

**St. John's Reformed Church
12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 16, 2026**

*(Please join responsively by speaking aloud the **bold** sections)*

Pre-Prelude

Announcements & Hospitality

Our Approach to God

Prelude

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

*Call to Worship

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all
nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with
equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase; God has blessed us.

May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

*Hymn: #521 ***Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*** v.1-3

Salutation & Prayer of Invocation

Call and Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, your world cries out. The fruits of our disobedience are
harming your creation. You tasked us to be good stewards of your
creation and we have fallen short. You challenged us to love God and
love our neighbor, and we have failed to show that love. You promise
to bring all people joyfully together in a house of prayer on your holy
mountain. We find ways to stay apart.

Bring us together, O Lord. Empower us with a spirit of love for you
and love for all our neighbors. Help us live lives of service to you so
that all your children will know your peace. Forgive us when we fall
short and continue to transform your world, leading us to your
promised kingdom.

Moment of Silence

Kyrie Eleison **“Lord have mercy upon us: Christ have mercy upon
us; Lord have mercy upon us”**

Assurance of Pardon

Summary of the Law: Deuteronomy 6:5-9: “You shall love the Lord
your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your
might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart.
Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home
and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind
them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead,
and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

May the Spirit guide us to be obedient to this Word. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was
in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen,
Amen.***

Musical Meditation

The Word of God In Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

Lesson from the Old Testament: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Lesson from the Psalms: Psalm 67

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn: #148 ***My Song is Love Unknown*** v.1, 2, 3 & 6

*Lesson from the New Testament: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Prayer for Blessing

Our Response to God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith: Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by
the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From
there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the
Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church*, the communion of saints, the**

forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The Church universal, that exists in all times and places.

*The Peace The peace of Christ be with you. **And also, with you.**

The Offering

*Doxology

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. Amen

*Prayer of dedication

Holy God, you tell us that “Offerings will be accepted on your altar, for your house shall be called a house of prayer.” Thank you for all that you have given us. Continue to guide us as we dedicate these offerings and our lives to you. Amen

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Prayer Response *Threefold Amen Amen, Amen, Amen.*

*Hymn: #280 *My Song Forever Shall Record* v.1-5

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen “Go Now in Peace”

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with us each hour of every day.

Go now in faith steadfast strong and true.

Know he will guide us in all we do.

Go now in love, and show we believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

*Postlude

*Indicates congregation to stand if able.

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