

Woden Valley Uniting Church



23 August 2026

Pentecost 13

The Gathering of the People of God

One faith in the Lord Jesus Christ binding us together in one
cause.

One hope, in the One God, One father over all.

**The Gong is struck three times, *The gong calls us to
gather, to be present in this time of worship***

Prelude (*A time for quiet preparation*)

Acknowledgement of Country

Lighting the Community Candle

Call to Worship

God of all, we have gathered together in your
presence

We turn our hearts and minds to you.

We pause to take a moment to leave behind us all the
distraction and demands that fill our thoughts.

***We lay at your feet all the things we regret, tasks left
undone, words uttered in anger, moments that made
us uncomfortable.***

All of these we lay down at your feet, wishing to draw
closer to you, to offer songs of worship and to hear
your word and learn more about you.

Lord, let us enter your presence.

Let us worship God !

**Hymn TiS 693 Come as you are; that's how I want you
(*Please stand to sing as you are able*)**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

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Hear then Christ's word of grace to us;

'Your sins are forgiven'.

Thanks be to God.

TiS 659 The Lord is my shepherd and I want to follow
(*Please stand to sing as you are able*)

The Service of the Word

First Reading Romans 12: 1-8

12 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. **2** Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. **4** For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, **5** so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. **6** We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; **7** ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; **8** the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Psalm 138 TiS 86

Gospel Matthew 16: 13- 20

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" **14** And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." **15** He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" **16** Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." **17** And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son

of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Reflection

Silent reflection

Offering

Prayers of the People (The Care Candle is lit)

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Together : Gracious God, we place all these things into your hands firm in the belief that you have heard and will answer our prayers though we know not how or when, but we trust in the love of your Son, in whose precious name we pray. Amen.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Song TiS 474 Here in this place new light is streaming

Setting of the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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And so we praise you with the faithful of every time and place, joining with choirs of angels and the whole creation in the eternal hymn:

(Sung response TiS 761)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in
the highest,
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.

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With this bread and this cup we do as our Saviour
commands :

We celebrate the redemption he has won for us.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,

Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

*Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin
against us.*

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

*For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God. (sung response) TiS 766

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world have
mercy on us, *have mercy on us.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have
mercy on us, *have mercy on us.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace, *grant us peace.*

The Communion (sing TiS 714)

*Eat this bread, drink this up, come to him and never
be hungry.*

*Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you
will not thirst.*

Prayer after Communion

The Sending Forth of the People of God

Song TiS 653 This is a day of new beginnings (*Please
stand to sing as you are able*)

Word of Mission

Blessing

Sharing and Notices