

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 2, 2026

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather in God's Name . . .

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

O God, you pour out the Spirit of grace and love. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal, we may worship you in spirit and in truth. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

All: What did God do to help us?

One: God chose the people of Israel to make a new beginning.

All: They received God’s covenant and prepared the way for Jesus to come as our Savior.

One: Let us worship the God of the covenant, the God of heaven and earth.

All: Let us worship the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN “Love Divine, All loves Excelling” #376
(vs. 1, 3, 4)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

All of us need times of wrestling with God over issues in our lives. These moments of confession offer us one such opportunity. Bring your own distress to this time of confessing the sin in which all of us have a part. Let us silently confess all that separates us from God.

*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS “Grace Greater Than Our Sin”
Lt. Blue Songbook #76

Singing: Grace, grace, God’s grace,
grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God’s grace,
grace that is greater than all our sin.

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus the Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

. . . to Proclaim God’s Word

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Loving God, you provide for our every need. You feed our bodies and our souls, yet we hunger to know and love you more and more. Nourish us with your Word today. Through Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 7: 6-9 p. 164

SPECIAL MUSIC “My Heavenly Father Loves Me”
Violinist David Arends with Dave Thomas

SECOND READING Romans 8: 28-39 p. 158

GOSPEL READING Matthew 13: 24-30 p. 14

One: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Predestined for Love” David Arends

*HYMN OF RESPONSE “Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me” #366

. . . to Give Thanks to God . . .

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD

THE OFFERTORY

*OFFERING RESPONSE

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” #592

Singing: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Thank you, God, for all you have given to satisfy our needs. You turn scarcity into plenty and give us the opportunity to help others. May our offerings proclaim your goodness and mercy. Keep our words and actions attuned to your will, that we may offer to all what they need from your hand. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

One: Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our 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.

. . . and to Be Sent in God’s Name

*CLOSING HYMN “How Firm a Foundation” #361
(vs. 1, 3, 5)

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION “Freely, Freely”
Lt. Blue Songbook #136

Singing: Freely, freely, you have received, freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe,
others will know that I live.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship this morning! If you have small children, you're welcome to keep them in worship or take them into the quiet room.

Our thanks go to our lay reader Martha Orcutt, violinist David Arends, and pianist Dave Thomas.

You will find **prayer request cards** in the backs of the church pews that you may fill out and drop in the offering plate as needed.

For **Prayer Chain Requests**, please call either Martha Orcutt, 406-868-1890 or Karen Burditt, 406-450-5295.

Please check out our website <https://www.conradfirstpres.org> to find our list of current Session Elders and active Deacons as well as other updated information. And don't forget to follow us on Facebook!

Easy Does It Exercise is every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

PW Bazaar Workshops meet on Monday mornings in Room #3 at 10:00 AM and it will end at noon.

Prayer Ministry meets every 1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesday at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

Worship Committee will meet this coming **Tuesday, August 4th** at 10:30 AM.

Fundraising Committee will meet this coming **Tuesday, August 4th** at 5:30 PM.

The Community Meal is this coming **Friday, August 7th**, 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The menu will be Baked Spaghetti, Vegetable Salad, Garlic Bread, and Dessert. We hope to see you there!

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Next Sunday, August 9th, the **Property Committee** will meet after church services.

Fundraising Luncheon by donation Friday, August 14th 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM at the church. Proceeds go to defray the cost of the new roof. We are looking for people to sign up to provide sandwiches, salads, and/or pies as well as looking for donations of raffle items. Please contact Jane at 406-450-4163 or Pat at 406-949-6026 to sign up.

Fun Day Reminder! Thursday, August 20th 5:30 PM to ? Church BBQ at the Legion Park. We'll provide grilled burgers. Bring a chair and a side dish to share. Cornhole competition as well. Everyone is welcome and don't forget to bring a friend.

Fundraising Concert for the New Roof. We are seeking singers for our ecumenical choir and dramatic artists to participate in this special fundraising concert. **Informational meeting will be Saturday, August 8th at 6:00 PM** at the Presbyterian Church. **Concert Performances will be Saturday evening, September 26th and Sunday afternoon, September 27th.** Whether you love to sing, act, or simply want to be part of a meaningful community even, we'd love to have you join us! Call 406-278-3043 for more information.

For the last two weeks, the combined giving was **\$2,090.00**. In order to meet expenses, we need to average **\$3,104.00** per week.

Please remember to pray for Family & Friends of David Perry, Esther Finlayson, Family & Friends of Rev. Tim Lanham, Colby Stenerson, Ralph Stordahl, Jean Baringer, Bruce Benjamin, Cecil & Alice Benjamin, Helen Stordahl, Barb Perry, Wally McHenry, Wendy Wagner, Dave Perry, Ward Orcutt, Kristine Ries Prewett, Mary Sanders, Lavon & Karen Carter, Sean Carter, Dana & Marie Ahmed, Pearl Severtson, and Hazel Jones.

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