CLOSING HYMN ***"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"***

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven,
feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, Strong Deliverer,
be Thou still my strength and shield; be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go from this time of worship remembering that God hears your hunger, accompanies you through every wilderness, and provides grace for each day. May God give you enough courage for the next step, enough hope for the journey, and enough love to share. And may the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit remain with you today and always. Amen.

POSTLUDE AND EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

September 20, 2026 - 16th Sunday after Pentecost
United in Christ Worship Series – ***The Holy Trinity: God Comes Near***

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

Pastor: Good morning, and welcome to worship at Zion's View Park! Today we gather beneath the open sky, surrounded by the beauty of creation and the gift of one another's company. Whether you arrived this morning feeling grateful and ready, tired and uncertain, or simply hungry for the picnic, there is a place for you here. The God who accompanied the people through the wilderness is with us here. The God who heard their hunger hears us. The God who gave bread for the journey continues to meet us with grace. Take a moment to notice the sky above us, the ground beneath us, and the people gathered beside us. We are part of a world we did not create and a community we do not sustain by ourselves.

All: ***We come with gratitude. We come with questions. We come trusting that God will meet us here.***

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING **Mr. Kevin Crone and Acolyte**

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Based on Psalm 105)*

Pastor: Give thanks to God and call upon God's name.
All: ***We will remember the wonderful things God has done.***
Pastor: Sing to God. Tell of God's faithfulness.
All: ***We will rejoice and seek God together.***
Pastor: God led the people out with joy and sustained them through the wilderness.
All: ***God hears our hunger and gives us bread for the journey.***
Pastor: Let us worship the God whose faithfulness meets us morning by morning.
All: ***Let us worship God with grateful hearts!***

OPENING HYMN ***"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"***

"Great is Thy faithfulness," O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not –
as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

(Refrain)
"Great is Thy faithfulness!" "Great is Thy faithfulness!"
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided –
"Great is Thy faithfulness," Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest;
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness -
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
(Sing Refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth.
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow -
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
(Sing Refrain)

PRAYER OF GATHERING AND CONFESSION

All: ***Faithful God, you have carried your people through places they did not choose and changes they did not understand. You have heard prayers spoken with trust and complaints spoken through fear. You know the needs we name and the hunger we cannot yet explain. Forgive us when fear convinces us that there will never be enough. Forgive us when we gather more than we need while our neighbors go without. Forgive us when we overlook the daily gifts through which your grace is already sustaining us. Meet us again with mercy. Teach us to trust your presence, receive what is enough for today, and help create a world in which everyone has enough. Amen.***

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Pastor: God did not abandon the people when they were frightened, hungry, or unsure of the way forward. God heard them, accompanied them, and provided for the journey. That same mercy meets us here. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and invited to begin again.

All: ***God hears our hunger and gives us bread for the journey. Thanks be to God! Amen.***

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING **Psalm 105:1–6, 37–45**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING **Exodus 16:2–15**

SERMON ***Enough for Today*** **Rev. Laura C. Baker**

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Using "sins"*)

SPECIAL MUSIC **Chancel Choir**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Liturgist: God's gifts are not meant to stop with us. Through our generosity, daily bread becomes more than a prayer: it becomes food shared, neighbors served, burdens lightened, and hope made visible. Let us offer our gifts with gratitude and joy.

OFFERING COLLECTION & SPECIAL MUSIC **Mr. Kevin Crone**

DOXOLOGY ***"We Give Thee but Thine Own"***

We give Thee but Thine own, what e'er the gift may be.
All that we have is Thine alone – a trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: ***Generous God, everything we have first came from you. Receive these gifts and use them so that hungry people are fed, lonely people are welcomed, weary people are supported, and all your children may have enough. Receive our lives as well, and make us bread for one another's journeys. Amen.***