

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. **Exodus 16:13**

They asked, and he brought quails and gave them food from heaven in abundance. **Psalms 105:40**

Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. **Philippians 1:27**

“So the last will be first, and the first will be last.” **Matthew 20:16**

- Preacher**
Rev. Gusti Linnea Newquist
- Assistants**
Erin Snook
Maya Rebollo-Snook
Nora Rebollo-Snook
Diana Eldridge
- Percussion, Offertory**
Terry Tucker
- Accompanist**
Sam Jannotta
- Tech Support**
Mark Nutwell

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 (2x)
*God welcomes all, strangers and friends.
God’s love is strong and it never ends.*

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 true God, whom alone we worship and serve.

Baptismal Blessing

***Hymn 70** (7x)
*What does the Lord require of you?
What does the Lord require of you? (Repeat)
To seek justice, and love kindness,
and walk humbly with your God. (Repeat)*

Prayer for Wholeness (see insert)

***Response 577** (2x)
Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***Response 587**
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Passing the Peace**

Blessing the World
Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal

Response 487, v. 1
*These treasured children present now are bound to us by sacred vow:
with love we make a heartfelt claim to welcome them in Jesus’ name.*

First Pew

Response 487, v. 4
*Come, Holy Spirit, help us be a nurturing community;
empower us to realize God’s kin-dom through our children’s eyes.*

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude
“Shall We Gather at the River”

Lesson
Micah 6:1-4, 6-8

Sermon
“HOLISTIC SPIRITUALITY — Everything Belongs”

***Affirmation** (see insert)

***Hymn 372**
“O for a World”

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayer for Others

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory
“Need It, Need It”

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Red Ribbon Ritual

***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.

***Postlude**
“September,” *Earth, Wind, and Fire*

Just as a reservoir is of little use when the whole countryside is flooded, scriptures are of little use to the illumined man or woman, who sees the Lord everywhere. **Bhagavad Gita 2:46**

*Please rise in body and spirit.

Prayer for Wholeness, Affirmation
Based on the
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Twenty-fifth Sunday
Ordinary Time

September 20, 2026
11:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 20

Exodus 16:2-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 Psalm 145:1-8 Matthew 20:1-16

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary/Zoom
- Sunday Studio Program – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2

Tuesday, September 22

- 7:00 p.m. The Liberating Word: A Biblical Overview for Progressives – Fellowship Hall/Zoom

Wednesday, September 23

- 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir room

Saturday, September 26

- 1:30 p.m. Yarns & Threads Group – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 27

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Psalm 25:1-9 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32

- 8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Seminar – Fellowship Hall/Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary/Zoom
- Sunday Studio Program – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2
- 12:30 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting – Classroom 1

RED RIBBON RITUAL. In a nod to our Commitment to Holistic Spirituality, today we mark the last Sunday of Summer. Upon the conclusion of our worship service, the congregation is invited to recess to the front steps, dancing to the recessional, waving their red ribbons, and welcoming the change of seasons. Please tie your red ribbons alongside the yellow ribbons placed along the front gates from last Sunday’s Yellow Ribbon Ritual.

rivers

every river
has a name
and carves its own path
cutting unique shapes
into surrounding rocks
sculpting a picture of its life

no two are the same
but every river
flows into the ocean

connected

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