

WORSHIP SERVICE

AUGUST 16, 2026, 9:00AM

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRELUDE

Blessed be the Name of the Lord

Clinton Utterbach

WORDS OF WELCOME AND COMMUNITY LIFE

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Let us pray.)

Leader: Healing, Holy God, Giving and Forgiving God:

People: From whom every good thing does come,

Leader: We offer You hungry hearts waiting to be filled.

People: Fill our hearts with a sense of Your presence.

Leader: We offer You souls aching to be touched:

People: Fill our souls with Your all-loving spirit.

Leader: We offer You lives inundated with everyday needs:

People: Fill our lives with a sense of peace.

Leader: We offer You lives that are less than they might be:

People: Forgive those moments when we disappoint You.

Leader: We offer You lives where we follow our own desires:

People: Forgive those moments when we forget whose we are.

Leader: We offer You lives that fail to see the needs of others:

People: Forgive those moments when our self-focus blinds us.

Leader: Hear the confessions we offer now silently:

People: And extend to us the grace of Your forgiveness.

Silence

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ we pray.

All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God's love for us is greater than the sin we commit against God. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. This is the Good News we proclaim in this place: when we confess our sins before God and one another, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Alleluia! Amen!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you

Children Pre-K – 4th grade recess to the combined classroom

*HYMN (*page 6*)

Praise Our God, All Glories Show

Henry Lyte

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her animals; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table. She has sent out her female servants; she calls from the highest places in the town, "You who are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says, "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Lay aside immaturity and live, and walk in the way of insight."

Minister: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Come, Eat, Live"

Marianna Kilbride

SERMON RESPONSE

How Can I Keep from Singing?

Sally DeFord

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC

Holy Forever

Cece Winans

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As a congregation, we pray together – through word, silence, and
The Lord's Prayer (sins)

*HYMN (*page 7*)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness William Runyan/Thomas Chisholm

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

Spiritual/arr. Nerva Altino

*Congregation please stand.

Thank you to the Reinman Family for hosting fellowship time
this morning. Please join us for refreshments after the service.

The Disciples Deck Question:
Card 50: "Whoever is simple, let them turn in here!"

COLLECTION OF OFFERING

Please place your tithes and offerings in the plates provided
as you enter or leave this morning.

PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING

The prayer shawls displayed today were made with love and
prayers by our Prayer Shawl Ministry. The shawls are given to
those experiencing significant life challenges. During our prayers
today, we ask for God's blessing on the shawls, and pray for
those who receive them. New members are always welcome. No
experience is needed! For more information, contact Twee
Haffner at tweehaffner@gmail.com or (203) 917-7374.

ARE YOU VISITING OUR CHURCH TODAY?

Welcome, and thank you for worshipping with us! If you have questions about our church or wish to join us for our next new member class, please contact Anna Rogers at (203) 274-0097 or welcoming@godsacre.org.

DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

If you have a prayer request, please email Kelly Antonson at kelly@godsacre.org or Barb Clayton at barb@godsacre.org.

NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS PICNIC -AUGUST 30

Join your church family on the acre for a late-summer picnic featuring food trucks, a Blessing of the Backpacks for children of all ages, and fellowship from 5:00-6:30pm. Admission is one new, full-size backpack per person to benefit Filling in the Blanks (monetary donations also accepted). Bring blankets or lawn chairs. Invitations will be in your mailbox and inbox this week!

CONFIRMATION & MSYG PARENT MEETING – SEPTEMBER 30

New confirmation classes will begin on October 20 and will be held on rotating Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 7:00-8:15pm in the Parlor. We ask that you save the date for our mandatory discernment meeting for both parents and prospective confirmands scheduled for Wednesday, September 30, at 7:00pm in the Chapel. Registration for Confirmation will be distributed following attendance at the meeting. For questions, contact Kimmie Dyrvik at kimmie@godsacre.org.

