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The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. September 27, 2026

OUR THEME FOR THIS YEAR IS LOVE AND ZEAL: A GOOD MIX FOR 2026!

"Never be lacking in zeal, but maintain your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord." ~ Romans 12:11

We welcome you to Our Shepherd. It is a joy to have you with us today! We pray that you will be strengthened and uplifted through our worship.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Songs: Better Is One Day . . . Matt Redman

How lovely is Your dwelling place
O Lord almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Chorus:

Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere
Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere
Thousands elsewhere

One thing I ask and I would seek
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place
Your glory dwells
One thing I ask and I would seek
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place
Your glory dwells

Repeat Chorus

My heart and flesh cry out
For You the living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul
I've tasted and I've seen
Come once again to me
I will draw near to You
I will draw near to You to You

Repeat Chorus

Great Are You Lord . . . All Sons & Daughters

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
And Great are You, Lord

Chorus:

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
To You only

You give life, You are love
 You bring light to the darkness
 You give hope, You restore
 Every heart that is broken
 And Great are You, Lord

Repeat Chorus Twice

Bridge:

And all the earth
 Will shout Your praise
 Our hearts will cry
 These bones will sing
 Great are You, Lord

Repeat Bridge Twice

Repeat Chorus Twice

Confession (All): Lord, we confess our lack of faith. We see a glimpse of what we ought to be and we know we fall short of the goal. We desire faith that is solid and unchanging, yet we crumble under trials and temptations. We want to be strong, but we know our weaknesses. Our sinful condition strips us of any spiritual gain that we humbly devise. Lord, forgive us. Accept us as we are, unworthy for the task, yet gifted for your purposes. Grant us Your gift of faith.

Absolution (Pastor)

Apostle's 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.

Communion Song (10:30): The Heart of Worship . . . Matt Redman

When the music fades all is stripped away
 And I simply come
 Longing just to bring something that's of worth
 That will bless Your heart

I'll bring You more than a song
 For a song in itself is not what You have required
 You search much deeper within
 Through the way things appear
 You're looking into my heart

Chorus:

I'm coming back to the heart of worship
 And it's all about You all about You Jesus
 I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it
 When it's all about You all about You Jesus

King of endless worth no one could express
 How much You deserve
 Though I'm weak and poor all I have is Yours
 Ev'ry single breath

I'll bring You more than a song
 For a song in itself is not what You have required
 You search much deeper within
 Through the way things appear
 You're looking into my heart

Repeat Chorus Twice

The Lord's Supper (10:30 a.m.)

The Bible is specific about who should attend the Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 10: 16-17; 11: 27-30). We invite those who wish to confess their sins and believe they receive Christ's body and blood in this sacrament, for their forgiveness, to join us at the Lord's Table for their spiritual strengthening.

Scripture Readings (Back of Bulletin)

Message from the Word:
Sermon Series: I Do Not Want Faith Like . . . Jonah
Sermon Text: Jonah 1: 1-3

Offering

Prayers/Lord’s Prayer

Closing Song: Forever . . . Kari Jobe

The moon and stars they wept
The morning sun was dead
The Savior of the world was fallen
His body on the cross
His blood poured out for us
The weight of every curse upon Him

One final breath, He gave
As Heaven looked away
The son of God was laid in darkness
A battle in the grave
The war on death was waged
The power of hell forever broken

The ground began to shake
The stone was rolled away
His perfect love could not be overcome
Now death, where is your sting?
Our resurrected King
Has rendered you defeated

Chorus:
Forever He is glorified
Forever He is lifted high
Forever He is risen
He is alive, He is alive!

The ground began to shake
The stone was rolled away

His perfect love could not be overcome
Now death, where is your sting?
Our resurrected King
Has rendered you defeated

Repeat Chorus

Bridge:
We sing hallelujah
We sing hallelujah
We sing hallelujah
The Lamb has overcome

Repeat Bridge
Repeat Chorus

Benediction

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS: Flowers are given to the glory of God this weekend by Laurie Buss in loving memory of her mom, Mary Buss, on her birthday.

FIRST-TIME VISITORS: Welcome to our guests and visitors! Please take home an Our Shepherd gift bag located on the table in the narthex as a “thank you” for being here!

