

WORSHIP SERVICE
September 7, 2025
God's Work Our Hands

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATING SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

†CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

As we begin our time of worship,
We speak out loud our desire to face the brokenness in our lives.
(Silence for reflection and self-examination)
P: Merciful God . . .

C: . . . as we prepare ourselves to be open to you, we honestly admit to shortcomings in our living.

We live selfishly and miss the need of gratitude. We live fearfully and miss the need of grace.

We live self-righteously and miss the possibility of learning how to be forgiven.

God, forgive us, and free us to be right with you again, so that we can live more as the people You have called us to be.

P: God offers us daily the gift of forgiveness and a new beginning. Nothing, NOTHING, can separate us from the love of God. By Grace we have been saved! Hear God's declaration that we are forgiven for our sins. Be reconciled to God, know Christ's Peace and rejoice in the name of the Creator, the Redeemer and the Spirit of God's love.

C: Amen.

🎵 GATHERING HYMN ~ God's Work Our Hands

ACS #1000

Verse 1:

God's work, our hands: working together,
building a future, repairing the world,
raising up homes, planting new gardens,
feeding the hungry and shel'tring the cold.
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

Verse 2:

God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,
following Jesus to places unknown,
walking as friends, marching for freedom,
running the race with God's future the goal.
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

†GREETING

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.

†PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Lord, in our work today . . .

C: . . . renew in us the commitment to use our gifts in the service of others. Let us be your hands to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, comfort the weary, welcome the stranger, care for creation, and be loving neighbors to all people. Amen.

WORD

†LESSON: Galatians 5:1, 13-14

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

†GOSPEL: Luke 22:24-27 (NIV)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

†SERMON

Pastor Dana O'brien

🎵 **HYMN OF THE DAY ~ Will You Let Me Be Your Servant**

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Verse :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.

Verse 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.

Verse 3:

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

Verse 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 this journey through.

Verse 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.

† **PRAYERS**

P: God we pray,

C: . . . open our hands in love.

† **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: May the Peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Please share that peace with one another.

† **OFFERING**

Please pass the offering plates as directed by the ushers.

† **OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Please stand and join me in our offering prayer:

C: Let us give with joy because we have received freely. Let us give generously because so many are in need. Let us give with love so that our wallets do not feel empty, but instead less burdensome. Amen.

MEAL

† **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

† **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

† **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 and ever. Amen.

†THE MEAL IS SHARED

*Everyone is welcome at the Lord's table for Holy Communion. Those at home will be communed first.
The ushers will direct you forward to receive the gifts. You will receive gluten free bread from the Pastor.
Then the assisting minister will offer you a prefilled cup of wine (dark) or grape juice (light).*

†COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May this, the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you, and keep you always in God's grace.

C: Amen

SENDING

†BLESSING OF THE HANDS

P: We are called to proclaim God's good news:

C: God is at work!

P: This good news is not just some history long ago in a place far away:

C: God is at work in the world today!

P: In us and through us, God works in our world.

When we offer a helping hand, God is praised.

When we share of our abundance, God is known in the world.

C: God is at work in us!

P: In our service today and in our daily lives,

let us live each day as the disciples Jesus has called us to be.

C: God is at work in us and through us!

We'll take turns blessing each other's hands:

First person marks a cross on the backs of the other's hands:

First person says: God bless your hands and your work,

First person marks a cross on the palms of the other's hands:

First person says: that through you God's love may be known.

Then switch, and the second person blesses the other's hands.

†BENEDICTION

P: Receive God's blessing as you are sent to partner with God in God's redemptive mission in the world. Go with joy and see others as God sees them – beloved children of God. Live as the church in your neighborhoods and community – serve others as you have been served, love others as God has first loved you. And go with the blessing of the Father + and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

♪SENDING SONG ~ God's Work Our Hands

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Verse 3:

God's work, our voice: singing together,
praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,
praying for peace, shouting for justice,
claiming God's love for the lost and the least.
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

Verse 4:

God is at work in and around us:
seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!
Washed and set free, humbled and honored,
gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

†DISMISSAL

P: Go with love. Live as God's hands at work in the world.

C: Amen!

♪POSTLUDE