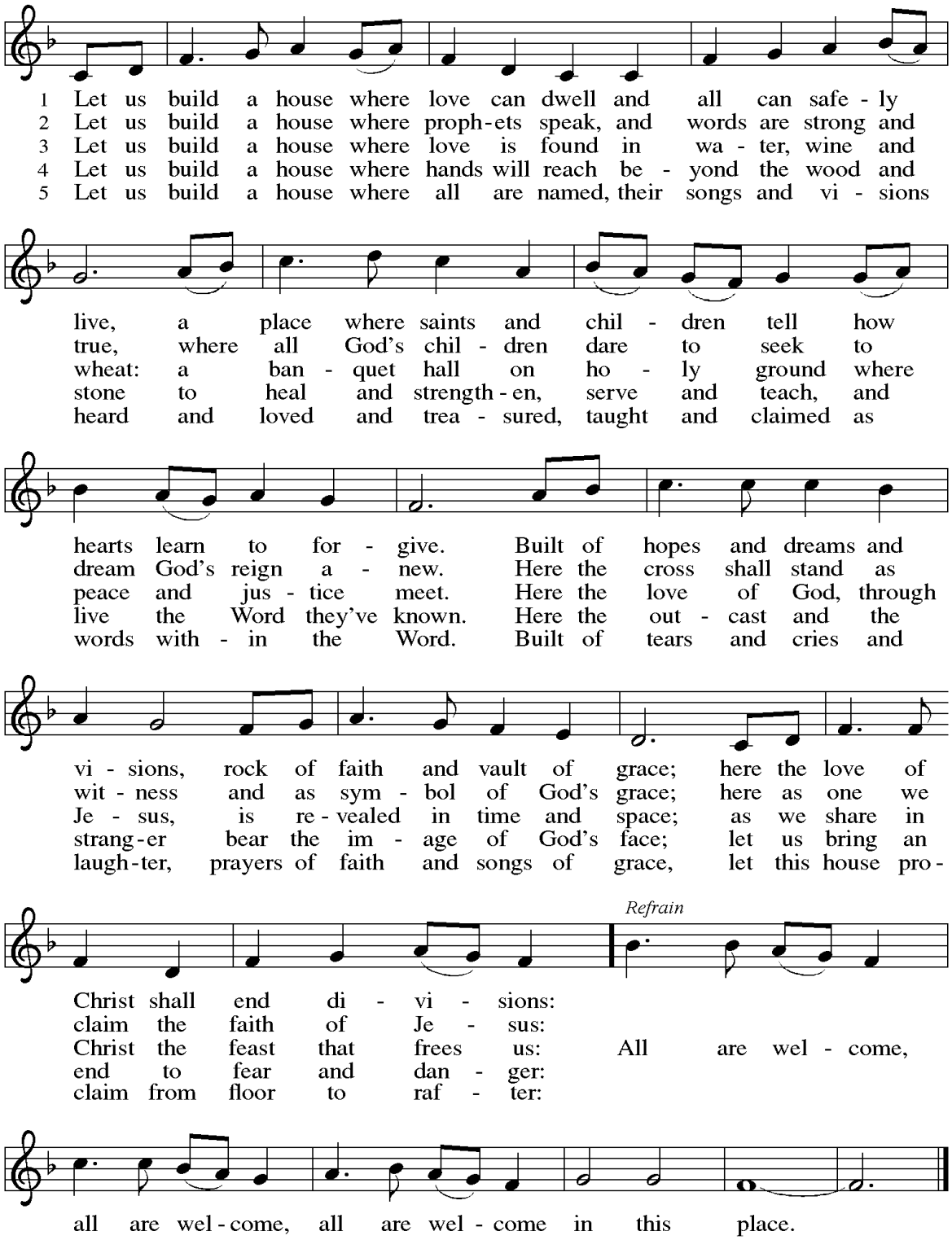
August 16th, 2026—Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude *"How Great Thou Art"*
by Stuart K Hine arranged for Piano Solo by Dino Kartsonakis

Opening Hymn **ELW #641 "*All Are Welcome*"**



Prayer of the Day
God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

First Reading **Isaiah 56:1, 6-8**

[1] Thus says the Lord:
Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.
[6] And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—
[7] these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.
[8] Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.
L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Anthem ***"Forever with the Lord"*** **for Mezzo Soprano and Baritone**
words and music by Charles Gounod

