



WALKER'S CHAPEL

September 13, 2026 • The Sundays of Pentecost

A Nation Under God
Tending Our Gardens

Service of Worship

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Prelude, Announcements, and Preparation

Words of Greeting

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

God Calls His People and Reveals Himself

God calls His people to worship and come before Him. The Creator of all things reveals Himself through His Word and calls us into His presence.

Call to Worship • Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.
God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Invocation

Hymn of Praise • Rejoice, the Lord is King (Hymnal, 310)

God Calls His People to Confession, Repentance, and Reconciliation

The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Hymn of Prayer • Holy Father, Hear My Cry (see next page)

1. Ho - ly Fa - ther, hear my cry; Ho - ly Sav - ior, bend Thine ear;
 2. Fa - ther, save me from my sin; Sav - ior, I Thy mer - cy crave;
 3. Fa - ther, let me taste Thy love; Sav - ior, fill my soul with peace;
 4. Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it- Thou One Je - ho - vah, shed a - broad

9 Ho - ly Spir - it, come Thou nigh; Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Spir - it, hear.
 Gra - cious Spir - it, make me clean: Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Spir - it, save.
 Spir - it, come my heart to move: Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, bless.
 All Thy grace with - in me now; Be my Fa - ther and my God.

Horatius Bonar, 1843

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Prayer of Confession • Jer 29:4-7; Phil 2:14-15; Mt 5:13-16; Gal 6:9-10; 1 Tim 2:1-2;
 Jas 4:17; Eph 2:10; Col 1:9-10

Leader: Father, You call us to live faithfully wherever Your providence has placed us, yet we often despise our circumstances rather than receive them as places of service.

People: **We confess that we complain about the darkness around us rather than shining as lights within it.**

Leader: You command us to seek the welfare of our neighbors and to do good to all, yet we have often withdrawn into our own concerns and neglected the needs around us.

People: **We have grown weary in doing good and withheld our gifts, time, resources rather than being good stewards of the opportunities You have entrusted to us.**

Leader: You command us to pray for rulers and those in authority that we may lead quiet and peaceful lives, yet we have failed to do so faithfully.

People: **We confess that we have known the good we ought to do and have too often failed to do it.**

Leader: Make us zealous for the good works You prepared beforehand for us, and teach us to walk wisely and fruitfully in the places where You have planted us.

All: **Fill us with the knowledge of Your will, that we may walk in a manner worthy of You, bearing fruit in every good work for the glory of Your Name. Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon • Titus 3:3-7

“For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.” **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise • Glory to God in the Highest

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in 3/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system ends with a double bar line. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The third system introduces new lyrics. The fourth system concludes the hymn with a final double bar line.

Glo-ry to God in the high - est! Peace to His peo-ple on earth.

Glo-ry to God in the high - est! Peace to His peo-ple on

Glo-ry to God in the high - est! Peace to His peo-ple on earth. We praise

earth. Glo-ry to God in the high - est! Peace on earth.

You! We bless You! We a - dore You! We glo - ri - fy!

We give You thanks for Your glo - ry. We give You thanks for Your glo - ry.

We give You thanks for Your glo - ry. We give You thanks.

God Teaches Us Through His Word

Scripture Reading • Jeremiah 29:1-14

These are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders of the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. ² This was after King Jeconiah and the queen mother, the eunuchs, the officials of Judah and Jerusalem, the craftsmen, and the metal workers had departed from Jerusalem. ³ The letter was sent by the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent to Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon. It said: ⁴ “Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵ Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. ⁶ Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷ But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. ⁸ For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let your prophets and your diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, ⁹ for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, declares the Lord.

¹⁰ “For thus says the Lord: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. ¹² Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. ¹³ You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴ I will be found by you, declares the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

Sermon

Tending Our Gardens – Jeremiah Pent, Pastor

God's People Respond in Grateful Praise

Hymn of Faith • Jesus Shall Reign (Hymnal, 441)

Profession of Faith • Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared,
bringing salvation for all people,
training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions,
and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,
waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,
who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness
and to purify for himself a people for his own possession
who are zealous for good works.

