

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 30, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather in God's Name . . .

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

We tremble to think that the Source of all life, the Creator of all worlds, is in this place, observing our worship, knowing our innermost secrets, calling us by name. O God, we dare to call on you, to bow before you, to welcome your Word. We tremble to think what you might expect of us, for we remember what you expected of Moses. You sent him against the rulers of his people to win release from oppression. You sent him from the comfortable places he knew to plead for freedom amid threatening conditions. We dare to worship you, O God, knowing that you expect much of us. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God calls us to this time of worship. The place where we are standing is holy ground.

All: Give thanks to God: sing praises. Give attention to God’s voice.

One: Out of a burning bush, God spoke to Moses. In the rhythms of worship, God speaks to us.

All: We will listen for God’s message to us. Surely God’s strength will supply our needs.

*OPENING HYMN “When Morning Gilds the Skies” #487

*CALL TO CONFESSION

So often we fail to follow God’s command to love one another. We fail to walk humbly before God and practice humility with one another. Let us now humble ourselves, search our hearts for

the pride that damages our loving kinship and our witness in the world. Let us confess all that separates us from God.

*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON “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

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life! Help us now to hear and obey what you say to us today. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING Exodus 3: 1-15 p. 50

ANTHEM “A Prayer of Blessing” Choir

SECOND READING Romans 12: 9-21 p. 162

GOSPEL READING Matthew 16: 21-28 p. 18

One: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Getting Intimate with God” Pastor David Arends

*HYMN OF RESPONSE “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”
#326

. . . to Give Thanks to God . . .

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD

THE OFFERTORY “Show Me Your Ways” Dave Thomas

Singing: Show me Your ways That I may walk with You
Show me Your ways I put my hope in You
The cry of my heart Is to love You more
To live with the touch Of Your hand
Stronger each day Show me Your ways

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*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

May these gifts and our lives reflect your love, O God, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. We would act with compassion toward one another and toward neighbors near and far. Thankful for the mercy you have shown us, we pledge ourselves and these offerings to extend mercy to all. 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 “Near to the Heart of God” #527

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION “Go with God”
Lt. Blue Songbook #138

Singing: Go with God. Go with God.
As you leave this place, go with God.
God will direct your way, God will light ev'ry day.
As you leave this place, go with God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mon. August 31	Easy Does It Exercise	10:00 AM
	PW Bazaar Workshop	10:00 AM
Tues. Sept. 1	Worship Committee	10:30 AM
	Prayer Ministry	12:00 PM
	Fundraising Committee	5:30 PM
Wed. Sept. 2	Easy Does It Exercise	10:00 AM
Thurs. Sept. 3	Choir	6:00 PM
Fri. Sept. 4	Easy Does It Exercise	10:00 AM
	Free Community Meal	11:30 AM to 1:00 PM
Sun. Sept. 6	Community Choir Practice	2:00 PM

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 Phyllis Hammermeister, the choir, soloist 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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

The after-church snack sign up list is now on the refrigerator in the kitchen
If you would like to read **The Upper Room** each day, you may pick up a copy in the narthex.

The Community Meal is this coming **Friday, Sept. 4th**, 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The menu will be BBQ Meatballs, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans, Cabbage Ramen Salad, and Dessert. We hope to see you there!

The Church Office will be **closed on Monday, September 7th** for Labor Day.

Our **Youth Program** will be starting on **September 9th**. We are looking for ministry partners to help out once a month or so. Please call Jane Arends at 406-450-4163.

Deacons, mark your calendars! We will resume regular meetings on the 2nd Sunday of each month beginning **September 13th after church**. See you there!

If you have any articles to contribute to the **October Newsletter**, please turn them into the office no later than this coming **Thursday morning, Sept. 24th**, as the newsletter will be printed and mailed out the following week, providing enough time for the newsletter to be delivered with time sensitive articles.

Last week, the combined giving was **\$885.00**. In order to meet expenses, we need to average **\$2,550.00** per week.

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

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