

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 9, 2026

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather in God's Name . . .

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

We seek your presence, holy God. Break through all our pretenses that we might sense the vibrant energy embracing the whole universe yet know ourselves to be personally loved within the vast expanse of space and time. How amazing are all the miracles of life that surround us! We praise you. We thank you. We bow in awe before you. In this hour, we pray that our faith may be enlivened, our trust deepened, our commitment expanded to meet the challenges of our times. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

- One: Over the wind and the waves, Christ comes to us. Do not fear to meet Christ here.
- All: We have heard the invitation. Our hopes have brought us together.
- One: The storms of life do not have the last word. Our faith keeps us from sinking.
- All: Our doubts lead to greater faith. Our losses lead to greater possibilities.

*OPENING HYMN “Shine, Jesus, Shine” Lt. Blue Book #50

*CALL TO CONFESSION

We profess faith in God, but we rely heavily on our own ingenuity. We say we believe, but our lives seldom show confident trust. We want to care as Jesus did, but we’re often ready, as were Joseph’s brothers, to sell off those with whom we

disagree. Who can save us from ourselves? Let us silently confess all that separates us from God.

*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON “Hear the Good News of Salvation”
(verse 1) #355

Singing: Hear the good news of salvation:
Jesus died to show God’s love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy!
Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!
Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me.
Love me still and cleanse within.

*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 Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28 p. 34

SPECIAL MUSIC Dave Thomas

SECOND READING Romans 10: 5-15 p. 160

GOSPEL READING Matthew 14: 22-33 p. 16

One: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Get Outta the Boat!” David Arends

*HYMN OF RESPONSE “Here I Am, Lord” #525

. . . 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

God, we cannot deceive you with the appearance of generosity. You know how we manage the wealth entrusted to our care. Help us to know the joy of sharing from the abundance you provide. Help us to trust when we feel we do not have enough. We give thanks that you enable us to be givers, not just receivers. May what we offer here provide a helpful ministry to many. 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 “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight” #399

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION “Go with God”

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

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 Gary Klette, 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!

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.

Fundraising Committee will meet this coming **Tuesday, August 11th** at 5:30 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

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.

Last week, the combined giving was **\$2,159.00**. In order to meet expenses, we need to average **\$2,550.00** 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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