



SOTC Worship
September 13, 2026
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

TEN THOUSAND REASONS

Refrain

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;

wor-ship his ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be - fore,

O my soul; I'll wor-ship your ho - ly name.

Last time to Coda *OR* *Last time*

1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn-ing;
2 You're rich in love, and you're slow to an - ger. Your
3 And on that day when my strength is fail - ing, the

... it's time to sing your song a - gain. What - ev - er may
 name . . is . . great, and your heart is kind. For all . . your
 end . . draws near, and my time has come; . . . still, my

pass, and what - ev - er lies be - fore me, let me be
 good-ness, I will keep . . on . . sing-ing— ten thou-sand
 soul will sing your praise un - end-ing— ten thou-sand

Refrain

sing - ing when the eve - ning comes,
 rea - sons for my heart to find.
 years and then for - ev - er - more!

Coda

wor - ship your ho - ly name,

wor - ship your ho - ly name.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✠ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

ELW 157

HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW 167

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

STORYTELLING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

In preparation to receive God's Word, we light the Christ candle and pray for illumination from God's word. Take a moment for silent reflection.

READINGS: GENESIS 50:15-21; PSALM 103:1-13; ROMANS 14:1-12

In response to the readings:

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW 174

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:21-35

The Gospel is announced:

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 18th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN

GOD, WHEN HUMAN BONDS ARE BROKEN

ELW 603

APOSTLE'S CREED

ELW pg. 105

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response to "Lord in your mercy" is "hear our prayer."

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!

And also with you!

Congregation is invited to share a sign of peace with others.

————— **MEAL** —————

OFFERING SONG

AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

ELW 465

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

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 God thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW 191

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Together we receive God's gift of love given to us in the sacrament of communion. All are welcome at the table, where Christ is our host.

Receive the bread with open hands, and receive either the wine (red liquid) or juice (clear liquid). If you do not desire to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest as an indication to the server.

LAMB OF GOD

The musical score for the Lamb of God hymn is presented in three staves. The first staff is for the Congregation, with the lyrics "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the". The second staff is also for the Congregation, with the lyrics "world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,". The third staff is for the Final time, with the lyrics "mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you". The score includes a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a time signature of 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes, and the performance instructions are written above the notes.

Congregation:
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

Congregation or assistant:

Congregation:
world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,

Final time: Cong. or assistant:
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



Additional invocations:

you break the chains of hatred and fear:
 you are the way of justice and peace:
 you are the way of mercy and love:

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

————— **SENDING** —————

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING

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Thanks be to God!

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