DEDICATE A FLOWER ARRANGEMENT FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

Dedicate a floral arrangement to remember someone special who has passed away or who is celebrating a special birthday, anniversary, or graduation. Please contact Tracy Goldman at office@godsacre.org to choose a date and discuss color preference. A suggested donation of \$100 is greatly appreciated.

FILLING IN THE BLANKS BACKPACK DRIVE – AUGUST 1-30

We invite you to donate new, full-size backpacks throughout the month of August to support **Filling in the Blanks**, our August Plate Offering Partner. Their mission is to fight childhood hunger by providing children in need with nutritious weekend meals. Backpacks may be dropped off in the bin in Smith Hall or mailed directly to the church c/o Tracy Goldman. Please contact Tracy at office@godsacre.org with any questions.

GIVING THIS SUMMER

We are grateful for your generous pledges as they are essential to the operation of our church. While we know many families will be traveling this summer, we encourage you to stay current on your pledge commitment so that we may be best prepared for our fall offerings.

PACIFIC HOUSE HOMELESS SHELTER – VOLUNTEERS & FOOD NEEDED

While many of us are traveling this summer, the 60 men at the Pacific House Homeless Shelter are still in need! Once a month (every third Thursday), our church provides and serves dinner at the shelter in Stamford. Volunteers are needed to both provide food items (especially a baked Ziti!) and serve a hot meal to the men residing there. Contact Andy Parkin at andyparkin7@gmail.com for details on how to help.

SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL OFFERINGS

Nursery care is available for children ages 3 and under. Children ages 4 through 4th grade are invited to a combined church school class.

YOUTH MINISTRIES 2026-2027 PROGRAM SIGN UP IS HERE

Registration for the 2026–2027 program year is officially open!

We invite all families to register their children and youth for our



vibrant ministries, which nurture faith, build community, and foster growth in God's love. Please register ASAP so we can prepare well for a joyful and meaningful year ahead! Register now using the QR code. Contact Greer Lyle at

greer@godsacre.org with questions.

Praise Our God, All Glories Show



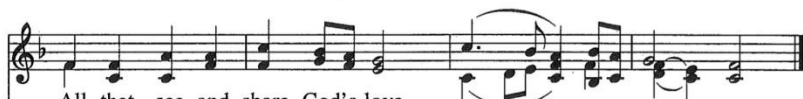
1. Praise our God, all glo - ries show,
 2. Earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Praise our God, all mer - cies trace,
 4. Strings and voic - es, hands and hearts,



Saints with-in these courts be - low,
 Tell of won - ders, sing of worth, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sing of prov - i - dence and grace,
 In the con - cert bear your parts;



An - gels round the throne a - bove,
 Age to age and shore to shore, Al - le - lu - ia!
 All that God for us has done,
 All that breathe, your God a - dore,



All that see and share God's love,
 Sing-ing prais-es ev - er - more! Al - le - lu - ia!
 All God sends us through the Son.
 Sing-ing prais-es ev - er - more!

WORDS: Henry F. Lyte, 1834, alt.

MUSIC: Melody attr. Robert Williams, 1817; harm. John Roberts, (1822-1877)

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English Anglican country prelate Henry Lyte's version of Psalm 150 is set to a stirring Welsh hymn tune attributed to a blind Anglesea Island basketmaker.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther, there is no
 2. Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
 3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thy own dear

shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
 stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright

pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been thou for-ev-er wilt be.
 man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy and love.
 hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed — great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP:

Marianna Kilbride

Director of Spiritual Formation

Nerva Altino

Director of Music Ministries

Greer Lyle, soprano

Soloist

Leigh Engen

AV Tech Leader

DEACON

Andrew Dugal

USHERS

Hal Holappa

Teri Reed

We are a welcoming, inclusive and compassionate church community where difference and diversity are valued. We gather to promote the love and knowledge of the God revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, Redeemer and Friend, and welcome all to participate in the life of our church regardless of race, color, religion, gender, gender expression, age, national origin, ability, marital status, or sexual orientation.

We invite you to make an offering.

