



Hudson Memorial  
Presbyterian Church (USA)



*To know, love, and serve God in Jesus Christ*

Welcome



August 23, 2026

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## We Gather to Worship

### People's Preparation

“Could it be that our affinity for the utilitarian pragmatism of the Industrial Revolution created a blind spot in culture that not only overlooks great art, but if purity of expression is compromised could also lead us to reject the essence of the gospel? Could it be...that we have missed the essence of the gospel message by focusing merely on an industrial, commoditized way to convey the information of the gospel, or even to ‘sell’ the Good News in the most efficient manner prescribed by our entrepreneurial or industrial mindset?”

- Fujimora, *Art + Faith: Theology of Making*, p. 17

### Prelude

*O Worship the King*

arr. Philip Keveren

### Welcome

Marguerite Sirrine

*Please sign the Friendship Pad, passing it down the pew and then back to the center aisle.  
Guests, we invite you to share your contact information.*

### Introit

*Let Us Build a House*

M. Haugen

### Call to Worship\*

Eric Earle

One: God has created the world of space and time as the sphere for divine dealing with humankind, reflecting majesty and mystery in its beauty and order.

**Many: God has created us for personal relationships, calling us to respond to the love of the Creator.**

One: Life is a gift to be received with gratitude from God.

**All: With Christ we live lives with courage. Let us worship God.**

### Opening Hymn #269\*

*Lead On, O King Eternal!*

**HYMNS CAN BE FOUND AT THE END OF THE DOCUMENT.**

### Children's Message

Monica Maxwell

### Congregational Response

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world,  
Stranger, friend, and neighbor too,  
He loves them as He loves you,  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

# **We Repent & Seek Forgiveness**

## **Call to Confession**

Marguerite Serrine

## **Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world. We conform to this world's frantic pace, too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide. We conform to this world's reckless waste, exploiting what you entrust to our care. We conform to this world's shallow values, oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us. We conform to this world's impatient attitudes, preferring the latest instead of the lasting. Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen. *(Silence)*

## **Assurance of Pardon**

## **Gloria Patri #581\***

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

## **Passing of the Peace\***

Eric Earle

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

*Please offer a sign of Christ's peace to those around you.*

# **We Hear God's Word**

## **First Lesson**

Exodus 1:8-2:10

OT p. 49, Eric Earle

## **Anthem**

*Many Gifts, One Spirit*

Allen Pote

Many gifts, one spirit, many songs, one voice.  
Many reasons, one promise, many questions, one choice.  
O God, we pray for unity, give guidance from above.  
In our differences unite us in the circle of your love.

O God, remind us we are not alone.  
Though we move on different pathways, we are walking to your throne.  
Help us learn to love each other, show us ways to understand.  
We are members of one family, growing strong by joining hands.

O God, remind us we are not alone.  
Though we move on different pathways, we are walking to your throne.  
Take our many ways of working, blend the colors of each soul,  
Into the beauty of a rainbow, give us life, Lord, make us whole.

**Prayer of Illumination**

Marguerite Serrine

**Second Lesson**

Romans 12:1-8

NT p. 161

**Sermon**

"Making Sense"  
(Novel: *Mona's Eyes*)

Marguerite Serrine

## **We Respond in Faith**

**Affirmation of Faith (Unison)\***

From the *Confession of 1967*; Eric Earle

We believe that in Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared human needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful people. In giving himself for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which all people stand convicted. We believe that God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all.

**Invitation to the Offering**

Eric Earle

**Offertory**

*Give Thanks*  
Hudson Handbell Ensemble

H. Smith, P. Sanders Cota

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*To make an online offering to HMPC, we invite you to use this QR code:*

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**Doxology #609\***

LAAST UNS ERFRUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high and low.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer**

Eric Earle

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.

# We Bear and Follow the Word into the World

**Closing Hymn #817\***

*We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

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**Benediction\***

Marguerite Sirrine

**Choral Response\***

*Go with Us, Lord*

**Postlude**

*Marche*

Lefebure-Wely

*\*Rise, in body or spirit*

## Join us for Fellowship

Get to know your neighbors! Following the service, join us for a time of fellowship in Westminster Hall. **Thanks to the Parikh Family - Lauren, Maya, San, and Sonia - for hosting Fellowship today!**

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## Worship Notes

**Chancel Flowers today** are given by Shea & Michael Linden in honor of all Students and Educators in the 2026-2027 School Year.

**The Rose today** is in celebration of the birth of John Greyson Feurer, born to Greyson and Jordan Feurer, on August 16, 2026.

**LARGE PRINT bulletins** are available by the entrances. Ask an usher if you need assistance.

**Blue prayer cards** are available in the pew racks. If you are in need of prayer, you may fill out a card and put it in the offering plate.

**Greeters today** - Tony Bedini, Tripp Bradshaw, Parikh family

**Ushers today** - Sandra Acai, Marsha Flueckinger, Sharon Cole

**Soundboard Operator** - John Whisler | **Livestream Operator** - Bob Stowe

**Deacon on Call (DOC) for August** is Fred Woodward. If you are in need of prayer, comfort or assistance, please call the confidential Deacon Prayer line at 919-390-2688.

