

Order of Worship for Sunday, August 16, 2026

Welcome/Announcements		Pastor Tom
Lighting of the Christ Candle		
* Opening Hymn	"In Christ There Is No East or West"	UMH #548
Opening Prayer		Pastor Tom
Children's Moment		Frank Blakeman
Hymn of Praise	"Open the Eyes of My Heart"	WS #3008
The Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts		
Offering Music	"Down to the River to Pray"	Laurie Haas & Kara Walker Clarkson
* Doxology		UMH #94
<i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow.</i>		
<i>Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia</i>		
<i>Praise God the source of all our gifts. Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts</i>		
<i>Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia</i>		
Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer		Pastor Tom
<i>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.</i>		
Hymn of Preparation	"The Gift of Love"	UMH #408
Scripture Reading	Psalms 133:1-3	Chandler Levinson
Message	Summer of Psalms - Together in Praise	Pastor Tom
* Closing Hymn	"In Unity We Lift Our Song"	FWS #2221
* Benediction		Pastor Tom

QUESTION OF THE WEEK – August 16, 2026

Why do you think God ties His explicit blessing so tightly to relational unity?

Psalms 133:1-3 - Chandler Levinson

See how good, how pleasant it is for God's people to live together as one! It is like precious oil on Aaron's head running down on his beard, running down the collar of his robes. It is like the dew of Mount Hermon, falling on the hills of Zion. For that is where Yahweh bestows the blessing - life that never ends.

In Christ There Is No East or West 548

1. In Christ there is no east or west, in
 2. In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their
 3. In Christ is neith - er Jew nor Greek, and
 4. In Christ now meet both east and west, in

him no south or north; but one great fel - low -
 high com - mun - ion find; his ser - vice is the
 neith - er slave nor free; both male and fe - male
 him meet south and north; all Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 heirs are made, and all are kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

WORDS: Sts. 1, 2, 4, John Oxenham, 1913; st. 3, Laurence Hull Stookey, 1987 (Gal. 3:28)

MUSIC: Afro-American spiritual; adapt. and harm. by Harry T. Burleigh, 1939

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Alt. tune: ST. PETER

3008 Open the Eyes of My Heart

O - pen the eyes of my heart, _ Lord,

o - pen the eyes of my heart; _ I want to see you,

I want to see you. O - pen the eyes of my heart, _

_ Lord, o - pen the eyes of my heart; _ I want to

see you, I want to see you. To see you

high and lift - ed up, _ shin - ing in the light of your glo-

ry. Pour out your pow - er and love _

Third time to Coda

_ as we sing. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho -

D.S. al Coda

ly. ly. To see you

⊕ CODA *(optional a cappella repeat)*

ly. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho -

ly. I want to see you.

The Gift of Love

1. Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
 2. Though I may give all I pos - sess,
 3. Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol,

and have the gift to all in - spire,
 and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
 our spir - its long to be made whole.

and have not love, my words are vain,
 but not be given by love with - in,
 Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;

as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
 the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
 by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

WORDS: Hal Hopson, 1972 (1 Cor. 13:1-3)

MUSIC: Trad. English melody; adapt. by Hal Hopson, 1972

GIFT OF LOVE
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Optional descant

4. For God our bread, our rest, of all these gifts the

1. In u - ni - ty we lift our song of grate-ful a - dor -
 2. For sto - ries told and told a - gain to ev - ery gen - er -
 3. For sa - cred scrip-tures hand - ed down, a bless - ed trust and
 4. For God our way, our bread, our rest, of all these gifts the

Giv - er. Our guide, our nur - turing breast whose

a - tion, for broth - ers brave and sis - ters strong. What
 a - tion, to give us strength in time of pain, to
 trea - sure, which give us hope when hope is gone and
 Giv - er. Our strength, our guide, our nur - turing breast whose

WORDS: Ken Medema

MUSIC: Martin Luther; harm. from *The New Hymnal for American Youth*; descant by Charles H. Webb

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hand will yet de - liv - er. Who keeps us till the day

cause for cel - e - bra - tion! For those whose faith - ful - ness has
 give us con - so - la - tion. Our spir - its to re - vive to
 make us weep with plea - sure. And when our eyes grow blind and
 hand will yet de - liv - er. Who keeps us till the day when

when night shall pass a - way, when hate and fear are gone and

kept us through dis - tress, who've shared with us our plight, who've
 kept our dreams a - live, when we are far from home and
 death is close be - hind, we shall re - cite them still whose
 night shall pass a - way, when hate and fear are gone and

all our work is done, we'll sing for - ev - er.

held us in the night, the bless-ed con - gre - ga - tion.
 e - vil sea - sons come; how firm is our foun - da - tion.
 words our hearts can fill with hope be - yond all mea - sure.
 all our work is done, and we shall sing for - ev - er.