Prayers of Praise, Thanksgiving, and Petition

The Lord's Prayer

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. **Amen**

God Sends His People Out to Be Light in Darkness

*After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, and instructing them in His Word,
God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.*

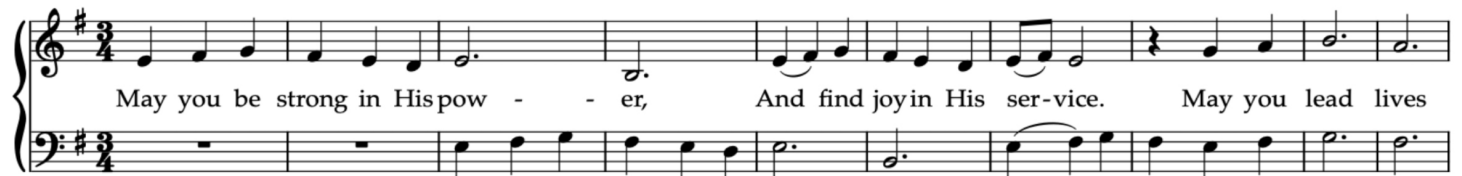
Hymn of Prayer • May the Mind of Christ My Savior (Hymnal, 644)

Benediction • Hebrews 13:20-21

“Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. **Amen.**”

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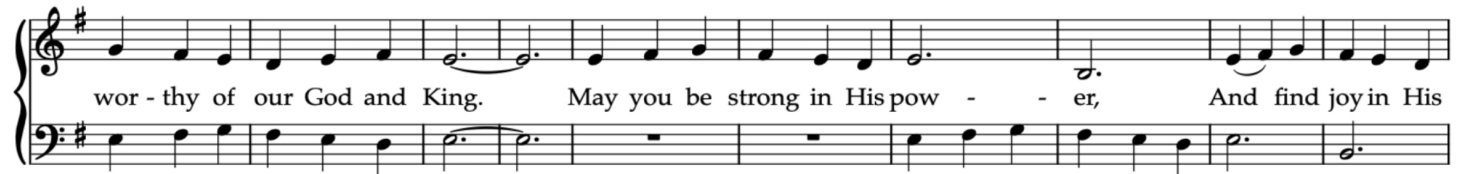
Women:



May you be strong in His pow - - er, And find joy in His ser-vice. May you lead lives

Men:

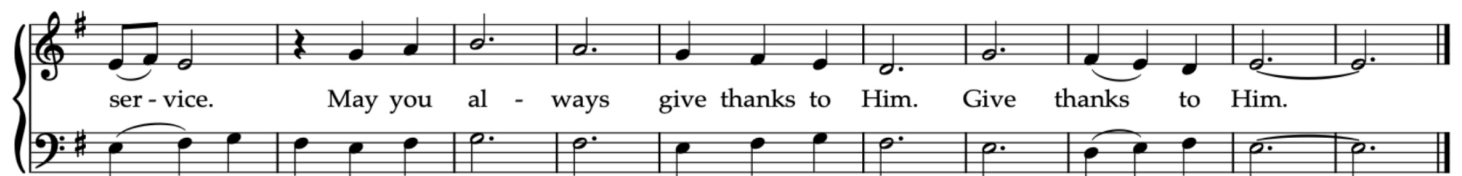
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ser - vice. May you al - ways give thanks to Him. Give thanks to Him.

And find joy May you al - ways give thanks to Him. Give thanks to Him.

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- **Tithes & Offerings.** If you have offerings to the Lord you'd like to give through Walker's Chapel, you may do so in the box on the wall as you leave the sanctuary on your left. You can also give online by using your smart phone to scan the QR code to the right or clicking on the "Give" menu on our homepage. Gifts can be given online via credit card, debit card, and bank draft on a one-time or recurring basis. *Thank you!*



- **4-Part Hymn Training Next Week.** Join us in the sanctuary at 10:15 am next Sunday for our monthly hymn training. This is a great way to grow in your understanding of music and singing and will enhance our weekly times of worship together. We'll send out a hymn or two in advance via our weekly email so you can preview the music before you come.



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