



**Peace United Church of Christ
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 9, 2026**

Welcome

Opening Hymn “For the Beauty of the Earth”

For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies,
For the love, which from our birth Over and around us lies.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise, This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour, Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, Sun and moon, and stars of light.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise, This our hymn of grateful praise.

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

*O God, in Christ, we come seeking your heart. We know that it is your presence and strength
that makes a way when there is none, that offers life, hope, and a future.*

May we glory in your name this day, and may our lives tell the story of your wonders. Amen

Scripture Readings

Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28

Matthew 14: 22-33

Meditation

Prayers of the People/The Prayer of Our Savior (debts and debtors)

Closing Song “The Old Rugged Cross”

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, The emblem of suff'ring and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best For a world of lost sinners was slain.
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross, And exchange it some day for a crown.

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above To bear it to dark Calvary.
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross, And exchange it some day for a crown.

Benediction & Sending Forth