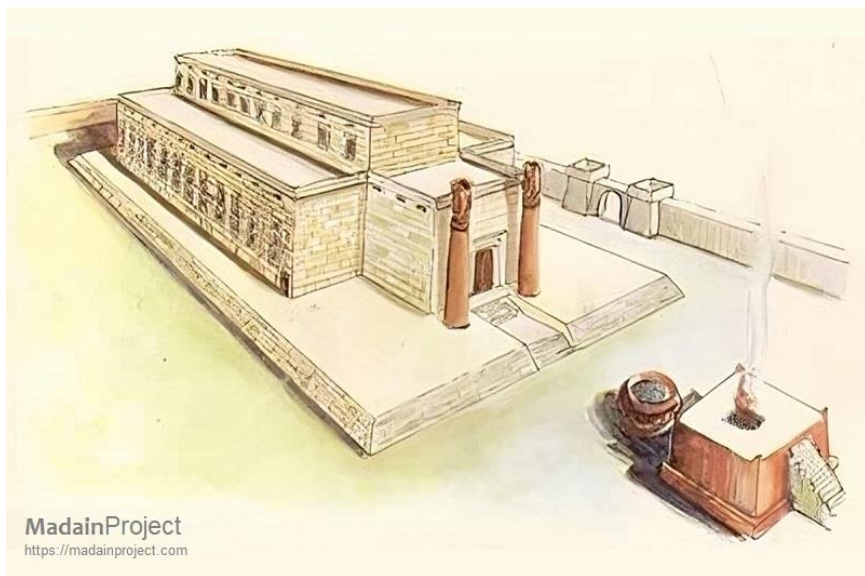




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The 11th Sunday After Pentecost

August 9, 2026 10:30 Service of the Word

We look at Hebrews 8 in today's worship service. The author of Hebrews quotes from the prophet Jeremiah to show that Jesus has created a new covenant between us and God. This is good news. The old covenant was not bad, but it had weaknesses that people were prone to exploit. The new covenant by Jesus is designed to make our hearts and our faith pure.

Welcome to worship today!

If you are visiting St. John's we invite you to sign the Guest Book in the back of the sanctuary.

Large print bulletins are available on the usher's stand.

The Zoom feed for this service is shown in the nursery.

GATHERING

Prelude and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

P: Jesus says, "Come to me,
all who are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

Your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

(For music see Hymn 659 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.**
2. **We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are trav'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**
3. **I will hold the Christ-light for you**

in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen the journey through.

5. Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

Text: Richard Gillard, b. 1953. Music: Richard Gillard; arr. Betty Pulkingham, b. 1928. Text and music copyright 1977 Scripture in Son, admin. Integrity Music

Greeting (2 Corinthians 13:13)

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

C: And also with you.

Gathering Dialog (Deuteronomy 26, 11, 8)

A: You are the treasured people of the Lord,

C: a people holy to the Lord our God.

A: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away,
when you lie down and when you rise.**

A: One does not live by bread alone,

C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray...

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your
Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your
Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes
from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

† WORD †

First Reading Zechariah 8:20-23

B: Thus says the Lord of hosts: Peoples shall yet come, the inhabitants of many cities; ²¹the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, ‘Come, let us go to entreat the favor of the Lord, and to seek the Lord of hosts; I myself am going.’ ²²Many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem, and to entreat the favor of the Lord. ²³Thus says the Lord of hosts: In those days ten men from nations of every language shall take hold of a Jew, grasping his garment and saying, ‘Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.’

After the reading the reader may say: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Poetry Psalm 11 (*read responsively*)

D: I have taken shelter in God,
so how can you say to me:
“Go fly like a bird to the hills,

**C: for the wicked bend their bows,
lock their arrows on the string
to shoot the just from the shadows.**

D: When the world falls apart,
what can the good hope to do?

**C: God dwells in his holy temple,
the heavens hold God’s throne;**

D: the Lord watches the earth,
eyes fixed on all nations,

**C: weighing both righteousness and wicked,
rejecting the violent.**

D: God sends a rain of fire,
allots them a scorching wind.

