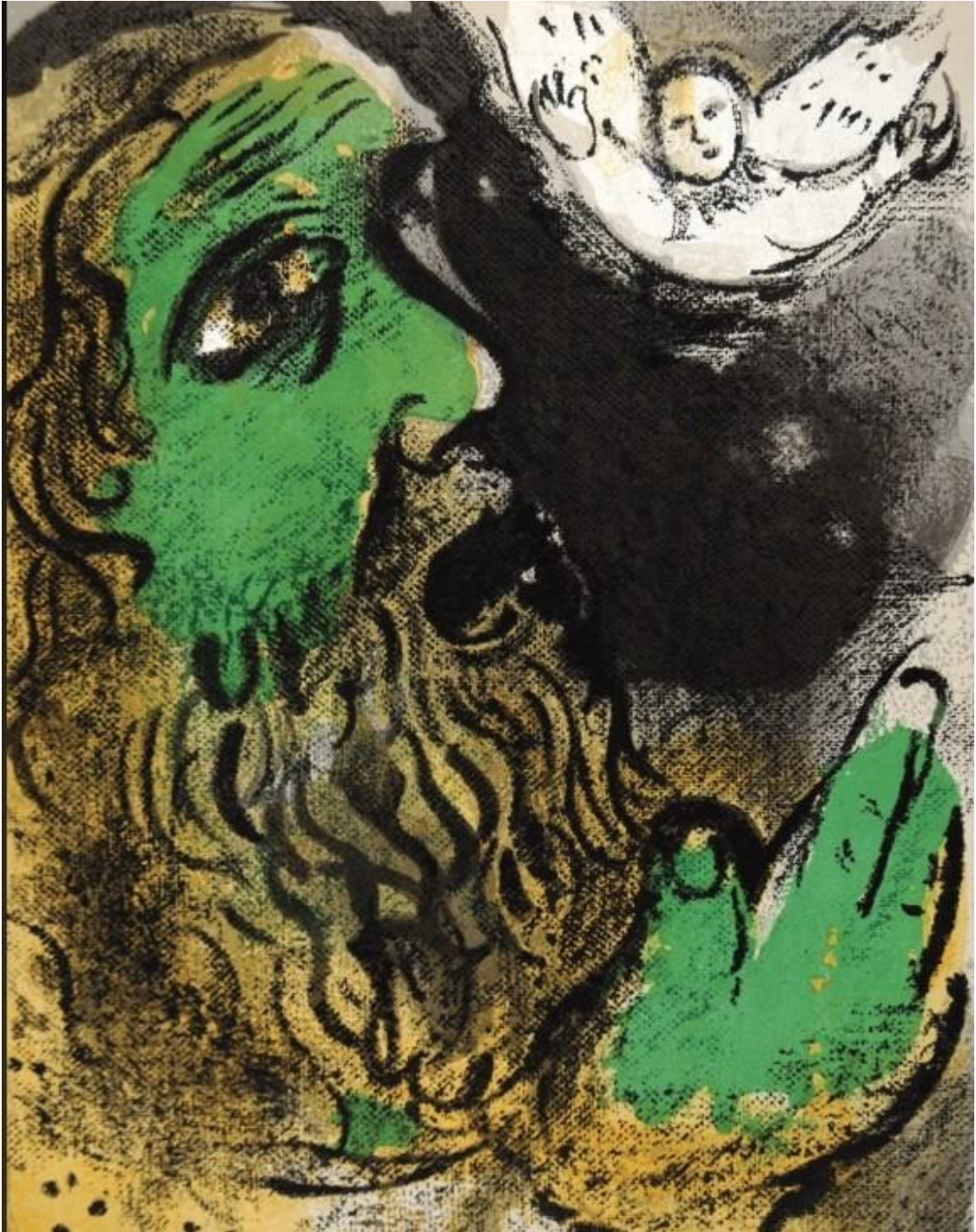




Sunday, September 6, 2026
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

God Gathers Us in His Presence

Welcome

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

*Call to Worship - Psalm 46:1-3; 8-10

Nathan Wannemacher

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.

**People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.**

Leader: Come and see what the Lord has done,
the desolations he has brought on the earth.

**People: He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth.
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;**

Leader: he burns the shields with fire.

**People: He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth."**

God's Greeting

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

We Respond to God in Praise

*Song of Praise/Adoration #1

"He Is Exalted"

*Song of Praise/Adoration #2

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

We Bring Our Laments to God

Psalm 5:1-2

Chandler Cudlipp

Listen to my words, Lord,
consider my lament.
Hear my cry for help,
my King and my God,
for to you I pray.

Psalm 22:1-2

Natascha Gray

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving me,
so far from my cries of anguish?
My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,
by night, but I find no rest.

Romans 8:22-25

Johan Blesson

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Time of Silent Prayer

*Song of Lament

“Blessed Be Your Name”

God Gives Us Words of Hope

Psalm 42:5

Chandler Cudlipp

Why, my soul, are you downcast?
Why so disturbed within me?
Put your hope in God,
for I will yet praise him,
my Savior and my God.

Psalm 13:5-6

Natascha Gray

But I trust in your unfailing love;
my heart rejoices in your salvation.
I will sing the Lord's praise,
for he has been good to me.

Romans 8:18-21

Johan Blesson

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

Time of Silent Prayer

Song of Hope

“It Is Well with My Soul”

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Prayer of Illumination

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

Sermon

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

“Suffering: Participating in the Work of the Father of Compassion and the God of All Comfort”

We Respond to God’s Word in Gratitude and Faith

*Offertory Prayer/Song of Response

Nathan Wannemacher

“Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me”

*Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the

Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

We Receive God's Grace in the Sacrament of Communion

The Communion

We Depart to Love and Serve God and Neighbor

Welcoming of Visitors

Annelies Guthman, Adult Ed & Retreats Elder

Announcements

*Closing Song

"Lord Reign in Me"

*Sending and Benediction

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

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

Band musicians:

Charlie Thomsen	Leader, Vocals, Guitar
Jam Wafy	Vocals
Jonah Hansen	Piano
Micha Stettler	Cajon

GIVING

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

All-Church Retreat Feedback

Please give us your feedback on the retreat while your impressions are still fresh, by using the QR code for the online survey!



No Evening Worship Service Tonight

International Potluck October 3

Wear your traditional clothes and celebrate your culture. Bring a dish from your home country to share. Enjoy delicious food, exciting performances, fun games and fellowship. The potluck will take place at the St. Georg Pfarrezentrum in Küsnacht ZH from 11:30-15:30. Tickets are CHF 10 per person, kids under 12 are free.



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