*HYMN NO. 834 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

(v. 2)

SERMON "Words to Live By: Generosity"

*HYMN NO. 517 "Here, O Our Lord, We See You"

(vv. 1, 3, 5)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the precious gift of communion, in which we have received your true presence, the very love of Christ poured out for us. As we have partaken in this sacred meal, we have been reminded of the depth of your love and your call to love one another.

As we leave this holy table, may the love we have received from Christ empower us to live out that love in our daily lives. May it never fail in us, but continue to grow, even when faced with hardship or challenge. And, through the strength of your love, may we continue to strive for a world where faith, hope, and love abound. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*HYMN "Christ Is the Mountain of Horeb"

(English only, v. 1 Choir, v. 2 All)

*BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

DEPARTING MUSIC

Nicolas-Antoine Lebèque

"Les Cloches"

Special thanks to James MacQueen and Nathaniel Martin for their help in worship today.

Prayer Requests: To request prayers for a personal concern, please email the church office (office@fhcpresb.org).

Prayers are requested this week for: Chris Bell, Elsie Boyd, Nancy Burcham, Janet Dauer, Bob Dawson, Diane Doyle, Deborah Howard, Chuck and Jane Ishler, Kemp Jaycox, Sonji Kenyatta, Jessica Owusu, Roz Peters, Ron Register, Joyce Senger, Kate Tzefronis, and Eileen Vizcaino.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers: Ron Klein, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Grace Uhle and Warren Young.

Care Groups will assist our pastor with members' needs. Please call the church office to report an illness, hospitalization, family emergency, birth or death. Information will be passed on to the head of the Deacons.

The Deacon Card Ministry, with cards for all occasions, is available in Fellowship Hall most Sundays after worship. Deacon Nathaniel Martin will be happy to help you pick a card for someone who needs to hear from you and our church. Brighten someone's day with a reminder of our care.

Thank you, office volunteers: Joan Bacon, Lynda Bernays, Cathy Ghiandoni, Nancy Grube, and Kim Hill.

Thank you, Stream Team Volunteers! Anyone interested in helping stream Sunday services should contact Kurt Haas at kurt@dangereddy.com.

Please remember to leave your name tag in the appropriate column on the magnetic board outside Fellowship Hall before you leave today. You want it to be waiting for you next week!

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September 7, 2025 – 10:00 AM

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The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



You may also join worship online using this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bmkf1dv1CeA

*Please stand in body and/or spirit.

Childcare is provided for children ages birth to five years from 9:45 am – 11:15 am in Rooms 201/203. Older children (ages 6+) join their families for summer worship in the sanctuary.

CENTERING WORDS

"O Lord, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, or to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that one receives, it is in self-forgetting that one finds, it is in forgiving that one is forgiven, and it is in dying that one awakens to eternal life."

- anonymous, attributed to Francis of Assisi

CENTERING MUSIC

Gaspard Corrette

"Récit tendre pour le nazard"

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Nathaniel Martin

Come, people of God, to hear the good news:

God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Come, laborers of every hour, those called early and those called late.

For the vineyard is wide, and the Owner is generous.

Come, with hearts ready to worship the One who saves and surprises.

Let us rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is for all!

*HYMN NO. 719

"Come, Labor On"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we are often envious of your generosity. We want mercy for ourselves while we judge others. We cling to grudges and measure what is "fair" by our own standards. We forget that your grace cannot be earned, only received. Forgive us, Lord. Soften our hearts to rejoice in the wideness of your mercy, and help us to see others through the eyes of your compassion.

SILENCE



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"



*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

To participate in our online Friendship Register, please leave a comment in the Live Chat box listing the names of those participating in this morning's Live Worship or email the office.

MUSIC John Bell

"The Summons" Summer Choir

Ushers will collect prayer requests.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE THE PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

Our Loving Parent, 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 kin-dom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

CALL TO GIVING

OFFERING

By texting: 216-400-5300

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Or you may also mail a check to the church office

OFFERTORY

Robert Schumann

"Träumerei"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, we offer these gifts as signs of our gratitude and trust in your redeeming Word. Bless them and use them to build your realm on earth, where justice prevails, mercy is wide, and grace surprises us all. In the name of the One for others we ask this. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Jonah 3:1-4:11 (page 753)

*HYMN NO. 834

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (v.1)

*SCRIPTURE

Matthew 20:1-16 (page 801)

This is the Good News of Jesus the Christ.

Thanks be to God!