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## Children & Their Families: Worship, Education & Helpful Hints

We enthusiastically welcome all children to HMPC! The comfort and security of children are our highest priority.

- **Nursery for infants, toddlers, and twos** is located on the north end of the first floor and is available from 9:15-11:45 today. Please sign in your child with one of our childcare workers. Staff are HMPC employees and experienced childcare professionals.
- **We welcome all families to begin Worship together in the Sanctuary.** Please sign in children at the back of the Sanctuary near the Children's Worship Area and ensure each child is wearing his/her lanyard or a nametag. Following the Children's Message, all children age 3 years through 4th grade are welcome to go with the Children's Ministry volunteers to Sunday School.
- **Our Children's Worship area** is open to children 1st grade and under. Children 2nd grade and older are asked to sit with their parents until the Children's Message. While your child is in the Children's Worship Area, parents should sit in nearby pews to supervise their children.

## Special Offering: Hunger Action Fund

This August we invite you to support our special offering collection for the Hunger Action Fund. As a Hunger Action congregation, it is our primary mission to help provide food and vital resources to individuals and families facing food insecurity in our community and beyond. Join us in being the hands and feet of Christ to those in need.



You may place your donation in the offering plate, mail it, or donate online (QR code to left). To text to give, send your donation amount with the word "Hunger" to 888-906-0744 (Example: 25 Hunger)

## Sermon Notes

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## **Upcoming at Hudson**

### **August 23 - Inquirers' Class for those interested in membership**

Today after worship - Join us in the Karl Hudson room!

**August 26 - Handbell workshop** - 6:00-7:00pm - Contact Barbara Loehr-Fox for details.

**August 29 - Youngish Adult End-of-Summer Gathering** - 5:00-7:30 p.m. at Edit Beer Co. (1911 Sego Ct. #101, Raleigh, NC 27616). There are activities for kids, so feel free to bring them along. As an added bonus, there will be a Vintage & Artisan Market from 2-6pm at Edit Beer Co. if you want to explore that before joining us!

**September 13 - Back-to-Church Potluck Lunch** - After worship

**September 20 - Kick-off for Children's Music, Coffee & Conversation for Young-ish Adults, Youth Music, Youth Group**

**October 4 - World Communion Sunday & Rise Against Hunger Workday**

**October 11 - Blessing of the Animals** - 10:30 Worship

**October 25 - Fall Festival** - St. Mark's UMC - 3:00-5:00pm - Sign-up coming soon!

**November 1 - All Saints' Sunday & Commitment Sunday** - 10:30 Worship

**November 15 - Children's Sabbath** - 10:30 Worship



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## Our Mission Statement

*To Know, Love and Serve God in Jesus Christ*

## Our Vision

*We seek to welcome with the love of Christ, trust in the grace of Christ,  
and grow with the help of Christ.*

## Our Core Values

*Worship, Generosity, Service, Nurture, Education & Gratitude*

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## Session

Caroline Smart, Clerk

Marguerite Sirriner, Moderator

### Class of 2027

Harry Bowles  
Steve Guy  
Don Haydon  
Grace Hutchinson

### Class of 2028

Barry Cobb  
Jay Cummins  
John James  
Elizabeth Peeler

### Class of 2029

Sean Cole  
Kessler Dickerson (Youth)  
Becky Hughes  
Ken Krause  
John Williams

## Deacons

### Class of 2027

Jeffrey Coonse  
Gil Graybill  
Caroline Rohs  
Lisa Williams, Moderator  
Fred Woodward

### Class of 2028

Jenn Autry  
Nancy Eyre  
Joanna Hulsey  
Hope Parangi  
Iva Stowe

### Class of 2029

Debbie Bumgarner  
Barbara Coleman  
Susan Eichler  
Jill Hovis  
Elizabeth van Die

## HMPC Staff

|                          |                                          |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Marguerite Sirriner..... | Transitional Pastor & Head of Staff      |
| Aleta Ash .....          | Minister of Visitation                   |
| Laric Copes.....         | Sexton                                   |
| Hunter Cox.....          | Organist                                 |
| Cary Dickerson.....      | Director of Children & Family Ministries |
| Eric Earle.....          | CRE Intern                               |
| Erica Hairston.....      | Virtual Business Manager                 |
| Joyce Hawkins .....      | Assistant Preschool Director             |
| Lesley Ash Jacobsen..... | Communications Manager                   |
| Merritt Liebman.....     | Director of Youth Ministry               |
| Barbara Loehr-Fox.....   | Director of Music Ministries             |
| Hope Parangi .....       | Church Hostess                           |
| Dorothy Roche .....      | Preschool Director                       |
| Hannah Woodcock.....     | Administrative Coordinator               |



