

## Worship for September 26

### GATHERING MUSIC

Hymn 452

Hymn 368

Hymn 627

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

*We Fall Down*

*I Love You Lord*

### WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

When the world around us seems to be shaking,

**God's love is our foothold, which shall not be moved.**

When the life within us is dry and parched,

**God's word is our wellspring, our fount of living water.**

Let us worship the one who offers us wisdom

**Let us worship the one who gives us life!**

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### OPENING MUSIC – *Here I Am to Worship*

### SEEKING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You told us, O Lord, that whoever wants to be first must be last and servant of all.**

**Oh, but how we long to be first O God: to climb every ladder, frame every**

**achievement, get every promotion, and obtain every glory. Oh, how we long to**

**be first, O God, and oh how we dread being last. Forgive us, O humble Christ,**

**and by your forgiveness, teach us. Teach us to reframe our priorities. Teach us to**

**be servants first, and to let your lives flow from a heart of faith. In the name of**

**Christ we pray. (silent prayers)**

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ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

### HYMN 401 – *Here in this Place*

### CHILDREN'S CONVERSATION - Cindy Lee

### SCRIPTURE READING – **Genesis 28:10-17**

<sup>10</sup> Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. <sup>11</sup> When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. <sup>12</sup> He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup> There above it stood the LORD, and he said: "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. <sup>14</sup> Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. <sup>15</sup> I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

<sup>16</sup> When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it." <sup>17</sup> He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven."

**SERMON – *Exhausted***

**Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee**

**ANTHEM – *In Christ Alone***

**Rev. Dr. Charlie Lee & Rev. Scott Lawson, Guitars and Vocals**

**INVITATION TO GENEROSITY**

**Linda Anderson & Gai Riak**

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**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.  
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.  
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and  
Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.  
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

from A Brief Statement of Faith

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN 66 - *Every Time I Feel the Spirit***

**BENEDICTION**