

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost		September 20, 2026	
Chiming of the Hour	The Children of Highland Park	Hymn, No. 27	“Morning Has Broken”
Prelude	“Andante tranquillo” Mark Stern, Organist	Offering of Gifts	Kris Keske
Welcome and Invocation	Rev. Walt Shelton Assistant Pastor	Offertory Music	“Allegretto Grazioso” Mark Stern
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. 638	“Lift Every Voice and Sing”	Special Music	
Passing the Peace	Kris Keske Liturgist	Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Walt Shelton
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	
Hymn of Peace	“All Are Welcome Here”	Anthem	Choir
Children are invited to the front steps for the children’s sermon.		Scripture Reading	Eph. 5:15-16A; Gal. 5:6
Children’s Sermon	Leah Schreier Director of Students	Sermon	“No Time is Ordinary” Rev. Walt Shelton
Children 2nd grade and below are dismissed to the nursery.		Hymn of Response, No. 597	“He Keeps Me Singing”
		Announcements	Rev. Walt Shelton
		Benediction	“Send the Light”
		Postlude	“Festival March” Mark Stern
Bolded text is read or sung by the congregation.		CCLI#1356960	

Announcements

Welcome Eleanor June Keith

Welcome Eleanor June Keith to the world! A rosebud is placed at the altar in honor of her birth.

Quarterly Church Conference

Our Quarterly Church Conference will be held October 4, following the Church Council meeting. All are welcome to attend.

Halloween Fest

Join us for our Halloween Fest on October 25! This fun-filled event is for all ages. Come enjoy fellowship, fun, and festivities!

Church Council Meeting

The Church Council will meet October 4 at 12:15 PM in the Library, following worship. Council members, please plan to attend.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

September 27 - SWEETT

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WELCOME



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