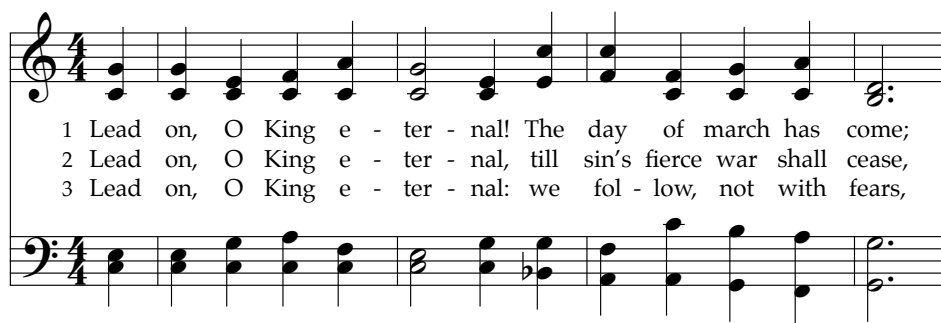
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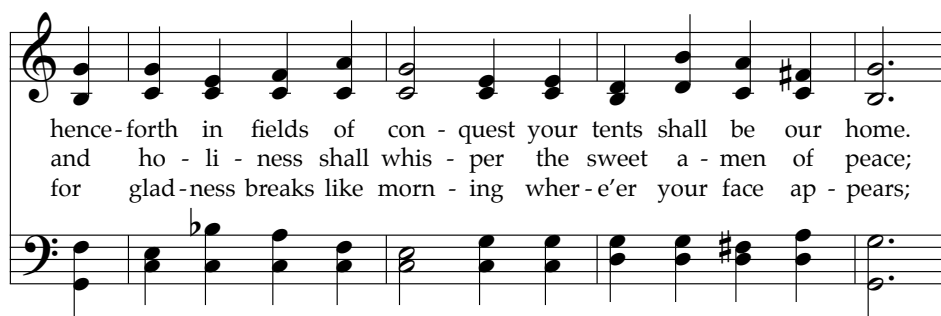




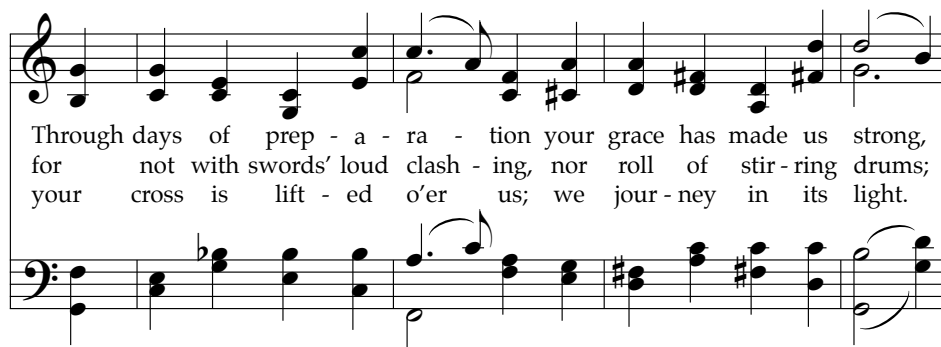
# 269 Lead On, O King Eternal!



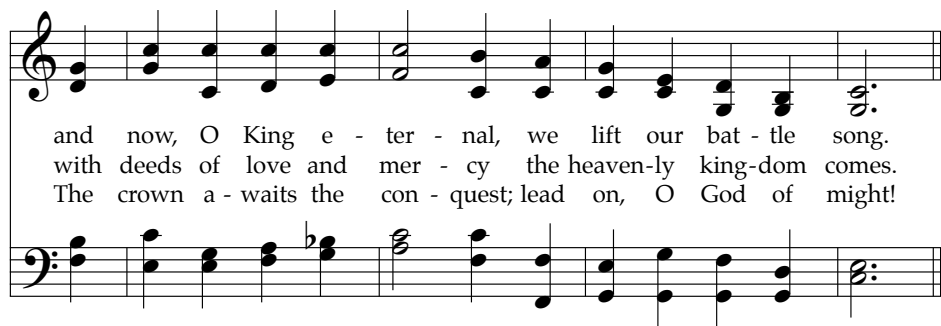
1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;  
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,



hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents shall be our home.  
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;  
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears;



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong,  
for not with swords' loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums;  
your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light.



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.  
with deeds of love and mer - cy the heaven-ly king-dom comes.  
The crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Not everything that looks like a battle ends up being one. This text, written for a seminary graduation, works well with its martial tune in the first stanza; but later stanzas turn from such imagery and focus on "deeds of love and mercy" and courage for life's journey.

# 817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
 4 And when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you

none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
 we re - joice and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
 you are near and seek where you are found.  
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

The opening line here is essentially a quotation of 2 Corinthians 5:7, but that affirmation is fleshed out by references to the appearance of the risen Christ to Thomas (John 20:19–29). The shape note tune, named for a stream in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, adds resolution to the words.