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Those students who will be attending college and living away from home this fall are asked to please notify the church office of their school address and email.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES: Fall is a great time to get into Bible study! All are welcome and encouraged to attend! See the weekly schedule for days and meeting times.

DONATIONS NEEDED: God’s Work Today is taking a small team to Africa in October, and we need donations of coloring books, crayons, colored pencils, face paint, and teddy bears for the trip. Please leave items by the bulletin board or in the church office by October 18th.

SERVE AT THE EBENEZER BREAKFAST: On Saturday, October 3, 2026, we are asking for 4-5 volunteers beginning at 7:30. See our website for the sign-up link.

LIFE CHAIN: Anyone wishing to participate in the “Life Chain” (holding pro-life signs for 1 ½ hours), please indicate on an attendance card. The date for this event is **Sunday, October 4th, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.** Please meet at church at 1:30 p.m., and we will go as a group.

FALL WORKDAY: Please sign up if you can help with various cleaning and outdoor projects on Saturday, October 10th beginning at 8:00 a.m.

FLANNELS AND FIREPITS: Join us on Saturday, October 17th after church. We will enjoy fellowship, songs around the fire, s’mores and apple cider! Bring a friend! Please sign up so we can plan for supplies.

BLANKET-MAKING: Save the dates! We will work on Sunday, November 8th after the late service until 3:00, and Saturday, November 14th from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided on both days. Watch for a sign up in the coming weeks.

COLLECTION OF WINTER ITEMS: If you knit or crochet, there is yarn available in the room off the nursery. Please take what you would like to create hats, mittens, and scarves to be donated to those in need. Completed items can be left in the church office.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday	Women’s Bible Study	2:00 PM
Monday	Adult Bible Study	6:30 PM
Monday	Bell Choir	3:30 PM
Tuesday	Share Our Strengths (S.O.S.)	6:00 PM
Wednesday	Men’s Bible Study	6:00 AM
Wednesday	Women’s Bible Study	9:30 AM
Wednesday	Bell Choir	6:45 PM
Wednesday	Senior Choir	7:30 PM
Saturday	Worship Service	6:00 PM
Sunday	Worship Service	8:00 AM
Sunday	Sunday School	9:30 AM
Sunday	Teen and Adult Bible Study	9:30 AM
Sunday	Worship Service	10:30 AM

The Word Today is aired locally on Sunday mornings at 7:45 on WJYI 1340 AM and at 8:30 on WRJN 1400 AM

Listener Responses to The Word Today – Shone (Zimbabwe)

I listened to the new program, The Word Today (Shoko raNhasi). I am also positive that God loves me so much that He protects and guides me when I am about to lose my way and I greatly appreciate God for this. This evening, you mentioned not getting tired of doing good. Encouraging us to continue doing good despite any negatives that may reach our ears. I personally was getting fatigued and truly considering quitting the good that I was doing for someone. Thank you very much. I will not get tired; instead, I will pray that the Lord will help me keep doing the right thing. God bless you.

The lessons you are teaching are quite beneficial. First, my mind is transformed. It has become stable, not thinking or plotting evil. This is making me a more committed person. Secondly, I am now able to control myself. Third, I have seen myself having more times of prayer. Especially on my own. It was not easy for me to be doing this. The fourth change in me is that I can now compose myself and humble myself, even as I am older than those I do work with. This I do so as to preach Christ in a better way. Lastly I have grown so much in reading the Word of God on my own. All I can is that may God continue to use you to minister to His children. I am one of the children. God bless you.

I greatly want to thank you for the program Shoko raNhasi (The Word Today Shona) which has come to give another layer of the great teachings of the Word. Pastor, allow me to thank you so much for the teachings on your program. These teachings help a lot in my life. The changing of my lifestyle is getting another solid teaching through this wonderful program. Continue giving us food for life as you always mention on the program that we cannot live on bread alone.

Greetings Pastor, The Word Today Shona is so uplifting. Even after coming from church I still want to listen to those programs. I have also encouraged others to listen to these powerful teachings. May God continue to give you strength to keep doing His work.

Thank you Pastor for The Word Today. I am continuously being encouraged by your teachings. I treasure them so much because they are easy to follow and understandable. I believe I am not going to be the same again as I continue following through your teachings. I am growing in understanding the real truth. Thank you for your love and continue with such great work.