

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost		August 30, 2026	
Chiming of the Hour	The Children of Highland Park	Hymn, No. 499	“I Surrender All”
Prelude	“Magnificat I” Jean Fuller, Pianist	Offering of Gifts	Mary Ellen Sullivan
Welcome and Invocation	Rev. Cheryl Kimble Pastor	Offertory Music	“Choral Prelude on Thaxted” Jean Fuller
Call to Worship, spoken in unison		Doxology, tune No. 307	
O God, make the doors of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship, narrow enough to shut out envy, pride, and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling-block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back our fears. God, make the door of this house the gateway to your eternal kingdom.		Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, above ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. O Praise God, O Praise God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!	
Opening Hymn, No. 496	“Footsteps of Jesus”	Special Music	“The Seeker” Chris Vineis, Director of Music Soloist
Passing the Peace	Mary Ellen Sullivan Liturgist	Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Cheryl Kimble
One: The Lord be with you. Many: And also with you. One: Lift up your hearts. Many: We lift them up unto the Lord. One: Now with the power of God’s love and in the fullness of God’s spirit, please greet one another with the peace of Christ!		The Lord’s Prayer, spoken in unison	
		Anthem	“Light of a Clear Blue Morning” Choir
		Scripture Reading	Matthew 16:21-28
		Sermon	“What Does It Matter?” Rev. Cheryl Kimble
Hymn of Peace	“All Are Welcome Here”	Hymn of Response, No. 491	“Wherever He Leads I'll Go”
Children are invited to the front steps for the children’s sermon.		Announcements	Rev. Cheryl Kimble
Children’s Sermon	Leah Schreier Director of Students	Benediction	“Send the Light”
Children 2nd grade and below are dismissed to the nursery.		Postlude	“He Who Will Suffer God to Guide Him” Jean Fuller
Bolded text is read or sung by the congregation.		CCLI#1356960	

Announcements

5th Sunday Offering: United Against Homelessness

Students at McCallum High School have begun plans to establish a permanent food pantry at their school, providing meals and essential food items to students who may not have reliable access to food outside of school. By helping relieve the burden of finding affordable, nutritious meals, they hope to create a more supportive environment where every student can focus on learning and fully participate in their educational experience. The goal is simple: no student should have to choose between being hungry and being ready to learn.

Sunday Children Volunteers Needed

UPDATED SIGN-UP* Volunteers Needed! We are looking for weekly helpers to teach, lead games, or assist with the little ones. Materials are provided in advance. You can sign up by adding your name to your chosen date, and a special thank-you to all our volunteers for sharing their time and energy with the kids. The spreadsheet is located in the weekly e-mail newsletter.

Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour needs volunteers! The donut sign-up sheet is located on the library window. Please choose a Sunday to bring breakfast goodies to share before worship. When no one is signed up for a particular week, we'll take a break from treats that Sunday.

Ongoing Sunday Tech Support

We have an ongoing need for volunteers during worship services to assist with sound and slide presentation. No prior experience is necessary.

Join Us for the NAMIWalks 2026!

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 17, 2026, and join our church as we participate in NAMIWalks, a community event supporting the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

40th Woman Fest - "Women of Valor"

SAVE THE DATE for Woman Fest 2026, located in Georgetown, TX, the weekend of November 6-8.

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September 13 - Youth Fun | September 27 - SWEETT

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WELCOME

The Worship of God
on August 30, 2026

Welcome to our worship service. We are so glad you're here.
All are welcome here because all are worthy.