

First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 6, 2026

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

How Can I Keep from Singing?

Robert Lowry

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please stand in body or spirit*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful, for the Lord takes pleasure in the people.

Leader: Let the faithful sing for joy!

*HYMN #1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, we continue our allegiance to the false gods of the world, forgetting that you alone are Lord. Loving worldly wealth, we have not loved you with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. Trusting worldly strength, we have not trusted your word nor followed the Word-made-flesh. Forgiving by worldly norms, we have not shown mercy to others as you have shown mercy to us. Forgive us yet again, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

(silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Leader: Friends, hear the good news of the gospel: Who is in a position to condemn?

People: Only Christ. And Christ died for us; Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us.

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: It is a joyful thing to be in the presence of a forgiving God. Friends, the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

(Please greet your neighbors in the ways you are comfortable.)

***RESPONSE #587**

Alleluia!

WE HEAR THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:8-14

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 12:1-14

SERMON

Gentleness in the Midst of Storms

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Hymnal page 35)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

Glory Be to the Father

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Trumpet Tune on Holy, Holy, Holy

Jan Mulder

***DOXOLOGY**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(prayer continues...)

Sanctus #552

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

(prayer continues...)

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Communion of the People

(As you are able, please come forward as directed by the ushers.)

Communion Hymn #525

Let Us Break Bread Together

Prayer after Communion

WE FOLLOW THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***SENDING HYMN #821**

My Life Flows On (How Can I keep from Singing?)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Poco Vivace, Op. 9

Hermann Schroeder

Participating in this morning's service are Rev. Tom James; Liturgist, Gene Smith;
Organist and Music Director, Dr. David Stultz

Calendar

Sunday, September 6

Communion Sunday

9:45 a.m. Nursery

10:00 p.m. Sunday Worship

Monday, September 7

Labor Day

Church Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 8

1:00 p.m. Card Ministry Mtg.

6:30 p.m. Outreach and Mission Mtg.

Wednesday, September 9

10:00 a.m.–4 :00 p.m.

Treasure Chest

12:00 Noon Bulletin and Media

6:30 p.m. NAMI

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Friday, September 11

6:30 p.m. Game Night

Saturday, September 12

10:00 Book of Every Other Month
Mtg.

Sunday, September 13

Kick Off Sunday

9:15 a.m. Music Practice

9:45 a.m. Nursery

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

11:00 a.m. Family Lunch

12:00 noon Kick Off Sunday

6:00 p.m. Hymn Festival