



Parting Of The Red Sea, Brian Whelan

We warmly welcome all members and guests who are joining us for worship today. In the Christian calendar, we are currently observing the Season After Pentecost, also known as Ordinary Time. The season of Ordinary Time refers to the Sundays of the year that fall outside the periods of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. The word “ordinary” refers to the ordinal numbers assigned to each Sunday as we count the weeks between the Church’s seasons. Ordinary Time can be understood as the living out of the Christian faith and the meaning of Christ’s resurrection in our day-to-day lives. The liturgical color for the season is green, representing the life and growth of the church and its ministry.

Worship care for preschool children and infants is offered in the children’s building during the worship hour. Large print hymn sheets and T-coil access are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary. An usher can assist you with these and any other needs you may have.

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE “Andante in A Minor” by Georg Telemann
 Rebecca McClain, Organ

GREETING Paula Garrett

INVOCATION

CHORAL INTROIT “Go Down, Moses” Traditional Spiritual

*HYMN 218 “Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain” ST. KEVIN

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Kendra Plating

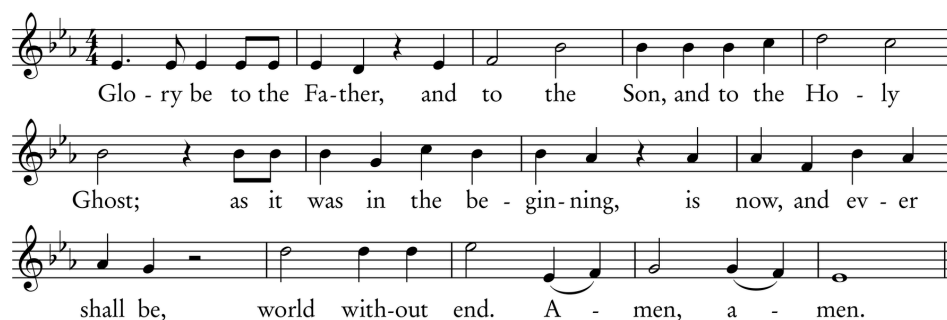
**We believe in God, Creator of heaven and earth,
who hears the cries of the oppressed,
makes a way through the waters,
and leads us from bondage into freedom.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God,
who through death and resurrection
has broken the power of sin and death
and opened the way to new life.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who guides us through uncertainty,
strengthens us for the journey,
and calls us to seek justice and peace.**

**We believe in the Triune God—Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit—
who goes before us, dwells among us,
and leads us into life abundant. Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI “Glory Be to the Father ” GREATOR EX



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly
Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er
shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 114

Will Arledge

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

“How Firm a Foundation”

arr. Tom Trenney

(The text may be found on page 425 of the hymnal.)

SECOND LESSON

Exodus 14:19-31

Bill Bellinger

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Creative Sabotage”

Mack Dennis

RESPONDING

MOMENT FOR MEDITATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 

Amy Stertz

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

RESPONSE 573

“It Is Well with My Soul”

VILLE DU HAVRE

(Stanza 1 - Please remain seated to sing.)

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

Laura Bratton, *Karis Worship*

OFFERTORY

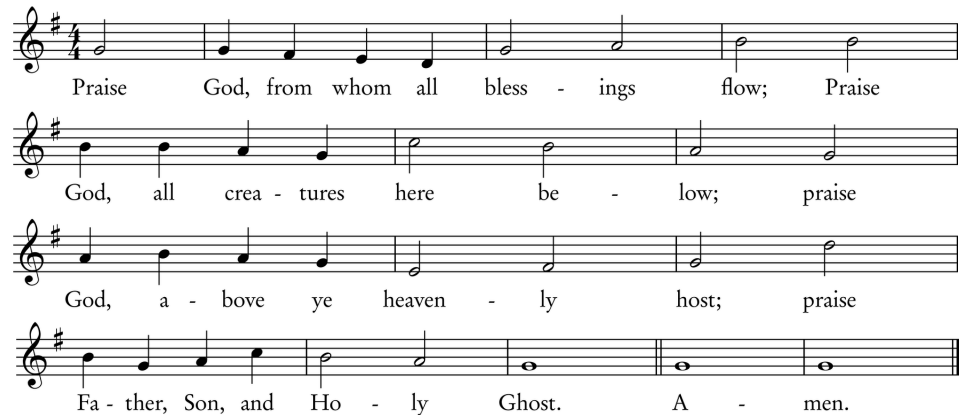
“Wade in the Water”

