

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP • 10 AM

The Way of Jesus: **A YEAR OF FAITHFUL FOLLOWING**

SEPTEMBER 13

The Way of Jesus

Luke 9:1-6, 23-25



A welcoming community of faith where Jesus Christ transforms lives

WORSHIP LEADERS

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FESTIVAL BRASS & PERCUSSION

John Rommel, Trumpet I
Andrew Roembke, Trumpet II
Julie Beckel, French Horn
Blake Schlabach, Trombone
Paul Mergen, Tuba
Steve Hanna, Timpani
Art Reiner, Percussion

PROCESSION

Element and Ewer Bearers
Petersen Elia Family

Acolytes
Michael Hamilton
Marco Elia

TODAY'S BAPTISM

Logan Forest Alexander
Parents: Kaitlyn and David
Alexander
Birthdate: February 24, 2026

Elder: Debbie Wacker
Deacon: Mac McDonald
Bible Presenter: Connor Falk

WELCOME FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Following today's *Word with Children*, children ages 4 through grade 5 may remain with their families or depart for *Sunday Mornings for Children*. If departing, please assure your child is wearing a nametag. Carol Choir pick up will be in Room 355 at 11:15 AM. Pick up for Cherub Choir and for other sections of *Sunday Mornings for Children* will be in the third-floor hallway at the same time. Childcare is available on the second floor for infants through age 3.

VISUAL AND HEARING ASSISTANCE

Please speak to an usher if you need a large print bulletin,
large print hymnal, or an assistive listening device.

September 13, 2026

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

We Come Together as God's People

Prelude

Rhosymedre Ralph Vaughan Williams
(from *Three Preludes founded on Welsh Hymn Tunes*) (1872-1958)
Dr. John Allegar, organ

Goin' Home (excerpt *Symphony no. 9:II, op. 95 "New World"*) Antonín Dvořák
(1841-1904)

Trumpet Voluntary John Stanley (1712-1786)
Festival Brass and Percussion; Dr. Michelle Louer, conductor arr. Walter H. Barnes
(1936-2005)

Welcome

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

Choral Call to Worship

The Call (from *Five Mystical Songs*)
Sanctuary Choir

Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a way as gives us breath;
Such a truth as ends all strife,
Such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a light as shows a feast,
Such a feast as mends in length,
Such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a joy as none can move,
Such a love as none can part,
Such a heart as joys in love.

Text: *The Temple* (1633), George Herbert (1563-1633)

* Call to Worship

Rev. Michael M. Samson

One: Gather us in, O God,
All: Your people are here to worship.
One: Hold us in faith, O God,
All: We are here to serve.
One: Send us in hope, O God,
All: We are here to follow.
One: Make us your people, O God,
All: As we worship, serve, and follow.

* Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Kyrie Eleison (adapted from *Symphony no. 9, II*)

Antonín Dvořák (1841-1904)

arr. Ruth Schram (b. 1956)

Musical score for 'Call to Confession' in 4/4 time. The score consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son.

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus,

you call us to follow,

and we answer too easily.

We say yes with our words and hold back with our lives.

We want the abundance without the cross,

the destination without the road.

We cling to what is comfortable and call it faithfulness.

Forgive us.

Loosen our grip on the lives we are trying to save,

that we might find the life you are offering.

Give us the courage to walk with you

and the trust to follow where you lead.

In your name we pray. (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

*** Response of Praise**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures here be - low.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host.

Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*** Passing the Peace of Christ**

*** Hymn #393**

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

BOURBON

We Experience God's Word

The Word with Children

Sacrament of Baptism

Hymn of Response #498

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, Bap-tized with the Spir - it's sign,

With this wa - ter God has sealed you Un-to love and grace di - vine.

Prayer for Illumination

Debbie Wacker

First Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 6:1-8

(p. 622)

Anthem

Let All the World (from Five Mystical Songs)

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King.
The heavens are not too high, His praise may thither fly,
The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King.

The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out;
But above all, the heart must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King.

