

The Work Of God

12th Sunday After Pentecost | August 16, 2026 – 11:00 AM

AS WE GATHER

What is the work of God? well, the simple answer is: creation, provision, and redemption. All of it is God's work...Why dose God do this? Again, the simple answer is: for you.... God's ways are not like our ways. God values each person and desires to call each person His very own for eternity!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE SING

"Rise Up (Lazarus)"

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH – 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 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

WE SING

"Reckless Love"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 56:1-8

¹This is what the Lord says: "Maintain justice and do what is right, for My salvation is close at hand and My righteousness will soon be revealed.

²Blessed is the man who does this, the man who holds it fast, who keeps the Sabbath without desecrating it, and keeps his hand from doing any evil."

³Let no foreigner who has bound himself to the Lord say, "The Lord will surely exclude me from His people." . . .

. . . ⁶And foreigners who bind themselves to the Lord to serve Him, to love the name of the Lord, and to worship Him, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to My covenant – ⁷these I will bring to My holy mountain and give them joy in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations." ⁸The Sovereign Lord declares – He who gathers the exiles of Israel: "I will gather still others to them besides those already gathered." (NIV)

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 15:21-28

²¹Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²²A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to Him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession."

²³Jesus did not answer a word. So His disciples came to Him and urged Him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us."

²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."

²⁵The woman came and knelt before Him. "Lord, help me!" she said.

²⁶He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs."

²⁷"Yes, Lord," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

²⁸Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour. (NIV)

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING

KIDS' TIME

DCE Liz Peters

MESSAGE

"God's Will"

Pastor Doug Slavens

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

P: We confess our sinfulness before our Lord:

C: Dear Lord God, It is Your desire to save all people. You sent Your Son Jesus to be the Savior of the world. Forgive my sins against You and against my neighbors. Forgive me, Lord, for my attitudes, words, and actions that have left others out of my circle of care. Thank You for Your gracious love for me and all people – through Jesus our Savior I pray. Amen.

(Silent time for reflection)

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

WE CELEBRATE OUR LORD'S SUPPER

WORDS OF PREPARATION & INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

DISTRIBUTION OF OUR LORD'S BODY AND BLOOD

"King Of Kings"

"Rooftops"

COMMUNION BLESSING

WE CALL UPON OUR LORD IN PRAYER

WE SING

"That's Who I Praise"

CLOSING BLESSING

OUR OFFERINGS

All that we have and all that we are, belong to the Lord. He fills us with what is good!
We pray: "Fill us, Lord, to overflowing, that others may receive blessed through the blessings we ourselves have received from You."

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