



FORESIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Connecting to God

Nurturing Community

Discovering our Callings

Sunday, August 23, 2026

The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School and Nursery Care have concluded for the summer. The nursery is available for families to use if children need a place to play, and an audio feed of the service is accessible there.

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

One: Friends, you are welcome to this meeting house:

Many: **a shelter to hold us in the storms of life.**

You are welcome in this community:

A circle of belonging in which we seek God's presence.

All are welcome in Christ's love:

Living water which reshapes and restores us.

Shaped by shelter, community, and love, then,

Let us not be conformed to this world,

but be transformed by the renewing of our minds in Christ Jesus,

so that we may discern what is the will of God—

what is good and acceptable and perfect.

* HYMN

Like a Tree Beside the Water

Red Hymnal, #244

**Like a tree beside the waters, nurtured by your loving care,
we, O God, your sons and daughters, your enduring witness bear.
In each passing generation may your voice of love be heard.
Bless, we pray, this congregation with your holy, living Word.**

Like a tree beside the river, drawing life from holy streams,
fill us with your love forever; recreate our hopes and dreams.
Through the storms of life sustain us by the wisdom of your grace.
May the changing of the seasons find us in your warm embrace.

We, beside the living waters, drink from your eternal life.
Give to all, your sons and daughters, faith that rises over strife.
Ever living God, most glorious, strengthen us for life today.
By the hope of timeless promise guide your church upon the Way.

*** OPENING PRAYER**

INTRODUCTION TO THE SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE *Exodus 1:8-2:10*

SERMON *Drawing Deep* The Rev. Geoff Parker

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: May God be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray...

The Lord's Prayer

...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. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO THE SERVICE OF GOD

Electronic gifts may be shared here:

<https://www.foresidechurch.org/index.php/giving/> or by pointing your phone's camera at the image to the right and clicking on the link displayed.



Offertory Anthem

* Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

* Blessing of Gifts

* HYMN

Community of Christ

Red Hymnal, #502

Community of Christ, who make the cross your own,
live out your creed and risk your life for God alone;
the God who wears your face, to whom all worlds belong,
whose children are of every race and every song.

Community of Christ, look past the church's door
and see the homeless, see the hungry, and the poor.
Take hands with the oppressed, the jobless in your street,
take towel and water, that you wash your neighbor's feet.

Community of Christ, through whom the word must sound –
cry out for justice and for peace the whole world round;
disarm the powers that war and all that can destroy,
turn bombs to bread, and tears of anguish into joy.

When menace melts away, so shall God's will be done,
the climate of the world be peace and Christ its Sun;
our currency be love and kindness our law,
our food and faith be shared as one for every more.

* BLESSING AND SENDING

POSTLUDE

Today's Ministers of Worship:

John Bischof and Robin Singer

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Registrations for names to be included on the large rocks in the Memorial Garden are now being accepted for engraving this fall. **The deadline for registering is August 31, 2026.** Please contact Debbie Reifsnyder, Registrar, for more information, or to request forms at 207-232-7298.

THIS WEEK AT FORESIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday, August 23:	9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship (Sanctuary and Online)
Monday, August 24:	7:00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting (Zoom)
Tuesday, August 25:	7:15 p.m. AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Thursday, August 27:	6:00 p.m. Women's AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, August 30:	9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship (Sanctuary and Online)

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An Open and Affirming Congregation

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