Text: *The Temple* (1633), George Herbert

The Way of Jesus

*"Then he said to them all, 'If any want to become my followers,
let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.'"*
(Luke 9:23)

Moment of Silent Meditation

We Give Thanks to God

*** Affirmation of Faith**

Rev. Karen L. Lang

Confession of Belhar (excerpted and adapted)

**We believe that God has entrusted the church
with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ.
We believe that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.
We believe that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker.
We believe that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven
and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Discipleship and Generosity

Offertory

The Road Home
Sanctuary Choir; Caitlin Stewart, soloist

Stephen Paulus
(1949-2014)

Tell me where is the road I can call my own,
That I left, that I lost, So long ago?
All these years I have wandered, oh when will I know
There's a way, there's a road that will lead me home?

After wind, after rain, when the dark is done,
As I wake from a dream in the gold of day,
Through the air there's a calling from far away,
There's a voice I can hear that will lead me home.

Rise up, follow me, come away is the call,
With love in your heart as the only song;
There is no such beauty as where you belong,
Rise up, follow me, I will lead you home.

Text: Michael Dennis Browne (1940-2026)

*** Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*** Prayer of Dedication**

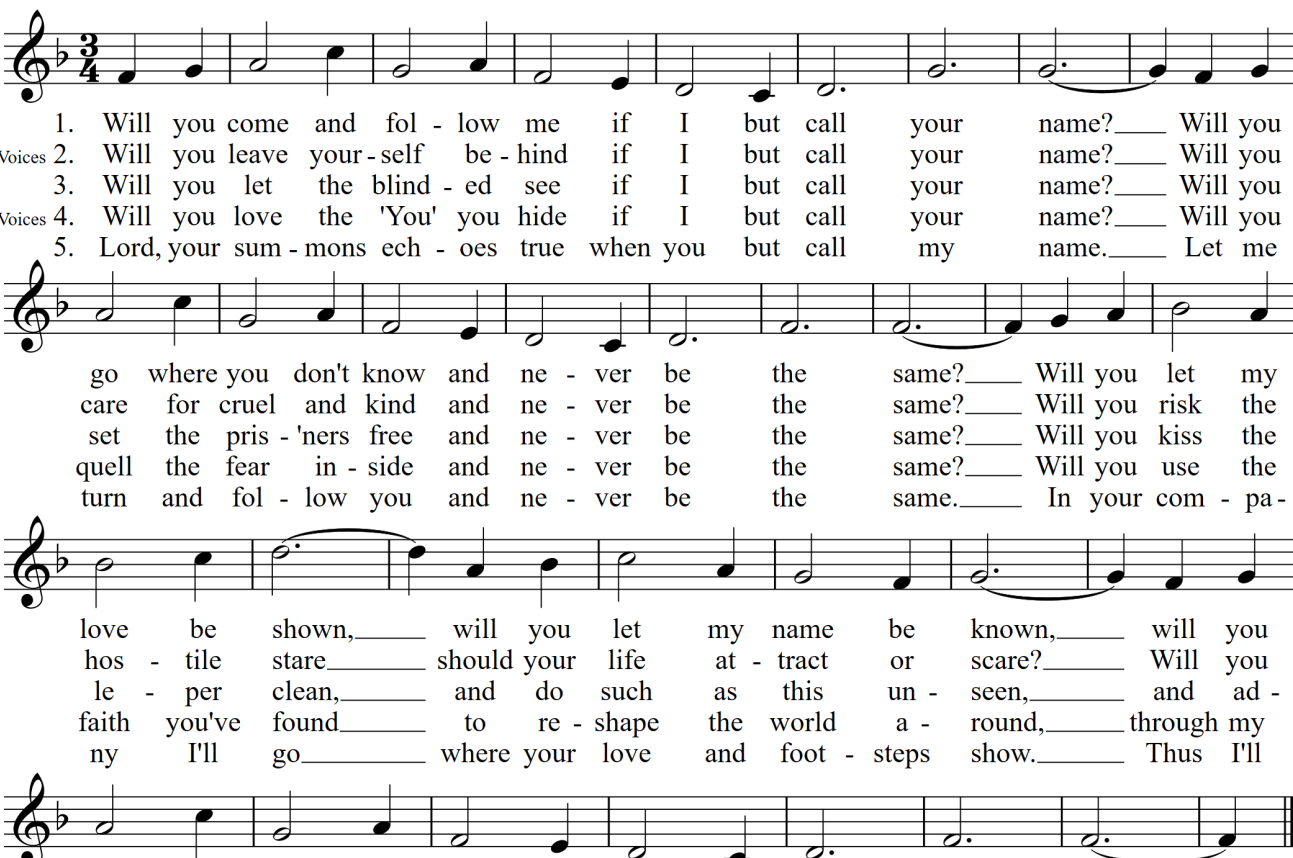
We Go Forth to Serve

*** Closing Hymn**

Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)

Scottish/arr. John L. Bell

(b. 1949)



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name? Will you
High Voices 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name? Will you
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name? Will you
Low Voices 4. Will you love the 'You' you hide if I but call your name? Will you
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name. Let me

go where you don't know and ne - ver be the same? Will you let my
care for cruel and kind and ne - ver be the same? Will you risk the
set the pris - 'ners free and ne - ver be the same? Will you kiss the
quell the fear in - side and ne - ver be the same? Will you use the
turn and fol - low you and ne - ver be the same. In your com - pa -

love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you
hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare? Will you
le - per clean, and do such as this un - seen, and ad -
faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round, through my
ny I'll go where your love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll

let my life be grown in you and you in me?
let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?
mit to what I mean in you and you in me?
sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
move and live and grow in you and you in me.

*** Charge and Benediction**

*** Choral Benediction**

Ye Shall Go Out With Joy!

John Ness Beck

(1930-1987)

Postlude

Alleluia

William Faulkes

(1863-1933)

WELCOME NEW BABY

The red rose in front of the pulpit is in honor of:

Greyson John Sukowicz

Birthdate: March 16, 2026

Parents: Courtney and Kevin Sukowicz

THE POWER OF PRAYER

We remember in prayer these members who have died,
and their loved ones. The white rose in front of the lectern is
in memory of:

Jane Farber

*The Chancel flowers this morning are given
to the glory of God in loving memory of
Lois Jeanne Caplinger from her children,
Mike Caplinger and Susan Mehas.*

Member service details, if available, can be accessed by
visiting SecondChurch.org/Funerals
or calling the Front Desk at 317-253-6461.

How might we pray for you this week? Please visit
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Form. Together, we lift up our joys with thanksgiving and
invite Christ's tender care, guidance, and healing in our
lives and in God's world.

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TODAY

Picnic on the Lawn

11 AM - 1 PM • South Parking Lot & Lawn

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20



8:15 AM • Chapel Worship

9 AM • Sunday School for All Ages

10 AM • Sanctuary Worship

11:15 AM • Service of Wholeness and Communion • Milner Chapel

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Second Act Monthly Gathering

September 14 • 3 - 4:30 PM • McFarland Hall

Young Adult Community Groups Kickoff

September 14 • 7 PM • Parlor

September 16 • 7 PM • Parlor

The Flourish Collaborative:

Empowered Routines for Exceptional Families

September 15 • 6:30 - 8 PM • Room 356

Youth Ministries Kickoff

September 16 • 6:30 PM

Far North Parking Lot & Picnic Shelter

Service of Installation: Rev. Audrey Thorne

September 19 • 2 PM • Milner Chapel

LGBTQ+ Christian Fellowship Fall Kick-Off Potluck

September 19 • 5 - 8 PM • Home of Andy Hisey & Chandy John

Fourth Grade Bible Milestone

September 20 • 9 AM • McFarland Hall and Sanctuary

Second Treasures Fall Clothing Donation Day

September 20 • 11 AM - 12:30 PM • Atrium Drop-Off