

**St. John's Anglican Church, Ida
Parish of Ida and Omemee**

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Morning Prayer**

August 23, 2026

Welcome to Worship this morning!

*We invite you to participate fully in the service,
and to remain following the service for our Coffee Hour.*

Children are welcome to attend our Children's Program or to remain with their families.

As we worship, at any time during the service, please assume whatever physical position is best for you.

During July and August, we will be praying for people in a new way during the intercessions. The intercessor will invite you to pray for people by name, either silently or aloud. The list of names will not be read out from the book at the back. Names added there will be sent to all parishioners shortly after the Sunday service so that they may be included in private prayers. Canon Susan is appreciative of any feedback from parishioners as we try this out.

The Gathering of the Community

Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Matthew 16:16

Opening Hymn CP 300 *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* (Tune 288)

**Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one,
holy Zion's help forever,
and her confidence alone.**

**All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody,
God the One in Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.**

**To this temple, where we call You,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
with thy wonted loving-kindness,
hear thy servants as they pray;
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls alway.**

**Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain,
what they gain from thee forever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.**

**Laud and honor to the Father,
laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever three, and ever one,
one in might, and one in glory,
while unending ages run.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
And also with you.

Let us pray:
We thank you, O God,
**that you have again brought us together on the Lord's Day to praise you for
your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in
the week that is past and your purpose in the week to come,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty God, let
us confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved
you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
**we are taught by your word
that all our doings without love are worth nothing.
Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtue;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:
**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 for ever. Amen.**

Loving God,
**thank you for life. Thank you for making us and loving us. Thank you for
bringing us together to learn about you. Please bless our Sunday School
teachers and children and help us all to know you better. We pray in the name
of Jesus. Amen.**

Children's Hymn Thy Word

***Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.***

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and a light unto my path.***

**When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me;
and nothing will I fear as long as You are near,
please be near me to the end.**

***Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.***

***Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.***

**I will not forget Your love for me, and yet
my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side,
and I will love You to the end.**

***Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.***

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and a light unto my path.***

The Proclamation of the Word

We learn and reflect on God's word.

**God of the living word,
give us the faith to receive your message, the wisdom
to know what it means, and the courage to put it into practice. In Jesus' name,
we pray. Amen.**

The First Reading

A reading from Exodus (1:8-2:10)

Then a new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt. "Look," he said to his people, "the Israelites have become far too numerous for us. Come,

we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country.”

So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites and worked them ruthlessly. They made their lives bitter with harsh labor in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields; in all their harsh labor the Egyptians worked them ruthlessly.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiprah and Puah, “When you are helping the Hebrew women during childbirth on the delivery stool, if you see that the baby is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live.” The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live. Then the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, “Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?”

The midwives answered Pharaoh, “Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they are vigorous and give birth before the midwives arrive.”

So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own.

Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: “Every Hebrew boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live.”

Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

Then Pharaoh’s daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the riverbank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. “This is one of the Hebrew babies,” she said.

Then his sister asked Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?”

“Yes, go,” she answered. So the girl went and got the baby’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you.” So

the woman took the baby and nursed him. When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (124)

If the Lord had not been on our side,
let Israel now say;

**If the Lord had not been on our side,
when enemies rose up against us;**

Then would they have swallowed us up alive
in their fierce anger toward us;

**Then would the waters have overwhelmed us
and the torrent gone over us;**

Then would the raging waters
have gone right over us.

**Blessed be the Lord!
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.**

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

**Our help is in the name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

The Psalm Prayer

Helper and Defender of Israel,
**rescue the peoples of the world from destructive anger, and set us free to love
and serve each other in the peace of Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Second Reading

A reading from Romans (12:1-8)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God-this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-his good, pleasing and perfect will.

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Proclamation of the Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew (16:13-20)

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn You are My All in All

You Are My All in All

You are my strength when I am weak.

You are the treasure that I seek.

You are my all in all.

Seeking You as a precious jew'l,

Lord, to give up I'd be a fool.

You are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name!

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name!

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,

Rising again I bless Your name:

You are my all in all.

When I fall down, You pick me up;

When I am dry, You fill my cup;

You are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name!

