

Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you. **Jeremiah 29:7**

You have brought us out to a spacious place. **Psalms 66:12**

If we are faithless, he remains faithful. **2 Timothy 2:13**

“Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” **Luke 17:13**

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To Our Guests
We are glad you are with us. Please sign the guest book by the front door and fill in a visitor’s card from the pew pocket. After the service enjoy a cup of fair trade coffee with friends in the Fellowship Hall.

THE FONT OF IDENTITY

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+Introit (4x)

A great longing is upon us to live again in a world made of gifts.

Proclamation

In life and death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God,
whom alone we worship and serve.

Call to Sabbath

***+Hymn 69**

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

Prayer for Sabbath

Holy One, you loosen the bonds of injustice
and let the oppressed go free.

Sabbath is God’s gift: God help us!

You call us to share bread with the hungry
and shelter with the homeless.

Sabbath is God’s gift: God help us!

You promise that when we cry for help,
you will answer, “Here I am.”

Sabbath is God’s gift: God help us!

+Response (2x)

Let things ripen and then fall.

Force is not the way at all.

Just let go and we will see

The way to do is to be.

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***+Response 843** (2x)

My soul is at rest in God alone;

my salvation comes from God.

Blessing the World

Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tomé and Principe

Response 36, v. 1

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.

*For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth’s safe-keeping, thanks be to God.*

First Pew

Response 36, v. 3

Make me an instrument of Your peace.

Where there is hatred let me sow love.

Make me an instrument of Your peace.

Where there is injury let me sow pardon.

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

“The Gift of Love”

Lesson

Isaiah 58:6-12

Sermon

“Sabbath and the Cry for Help”

***Hymn 687**

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayer for Others

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

“Help,” *the Beatles*

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***Acclamation**

With believers in every time and place
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

***Sending 448** (2x)

Peace of God be with you. Peace of God be with you.

Salaam, salaam. Peace of God be with you.

***Postlude**

You only cry for help if you believe there is help to cry for.

Wentworth Miller

*Please rise in body and spirit.

Lesson Translation

New Revised

Standard Version

Prayer for Others

Emily Dickinson

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Sunday, October 12

Jeremiah 29:1, 4–7 Psalm 66:1–12 2 Timothy 2:8–15 Luke 17:11–19
8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid
11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary and Facebook Live!
Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2
12:30 p.m. Youth Group Gathering – Downstairs

Tuesday, October 14

7:30 p.m. Speak Story Series – Sanctuary & Facebook Live!

Wednesday, October 15

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting – Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Thursday, October 16

6:00 p.m. Communications Team Meeting – Fellowship Hall/Hybrid

Saturday, October 18

7:30 a.m. Men’s Breakfast Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 19

Jeremiah 31:27–34 Psalm 119:97–104 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5 Luke 18:1–8
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MUSIC IN WORSHIP: The Introit and the Response to the Prayer for Sabbath is from Laurence Cole. The Opening Hymn represents the voice of God and the faithful human response. The Response to the Declaration is from the Taizé community. The Introduction and Response to the First Pew is a Harvest Hymn set to a Welsh melody. The Sermon Hymn is a paraphrase of Psalm 90. The Sending is based on an Arabic greeting.

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Ordinary Time
Twenty-Eighth Sunday

October 12, 2025
11:00 a.m.

Psalm 121

My heart’s eyes behold your Divine Glory!
From whence does my help come?
My help comes from You
who created heaven and earth.

You strengthen and uphold me,
You, who are ever by my side.
Behold! You who watch over the nations
will see all hearts awaken to the Light.

For You are the Great Counselor;
You dwell within all hearts,
that we might respond to the Universal Heart—
Like the sun, that nourishes us by day,
like the stars that guide the wayfarer at night.
In You we shall not be afraid of the darkness,
for You are the Light of our life.
May you keep us in our going out
and our coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

Nan Merrill

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