



**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

August 30, 2026 – 9:45 AM

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

"O Word of God Incarnate"

arr. Harold DeCou

CALL TO WORSHIP

"We Belong to You"

*SONG OF WORSHIP

#358 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who loves the world in its fullness,

you call us to be a people who practice justice,

care for one another, and live as a blessing in the world.

Our faith is to be lived

as we embody your love here and now.

Yet, we confess that our faith

can become little more than words

we say, sing, and listen to on Sundays.

Forgive us when we withhold compassion,

grow weary of doing what is good,

turn away from the vulnerable,

and stay silent when others are being exploited.

Please use this period of silence for personal reflection.

By your Spirit, transform us, O God,
so that the love we talk about becomes our way of living.
May we be a people who do not merely wait for your justice,
but participate in the work of justice;
who do not just wish the world would change,
but care enough to bring about change;
and who do not merely receive your blessing,
but become a blessing to the world.
In Jesus' name, we pray . . . amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Beloved of God, we confess,
trusting not in our own goodness,
but in the steadfast love of God.
It is through this divine love, revealed fully in Jesus,
that we are forgiven and find peace.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Congregation, bless your children.
You are God's beloved child. With you, God is well pleased.

*SONG OF PREPARATION

"Ancient Words"

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING

#147 "Praise God from Whom..."

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Tithes/offerings placed in the baskets at the entrance of the sanctuary are brought forward as a sign of our response to God's call on our lives.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

*SONG OF RESPONSE

"We Belong to You"

REFRAIN: We belong to you, O Lord of our longing, we belong to you.

In our daily living, dying and rising, we belong to you.

**In the waters of your mercy, when the old becomes the new,
souls united in the mystery: We belong to you. REFRAIN**

**Filled with gifts and filled with goodness, Spirit breathing life into
all who seek to find their purpose: We belong to you. REFRAIN**

**We are called to share your word, Lord, in all we say and we do.
As our journey moves us onward, we belong to you. REFRAIN**

Words by Victoria Thomson; Music by Treavor Thomson

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING SONG**

"My Friends, May You Grow in Grace"

*The congregation is invited to stand and turn toward the center
aisle, blessing one another in song.*

**My friends, may you grow in grace,
and in the knowledge of our Lord, and Savior.**

**My friends, may you grow in grace,
and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.**

To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

***POSTLUDE**

"Gloria"

by Percy Wicker MacDonald

358 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Bb Eb Bb F7 Bb F Eb Bb F7 Bb

1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-ery trou-bled breast;
 3 Come, al-might-y to de-liv-er, let us all thy life re-ceive;
 4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less let us be;

Eb Bb F7 F#dim7 Gm Eb Bb F7 Bb

fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy faith-ful mer-cies crown.
 let us all in thee in-her-it, let us find the prom-ised rest.
 sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er-more thy tem-ples leave.
 let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-ly re-stored in thee:

Gm Gm Gm D7 Gm D Bb Eb Bb F C7 F7

Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion, pure, un-bound-ed love thou art;
 Take a-way the love of sin-ning, Al-pha and O-me-ga be;
 Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing, serve thee as thy hosts a-bove,
 changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry, till in heaven we take our place,

Bb Eb Bb F7 F#dim7 Gm Eb Bb F7 Bb

vis-it us with thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-ery trem-bling heart.
 end of faith, as its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
 pray and praise thee with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.
 till we cast our crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise.

Ancient Words

F B^b C

1 Ho - ly words long pre-served for our walk in this world, they re -
Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope. In this

2 Ho - ly words of our faith hand-ed down to this age came to
Ho - ly words long pre-served for our walk in this world, they re -

Dm C F B^b F/C C 1,3 F D.C.

sound with God's own heart, O let the an - cient words im-part.
world wher - e'er we roam 7 an-cient words will guide us

us through sac - ri - fice. O heed the faith - ful words of Christ.
sound with God's own heart. O let the an - cient words im -

2,4 F Refrain C Gm F

home.

An - cient words, ev-er true, chang-ing me and chang-ing

part.

B^b C Dm C F B^b F/C C F

you. We have come with o-pen hearts, O let the an-cient words im - part.