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name!

The Sermon

A brief silence for reflection.

We Respond to God's Word

Offering plates are not passed during the table, but can be found on the tables at the front and back of the church. We are grateful for all gifts in support of the ministry and outreach of the church. If you are visiting with us, your presence is a gift to us and we do not expect you to make an offering.

Offertory Hymn CP 444 Your Hand, O God, Has Guided

Your hand, O God, has guided

your flock, from age to age;

the wondrous tale is written,

full clear, on every page;

our forebears owned thy goodness,

and we their deeds record;

and both of this bear witness;

one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

**Your heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest as to least;
they bade men rise, and hasten
to share the royal feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**When shadows, thickly falling,
Engulfed the world in night,
You summoned forth your servants,
Your messengers of light.
On them and on your people
your plenteous grace was poured,
and this was still their message,
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**And we, shall we be faithless,
shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the struggle,
and cast away the crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels
some better gift is stored;
the covenant of promise-
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**Your mercy will not fail us,
nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us,
your people shall be one;
and then, by all creation,
your name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

The Offertory Prayer

**God of glory,
receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love,
and increase in us that true and perfect gift.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Apostle's Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism:

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Either kneeling or sitting, let us pray.

In our prayers, we give thanks for God's goodness;
we pray for others as well as for ourselves;
and we offer our lives in Christ's service.

All this we do because we believe in the presence among us of our Saviour Jesus Christ, and in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

After each Intercession:

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Gracious God,
**you have heard the prayers of your faithful people.
You know our needs before we ask
and our ignorance in asking.
Grant our requests as may be best for us.
This we ask in the name of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We Go into the World to Praise and Serve God

Please stand as you are able.

Almighty God,
**with longing in our hearts for your Reign of Peace,
make us eager to obey you, until your purpose
is accomplished and the earth is filled with your glory.**

Look at your hands, see the touch and the tenderness.
God's own for the world.

Look at your feet, see the path and the direction.
God's own for the world.

Look at your heart, see the fire and the love.
God's own for the world.

Look at the cross, see God's Son and our Saviour.
God's own for the world.

This is God's world.
And we will serve God in it.

Gracious God,
**in you we live and move and have our being.
Guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit,
that in all the cares and occupations of our life,
we may not forget you,
but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight,
in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Closing Hymn Hear the Call of the Kingdom

**Hear the call of the kingdom, lift your eyes to the King:
let His song rise within you as a fragrant offering
of how God, rich in mercy, came in Christ to redeem
all who trust in His unfailing grace.**

**Hear the call of the kingdom to be children of light,
with the mercy of heaven, the humility of Christ;
walking justly before Him, loving all that is right,
that the life of Christ may shine through us.**

***King of heaven, we will answer the call.
we will follow, bringing hope to the world,
filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim
salvation in Jesus' name.***

**Hear the call of the kingdom to reach out to the lost
with the Father's compassion in the wonder of the cross,
bringing peace and forgiveness and a hope yet to come:
let the nations put their trust in Him.**

***King of heaven, we will answer the call.
we will follow, bringing hope to the world,
filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim
salvation in Jesus' name. (repeat)***

***filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim
salvation in Jesus' name.***

The Benediction

**May the peace of God our heav'nly Father,
and the grace of Christ the risen Son,
and the fellowship of God the Spirit
keep our hearts and minds within His love.
And to Him be praise for His glorious reign,
from the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n.
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain:
Christ eternal, the King of kings!**

**May this peace which passes understanding,
and this grace which makes us what we are,
and this fellowship of His communion
make us one in spirit and in heart.
And to Him be praise for His glorious reign,
from the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n.
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain:
Christ eternal, the King of kings!**

The Dismissal

**Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Spirit,
serve the world God loves.
Thanks be to God.**

Thank you for joining us today.

We hope you will stay for coffee hour, in the parish hall.

If you would like a visit with the priest, please do not hesitate to ask and we will arrange a time.

You can call Rev. Rev. Denise Byard at (416) 527-9104.

Our Leaders Today

<i>Officiant</i>	Rev Deb Wilson
<i>Preacher</i>	Don Winslow
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