

**CELEBRATING THE SABBATH**  
**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

July 25, 2021 at 9 o'clock



*...“love,” together with “faith,” would then be the means in which,  
and the means by which, Christ inhabits the heart.*

--Marcus Barth, commentary on the Ephesians

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PRELUDES

*Chora Corção*

Antonio Carlos Jobim, arr. Henrique Eisenmann

*Contemplation*

Jeffrey and James Boratko

SHARING OUR WELCOME

WE COME TO WORSHIP

We enter into worship, calling upon the author of life, the sculptor of souls, the foundation of every family;

**God has called us by name and poured out abundant mercy upon us.**

God has placed resources within our reach, given us a blessed earth for our dwelling place, and sustained us in our life's journey.

**Christ dwells in our hearts through faith, that we may be rooted and grounded in love.**

HYMN NO. 475 (VS 1-3)

*The Church of Christ in Every Age*  
Sung by our soloist.

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OPENING PRAYER

**God of Grace,  
we come as people who live through your Grace.  
And so we praise you for growth,  
we rejoice in being set free by your forgiveness,  
we dance along the path that leads us into your heart which is our spiritual home,  
we give thanks for the healing we have received,  
we relax in the knowledge that we are forgiven  
and we live as people of Grace. Amen.**

~ adapted from a prayer by Rev Gord, and posted on Worship Offerings.

A MOMENT FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES Lauren Dube

ANTHEM *DNA* Jeffrey Boratko

SCRIPTURE LESSON [Ephesians 3:14-21](#) Jane Cave

SERMON *A Prayer for the Church: Rooted and Grounded in Love* Erica Avena

#### A TIME OF 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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HYMN NO. 494 *They'll Know We Are Christians* [Click here to see hymn](#)  
Join as you are able!

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#### BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *James* Pat Metheny/Lyle Mays  
Jeffrey Boratko, Bassoon

#### *Questions for Conversation and Reflection:*

- For you, what are the major barriers to prayer?
- If you were to write a prayer for the church, what words would you use?