

The earth is full of the
goodness of the LORD.

PSALM 33:5



Elizabeth, Guest Speaker
Craig, Liturgist
Joshua, Organist

August 23, 2026

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Church Gathers to Worship

**Those who wish may stand.*

MEDITATIVE READING

Exodus 1:8-2:10 (pg. 49 [60 LP] OT)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Draw us up, O Lord, like water from deep within the well – draw us up into the light of this day.

People: Pour us out, O Lord, wash away the cares of our lives – free us from all we keep so deep within.

Leader: Refresh us in this hour. Lead our hearts anew along your River of Life,

People: Where we leap the bank and join the clear, cool stream; going along in the flow of life kept with you!

*HYMN #469

"Morning Has Broken"

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*CORPORATE CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Lord with an everlistening ear, we stand together in this place with needs as many and more than we are, for we carry the needs of others as well. Cause our hearts to be open. Expose before you all that lies within. Let your healing Spirit move through the worry and waste of our lives. Bring us peace. Bring us calm. Bring order amongst all that is scattered about. Hear us as we come to you in prayer...

*PERSONAL CONFESSION (*in silence*)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI (pg. 579 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

To Hear God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

RESPONSIVE READING *Psalm 138* (pg. 577 [709 LP] OT)

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Romans 12:1-8*
(pg. 161 [196 LP] NT)

GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 16:13-20* (pg. 18 [22 LP] NT)

SERMON Elizabeth

To Respond in Faith

*HYMN #434 *"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"*

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Unison*) (pg. 16 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

To Serve in Love and Hope

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY (pg. 392 in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newsletter Articles due today

*HYMN #262 *"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*Postlude Joshua

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For the week beginning August 23rd, 2026

GREETERS: Mary Ann
PRAYER FAMILY: Bizzy and Brad & Family
ELDER for the Month: Barb

Mon. 8/24	Office Closed Food Pantry Set-up: 9:00 a.m.
Tues. 8/25	Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Food Pantry Set-up: 9:00 a.m.
Wed. 8/26	Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Food Pantry: 9 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Thurs: 8/27	Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Fri. 8/28	Office Closed
Next Sunday 8/30	Worship 10:00 a.m. Rev. Dorothy Liturgist: Buffy Greeters: ????? Organist: Joshua (his last week)

HEARING ENHANCERS are available in the Narthex.

We are collecting Tuna Fish for the Portville Community Food Pantry. **REMINDER:** *Egg cartons are also being collected.*

Info/articles for the **SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER NEWSLETTER** are due to Julie **TODAY**.

REGARDING COMMUNION

We will be returning to our traditional communion liturgy of being "served." On September 6th, Communion Sunday, our elders will be serving us the elements - (the bread and juice) as we sit in the pews.



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