

Presence in All Things

Sunday, September 20, 2026

MEDITATION

*"Earth's crammed with heaven, and every common bush afire with God."
—Elizabeth Barrett Browning*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING WORDS

L: And now, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. **All: And also with you.**

PRELUDE

"God is Love"

Music: Don Humphreys

OPENING RESPONSES

Linda Thomas, Deacon

L: Come, give thanks to God, and remember the wonders God has done.

All: We come seeking God's presence among us.

L: In times of abundance and in times of need—

All: God is with us.

L: In our questions, our fears, and our gratitude—

All: God is with us.

L: In ordinary gifts and unexpected grace—

All: God is with us.

L: Come, let us seek God's presence continually.

All: Let us worship God!

*OPENING SONG

"Let Me Enter God's Own Dwelling" v. 1, 3, 6

Black 67

OPENING PRAYER

Linda Thomas, Deacon

God of the wilderness and God of daily bread, you meet us wherever we are. When we are grateful or anxious you are there. When we are tired, frustrated, or unsure of the way ahead, you are there. Teach us to listen as you listen, to trust as we are able, and to recognize the grace that sustains us each day. Open our eyes to your presence in ordinary things, our hearts to the needs of one another, and our lives to the wonder of your love. Be present among us now, as we worship you together. Amen.

WORD FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

Lisa Allen, Co-Church Life Director

ANTHEM

"There is Love All Around You"

*Words/Music: Betty White
Sung by Paul and Bella Smith*

READINGS: Exodus 16:2-15, p. 78; Psalm 105:1-5, p. 683

Linda Thomas, Deacon, Rev. Christina Williams & Rosemary Carey, Lay Reader

L: The Word of God for the people of God. **All: Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

"Presence in All Things"

Rev. Christina Williams

RESPONSIVE SONG

"The Bookmark Prayer"

*Music/Words: Simon de Voil
Insert*

PRAYERS OF CONCERN

After the pastoral prayer, you are invited to share your joys or concerns out loud during the prayers of the people. Please respond, "O Lord, hear our prayers."

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*trespasses*)

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. All are invited to sing "Amen". (Black 812)

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

"Psalm 150"

Words: Psalm 150, Music: Dave and Jean Perry; Choir

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Generous God, you give us bread for the journey and grace enough for each day. Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and use them so that others may know your care, your generosity, and your presence. May there be enough to share, enough to sustain, and enough for all. Amen.

***CLOSING SONG**

"God Be with You" vs. 1,2,4

Black 81

***BLESSING**

SUNG BENEDICTION

"Peace I Leave with You" Words: John 14:27, Music: Amy Beach

POSTLUDE

"Come, Ye Blessed"

Music: John Prindle Scott

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Many thanks to the volunteers who enriched our morning together!

Tech Deacon, Amelia Allen; Lay Reader, Rosemary Carey; Choir, Alan King, Clifford Moore, Chris Polloni, Malcolm Donald, Meg Tivey, Joyce Kenneally, Kay Clark, Linda Thomas; Hospitality & Food donation, Rosemary Carey

Leading worship today: Rev. Christina Williams, Minister; Stephanie Miles, Music Director; Lisa Allen, Co-Church Life Director, Linda Thomas, Deacon

NEW HERE TODAY?

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!
To help you navigate Sunday mornings with us, please see the guide below.*

1. **Order of Worship:** **An asterisk is an invitation to stand if you are able.
Bold text indicates speaking in unison.*
2. **Kid's Connection:** *After the "Word for all God's children," the children leave worship for Bible-themed learning through crafts, conversation, and games with Lisa Allen.*
3. **Take Two:** *This adult faith formation group meets after worship every other Sunday with Lisa Allen. Join the conversation this Sunday in the small classroom.*
4. **Summer Refreshments& Conversation:** *Gather with us after worship to greet friends and make new ones in the Covenant Room, down the hall on the right.*
5. **Have Questions?** *Please reach out to Rev. Christina Williams or Deacon of the day.*

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