

Service of Worship
August 16, 2026
12th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 133:1: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Come and worship, all you who love and serve the Lord—outsiders and insiders, old-timers and new-comers, the young, old and the in-between.
Come as you are, for this is God’s house—a house of prayer for all people, and God welcomes each one who enters.

Hymn of Gathering #761 Called as Partners in Christ’s Service

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, if we are honest, our self- righteousness interferes with our faith. We judge others and offer different words in private than we do in public. We are convinced we know who belongs and who does not. We continually draw lines and boundaries to reinforce these thoughts. We miss your presence in others because we’ve already decided ‘they’ couldn’t possibly be your followers. Forgive us for the words and thoughts that come from unclean hearts. Help us to be quick to listen and make space for others. Give us humility and remind us that the same grace we seek from you is also available to those we deem least worthy of it

Silent prayer

In the name of Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Matthew 15:10-28 (p.949)

Sermon

Rev. Todd Davidson

Music for Meditation

Offering

Doxology – Hymn #606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People/The Lord’s Prayer

Hymn of Sending #769 For Everyone Born vs. 1,3,5

Benediction