

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Minister: Rev. Jim Patterson

13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026

Duty Elder: Connie Madsen

Musicians: Pat Nilsson, Rosemary Brown

Scripture Reader: Connie Madsen

Musical Prelude – Time for Quiet Meditation

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 2

One: Why do the nations conspire, and the peoples plot in vain?

ALL: The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and his anointed, saying, 'Let us burst their bonds asunder, and cast their cords from us.'

One: He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord has them in derision. Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying,

ALL: 'I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill.' I will tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to me, 'You are my son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron, and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.'

One: Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, with trembling kiss his feet, or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way; for his wrath is quickly kindled.

ALL: Happy are all who take refuge in him.

One: Let us worship God!

* **HYMN # 255:** *Now let the vault of heaven resound*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING THE PEACE

FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART: *Up or down?*

* **HYMN # 717:** *We cannot own the sunlit sky*

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING (unison)

God, by whose word came light to break the darkness so that there would be life... send light to us, to relieve our darkened spirits, so that we might have the life you offered us in Jesus. Amen

SCRIPTURES: Leviticus 1 (pg 88), Isaiah 1: 10 – 17 (pg 630),
Matthew 23: 29 – 39 (pg 26)

SERMON: *Christianity after Religion: 1. Religion*

ANTHEM: *What does the Lord require of you?*

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

CREEDAL STATEMENT: Living Faith 2.3

* **HYMN # 634:** *Will you come and follow me?*

WE GIVE TO GOD'S WORK

* **PRAISE RESPONSE # 802 VS 2:** *For the fruits of all creation*

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION:** Loyola 16th c (unison)

* **INTERCESSIONS & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

* **HYMN # 634:** *Brother Sister Let Me Serve You*

* **BENEDICTION**

* **SUNG BENEDICTION # 264 (X2):** *Sing amen*

Birthday greetings this week go out to Jeremy Frank, Lynne Hare, Wendy Lowry, Wayne Adams, Roseline Kuzio, and Ashton Wadden.

Birthday greetings for next week go out to Judy Lawton, Ila Jackson, and Pat Nilsson.

Anniversary greetings for next week go out to Bob & Rosemary Brown.

Camp Kannawin Service: Next Sunday (no service in Rocky). Bill Lundie organizing. Golf carts available for transport. See email sent on July 21.

One License: Registration #A-607931(for music & podcast/streaming)

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