arr. Mark Hayes

Justin Addington, Solo

Earlene Rentz, Piano

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” OLD 100TH



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Curt Arledge

*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN 14

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

MELITA

CALL TO COMMUNITY

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Go Down, Moses”

Traditional Spiritual

*POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tune”

by Tommaso Albinoni

**Those who are able, please stand.*

The artwork featured on the cover of today’s order of worship is *Parting Of The Red Sea* by Brian Whelan. Acrylic, foil, varnish on paper. 48 x 36" Brian Whelan (b. 1957) grew up in London, of Irish parents and now resides in Westport Road, Connecticut. Vestiges of medieval art run through his work depicting a sublime comedy of life’s glories and tragedies. Mandell’s Gallery on historic Elm Hill in Norwich, England exhibits Brian’s work in the UK. brianwhelanart.com

✻ Indicates Karis Worship Resource



THIS WEEK

Bible Study
Today at 9:45 a.m.

AYC Rehearsals
Today at
4:00 p.m. (Chorale)
4:30 p.m. (Concert
Choir)

**Cracked Pots
Reading Group**
Monday at Noon

Pick Up Basketball
Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Yarn Birds
Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.

**Wednesday
Night Activities**
See schedule below

**Free Market & Lunch
at the Crossroads**
Thursday
at 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME

September 13, 2026

If you are a guest with us today, greetings! We joyfully proclaim the sacred worth of all people and welcome you with glad hearts. Please complete the "Connect with Us" card from your pew, and place it in the plate during the Offertory. We would love to connect with you.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

We are grateful for the children and families who fill our church with energy and joy, and for the faithful adults who nurture their faith each week. To keep our children's ministry strong, we need new volunteers to join us! We especially need weekly volunteers for Sunday morning Bible study and Wednesday AgapeKids. Reach out to Amy to learn more.

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Beattie Logan

PASTOR ON CALL

Paula Garrett

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

Menu

Meal: 5:00 p.m.
Adult Chapel Study
"CFL Artist Series": 6:00 p.m.
AgapeKids: 6:00 p.m.
Youth Koinonia: 6:00 p.m.
Adult Choir: 7:00 p.m.

Pulled Pork, Mac &
Cheese, Fried Okra,
Collard Greens,
Cheese Grit,
Cornbread, &
Banana pudding
Kids – Quesadillas
& Tater Tots
(*\$7/adult, \$3/child &
youth, \$20/family max*)



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AgapeKids

Adult Chapel: Center for Faith and Life Fall Artist Series
 Wednesday, September 16 * 6:00 p.m. * Chapel

Percussionist Billy Zanski is the founder of Skinny Beats Sound Shop on Eagle Street where he leads weekly open drumming circles and immersive sound healing experiences. In this workshop "Interactive Drumming and Movement" Billy and drumming partner Michele Brigante, will introduce West African-style drumming and invite us into an interactive drumming and movement-filled experience. Come feel the joy of making rhythm together!

Documentary, 1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture
 Sunday, September 20 * 4:00 p.m. * Chapel

On Sunday, September 20, at 4 p.m. in the Chapel, we'll gather to watch *1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture*, a thought-provoking documentary about how a 1946 Bible translation helped shape Christian attitudes toward LGBTQ+ people. Co-sponsored by All Souls Episcopal Church, the screening will include movie snacks, followed by Q&A and fellowship. All are welcome!

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