

Sunday Worship Service
August 16, 2026

Love God

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Color: Green

Entrance

Prelude

Joseph Swetnam

Cross and Flame Enter the Sanctuary

Welcome & Announcements

✠ Call to Worship:

Tiffany Hall

When hatred and division separate us.

God's love binds us together.

When quarrels estrange us,

Christ's grace brings reconciliation.

When we feel excluded and left out,

The Spirit's peace eases our pain.

Come! Let us worship the One who makes us one.

✠ Opening Prayer

Tiffany Hall

Eternal God, heal the wounds that block our unity as your beloved children. Ease the hurts and betrays that block us from embracing the balm or your forgiveness. Cast out the fears that keep us from seeking your peace and reconciliation. Even when our hearts are pierced with anguish, send us friends who will bring us solace, through your loving Spirit. Amen.

✠ Opening Hymn #57

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

✠ Gloria Patri #71

Proclamation and Response

Scripture

Tiffany Hall

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Praise Patrol

Cindy Boling

My Lighthouse

Proclamation and Response cont.

✠ Hymn #452

My Faith Looks Up to Thee, O Christ

✠ Scripture

Rev. Esther N. Agbosu

Matthew 15:21-28

Sermon

Rev. Esther N. Agbosu

Faith Tested

✠ Affirmation of Faith #881

The Apostle's Creed

✠ Hymn #370

Victory in Jesus

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer #895

Offertory

Randy McHugh

Our Father

✠ Doxology

Sending Forth

✠ Closing Hymn #121

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

✠ Dismissal with Blessing

Rev. Esther N. Agbosu

✠ Cross and Flame are Taken Into the World

✠ Postlude

Days of Elijah

✠ *Please stand as you are able.*

The congregation is asked to read the bold-faced type.

Bethel Chime

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Tuesday 08/18 -

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