



18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 27, 2026

10:00 am

*please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.
Liturgist for today's worship is Traci McCoy.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP*

We share the stories of our ancestors,
things we have heard and known—

*How the Lord divided the sea
and let the peoples pass through;*
**how God split open rocks
to give us drink in the desert.**

We will not hide these stories from our children;
we will tell the coming generations
about the glorious deeds of the Lord.

HYMN* *"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"* 415

PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

Almighty God, we have been wandering in the wilderness of sin. We have complained in the face of your mercy. We have been selfish and conceited in the face of your sacrifice. We have not done your will. Teach us humility. Teach us gratitude. Infuse your spirit into our beings so that we might be reconciled to you.

[silence]

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy. Kyrie Eleison. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

RESPONSE TO PARDON 582

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

GOSPEL– Matthew 21:28-32

Traci McCoy

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Adult Choir

“The Fullness of God’s Love”

OLD TESTAMENT – Exodus 17:1-7

SERMON

Linda Dickerson

“Is the Lord With Us or Not?”

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE

(from “A Proposed New Confession for the PCUSA”)

As stewards of God’s creative work, we repair and nurture the earth we have harmed, tending it for future generations, and we honor our own life-giving connection to the rest of creation. As we feel the earth groaning in labor pains, we proclaim our steadfast hope that a new creation is being born, and we eagerly await the new heaven and earth, where the home of God is among mortals and death will be no more.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

We pray to you, Great Lover of the World,
Hear our prayers, God of mercy and peace.

**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 and the power and the glory
forever. Amen.**

HYMN* *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"* 475

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE*

**The peace of the earth be with you,
The peace of the heavens, too;
The peace of the rivers be with you,
The peace of the oceans, too.
Deep peace falling over you.
God's peace growing in you.**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO ELECT NEW
OFFICERS

FELLOWSHIP TIME – Celebration of the marriage of
Aran Garnett-Deakin and Darrell Storholt. All are
welcome!