Second Reading **Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**

[Paul writes:] [1] I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. [2a] God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

[29] For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. [30] Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, [31] so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. [32] For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel **Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28**

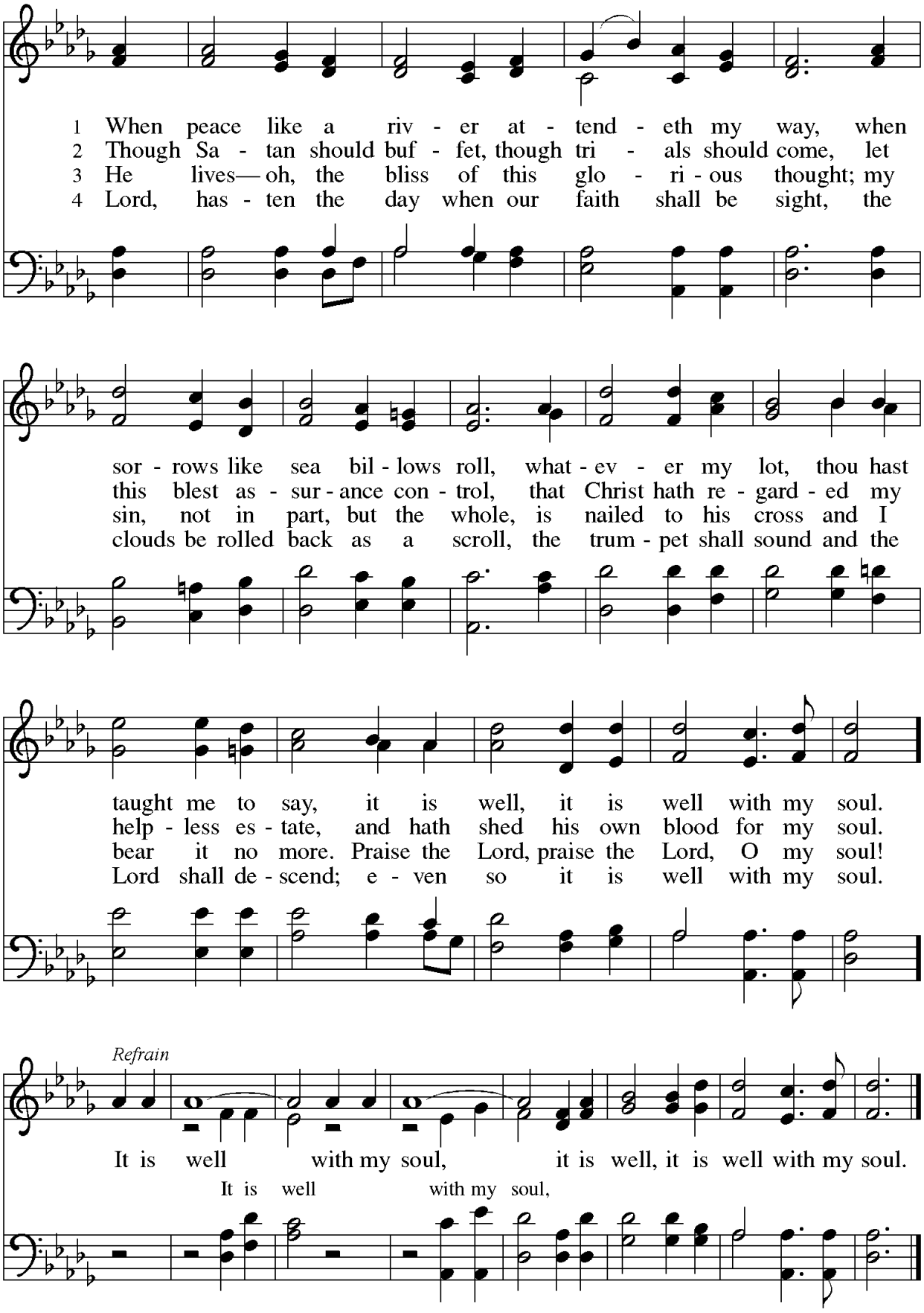
[[10] [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand:[11] it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." [12] Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" [13] He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. [14] Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." [15] But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." [16] Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? [17] Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? [18] But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. [19] For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. [20] These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."]