**C: The Lord loves justice,
the just will see God’s face.**

Second Reading Hebrews 8

E: Now the main point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, ²a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent that the Lord, and not any mortal, has set up. ³For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; hence it is necessary for this priest also to have

something to offer. ⁴Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law. ⁵They offer worship in a sanctuary that is a sketch and shadow of the heavenly one; for Moses, when he was about to erect the tent, was warned, ‘See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain.’ ⁶But Jesus has now obtained a more excellent ministry, and to that degree he is the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted through better promises. ⁷For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no need to look for a second one.

⁸ God finds fault with them when he says:

‘The days are surely coming, says the Lord,
when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel
and with the house of Judah;

⁹ not like the covenant that I made with their ancestors,
on the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt;

for they did not continue in my covenant,
and so I had no concern for them, says the Lord.

¹⁰ This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel
after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their minds,
and write them on their hearts,
and I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.

¹¹ And they shall not teach one another
or say to each other, “Know the Lord”,
for they shall all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest.

¹² For I will be merciful towards their iniquities,
and I will remember their sins no more.’

¹³In speaking of ‘a new covenant’, he has made the first one obsolete.
And what is obsolete and growing old will soon disappear.

After the reading the reader may say: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (John 6:68)

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading John 17:20-26

The gospel is announced:

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 17th chapter.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

[Jesus said] ‘I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

‘Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.’

After the reading:

P: The gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the God, Whose Almighty Word

(For music see Hymn 673 in the Red Hymnal)

1. God, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard
and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.
2. Christ, who once came to bring,
on your redeeming wing,
healing and sight;
health to the troubled mind,
sight where illusions blind;
oh, now to humankind

let there be light.

**3. Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy dove,
speed forth your flight;
move on the water's face
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.**

**4. Holy and blessed three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might:
boundless as ocean's tide,
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth, far and wide,
let there be light.**

Text: John Marriott, 1780-1825 alt. Music: Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796

Response to the Word

P: In Christ you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: **We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints
the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

A: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C: pray in the Holy Spirit.

(Jude 20)

A: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. *(Jude 21)*

A: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: Everything old has passed away;

behold, everything has become new!

(2 Corinthians 5:17)

Peace

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

C: And also with you.

P: Let us share that peace with one another.

The congregation may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

† THANKSGIVING †

Offertory and Gathering of Prayers and Offerings

You are invited to write a prayer concern on the small blank slip of paper in your worship bulletin. This slip will be collected by the ushers in the offering plates. The concerns raised will be prayed for later in the service.

Hymn of Thanksgiving

Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil

For music turn to Hymn 713 in the Blue Hymnal

Lord, let my heart be good soil,

open to the seed of your Word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil,

where love can grow and peace is understood.

When my heart is hard,

break the stone away.

When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day.

When my heart is lost,

lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart,

Lord, let my heart,

Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray: Blessed are you, O God,

C: ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Issues raised by the congregation are lifted in prayer.

The prayer concludes:

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: 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.**

✠ SENDING ✠

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

(For music see Hymn 873 in the Red Hymnal, for Refrain tenor/bass sing words in parenthesis)

1. **Rejoice, ye pure in heart!**
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your festal banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your king.

Refrain: **Rejoice! (Rejoice!) Rejoice! (Rejoice!)**
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

2. **With voice as full and strong**
as ocean's surging praise,
send forth the sturdy hymns of old,
the psalms of ancient days. *Refrain*
3. **With all the angel choirs,**
with all the saints on earth
pour out the strains of joy and bliss,
true rapture, noblest mirth. *Refrain*
4. **Still lift your standard high,**
still march in firm array,
as pilgrims through the darkness wend
till dawns the golden day. *Refrain*
5. **At last the march shall end;**
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*
6. **Praise God who reigns on high,**
the Lord whom we adore:
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
one God forevermore. *Refrain*

Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1821-1891, alt. Music: Arthur H. Messiter, 1834-1916

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: God's Work. Our Hands.



*“Look, I’m a big-picture guy. I say
‘Let there be light,’ you guys figure
out if it’s a wave or a particle.”*

Worship assistants TODAY:

Greeters and Ushers	Rob Stroup
Acolyte	Elijah Young
Counters	Bruce and Connie Stevenson
Coffee Hour	

Worship assistants for next Sunday, August 16

Greeters and Ushers	Tom and Carol Urbanic
Acolyte	Alyssa Young
Altar Care	Gary Boisseau
Communion Assistant	Gary Boisseau
Counters	Mary and Greg Zuege
Coffee Hour	

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