



September 6, 2026

Reflections

"There is no attribute more comforting to His children than that of God's Sovereignty. Under the most adverse circumstances, in the most severe trials, they believe that Sovereignty has ordained their afflictions, that Sovereignty overrules them, and that Sovereignty will sanctify them all... it is God upon the throne that we love to preach. It is God upon His throne whom we trust."

Charles Spurgeon

"How strange it is that a widow with only a handful of meal should be commanded to offer hospitality! It is once again the impossible that is set before us. It would have been a dull commonplace to have fed the prophet from the overflowing larder of the rich man's palace. But to work from an almost empty cupboard – that is the surprising way of the LORD! He delights to hang great weights on apparently slender wires, to have great events turn on seeming trifles, and to make poverty the minister of the unsearchable riches of Christ."

J.H. Jowett

"The feel of faith is not strength, but dependent weakness."

Rev. Joe Novenson

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Matthew 4:4

Order of Worship

GATHERING

PRELUDE

In Feast or Fallow

When the fields are dry,
and the winter is long,
Blessed are the meek,
the hungry, the poor;
When my soul is downcast,
and my voice has no song,
For mercy, for comfort,
I wait on the Lord.

In the harvest feast or the fallow ground,
My certain hope is in Jesus found;
My lot, my cup, my portion sure,
Whatever comes, we shall endure,
Whatever comes, we shall endure.

On a cross of wood,
where His blood was outpoured,
He rose from the ground,
like a bird to the sky;
Bringing peace to our violence,
and crushing death's door,
Our Maker incarnate,
our God who provides.

When the earth beneath me
crumbles and quakes,
Not a sparrow falls,
nor a hair from my head;
Without His hand to guide me,
my shield and my strength,
In joy or in sorrow,
in life or in death.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

O Lord my God, you are very great!

**You are clothed with splendor and majesty,
covering yourself with light as with a garment,
stretching out the heavens like a tent.**

You make springs gush forth in the valleys;

they flow between the hills;

they give drink to every beast of the field;

the wild donkeys quench their thirst.

Beside them the birds of the heavens dwell;

they sing among the branches.

**From your lofty abode you water the mountains;
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.**

These all look to you,

to give them their food in due season.

**When you give it to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

When you hide your face, they are dismayed;

when you take away their breath, they die

and return to their dust.

**When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.**

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

**May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the Lord.**

from Psalm 104

Lord's 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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;

His the scepter, His the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of every nation
has redeemed us by His blood."

Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
here on earth our food, our stay.
Alleluia! Here the sinful
flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

PRAISE SONG

Everlasting God

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

Our God You reign forever
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

Our God You reign forever
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living God,

We confess that we allow our fears to drown out your voice. We are afraid of the unknown and things outside our control.

Forgive us for failing to trust you with our needs and for seeking joy outside of you. Help us to cast our burdens on you every hour of the day. Help us be quiet and still, waiting for your will to be revealed rather than running ahead of you.

Keep our hearts open to the Spirit's working. Remind us that we have daily bread from Heaven and a safe shelter in you when we are tempted to look elsewhere for hope and help.

Through the power of our Lord Jesus, Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:35, 37-39

RENEWAL SONG

Jesus Lover of My Soul

Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
'Til life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide;
Receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,
I helpless, hang on Thee;
Leave, oh leave me not alone,
Support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed,

All help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head
In the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want,
Here more than all I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy Name,
I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am;
Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound;
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
Let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart;
For all eternity,
For all eternity.

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

CHILDREN DISMISSED

LIFE TOGETHER

PREACHING OF THE WORD

“The God of the Word”

David Speakman

¹ Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word.” ² And the word of the Lord came to him: ³ “Depart from here and turn eastward and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. ⁴ You shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.” ⁵ So he went and did according to the word of the Lord. He went and lived by the

brook Cherith that is east of the Jordan. ⁶ And the ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook. ⁷ And after a while the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land.

⁸ Then the word of the Lord came to him, ⁹ “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰ So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” ¹¹ And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹² And she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” ¹³ And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son.” ¹⁴ For thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.’” ¹⁵ And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

1 Kings 17:1-16

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon Notes

RESPONSE

SONG OF RESPONSE

Your Word (Isaiah 55)

Your Word will do
What you sent it to do
Your Word has overcome
Your Word is true,
And it's taking root
Making all things new in us

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to take Him at His word
Just to rest upon His promise;
just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus;
O for grace to trust Him more!

Yes 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
just from sin and self to cease
Just from Jesus simply taking
life, and rest, and joy, and peace

I'm so glad I learned to trust him,
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that he is with me —
will be with me to the end!

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

COMMUNION SONG

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of Heaven,
Feed me now and evermore;
Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing waters flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.
Strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of Death, and Hell's Destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee;
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.

Land me safe on Canaan's side
Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears
Land me safe on Canaan's side
Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears, goodbye

SENDING

SENDING SONG

My Friends, May You Grow in Grace

My friends, may you grow in grace
And in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.
My friends, may you grow in grace
And in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

To God be the glory!
Now and forever

Now and forever, Amen
To God be the glory!
Now and forever
Now and forever, Amen

My friends, may you grow in strength
And to the labors God brings before you.
My friends, may you grow in grace
And in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

BENEDICTION

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

LIFE TOGETHER

HOPE FOR THE CITY

Backpack Packing Party - Sept 13 3:15-4:15: All ages help pack meals in the pavilion.

CHURCH LIFE

Hope Springs: Volunteer with our disability ministry; contact Debbie Braden.

Life Group registration for the fall is now open in Church Center.

Thursday Morning Prayer - 7-7:30am starting Sept 3 in Rm 107 with David.

Men's Meetup - Sept 14 12-1:15pm: Yamas on 4th.

Pickleball League - Sept 19 9-11am: Details in Church Center.

Missions Prayer Lunch - Sept 13 12:30-2pm: All welcome upstairs!

Discovering Hope - Oct 2-3: Register now for our new member class!

PARENTS & CHILDREN

Pizza and Playground - Sept 25 5:30-7pm: All kids 3yrs-5th grade. Bring your wheels!

Mystery Dinner - Oct 16 6:15-8pm: HS serving MS. Register now!

Youth Group - Sundays 4:30-6pm: All welcome for games, teaching, + small groups!

Kids Praise - 2nd & 4th Sundays 4:30-5:30pm: Resumes for 3rd-5th Grade Sept 13.

Kids Connection - *Sept Verses* - Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Matthew 5

FINANCIAL UPDATE AS OF AUG 31, 2026

	Actual to Date	Budgeted	Difference	
Income	\$883,166	\$919,975	-\$36,809	-4.00%
Expense	\$1,025,921	\$1,037,289	-\$11,369	-1.10%
Surplus (Deficit)	-\$142,755	-\$117,314		

ANNUAL MINISTRY BUDGET: \$1,558,309

MAKING ROOM FOR MORE UPDATE

Campaign Goal	Campaign Commitments	Gifts Received Beyond Commitments	Total Funds Received to Date
\$9.4 million	\$5,243,302	\$763,208	\$4,890,759