[21] Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. [22] Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." [23] But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." [24] He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." [25] But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." [26] He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." [27] She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." [28] Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

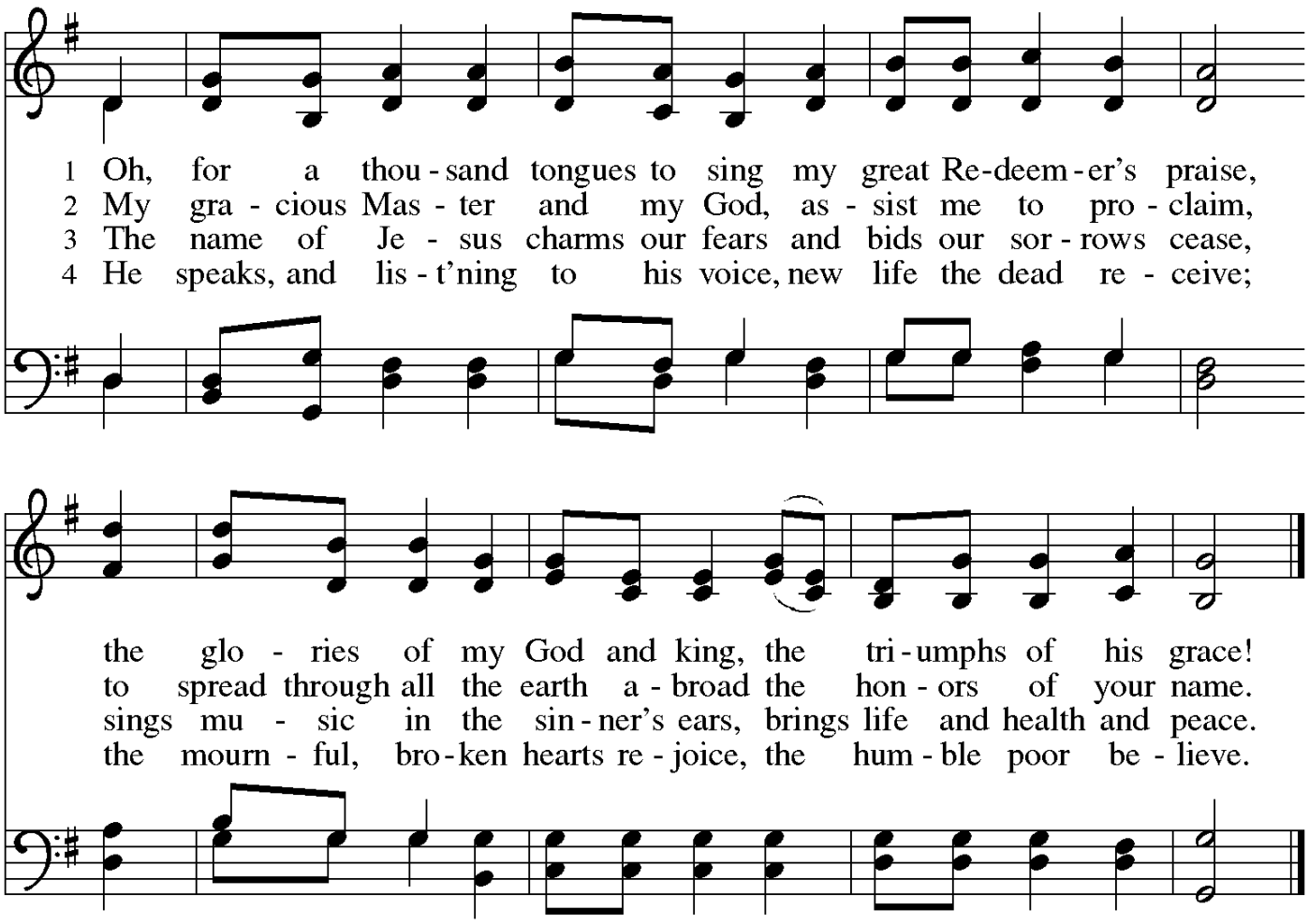
Hymn of the Day **ELW #785 "*When Peace Like a River*"**



Communion Anthem *"Panis Angelicus"*

Text by St. Thomas Aquinas and Music by Cesar Franck

Closing Hymn **ELW #886 *"Oh, For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"***



5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

Postlude ***Festive Postlude* in C "Allegro" by Paul Fey**

Today's celebrants:
Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Zook
Deacon: Kim Baratta
Lector: --
Soloists: Jade Dasha, Avery Sujkowski
Organist & Choir Director: Paul D. Dykstra

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