

Worship in the Park- August 30, 2026

Friendship Becomes Chosen Kinship

God of love, help me give thanks for the friends who have carried me, shaped me, and made your grace easier to believe.

Gathering Music

Welcome

Call to Worship

Songs

Here I Am to Worship

Verse 1

Light of the world You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes let me see beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're my God and You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2

King of all days oh so highly exalted; glorious in heaven above. Humbly You came to the earth You created; all for love's sake became poor. **(chorus, bridge)**

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross. And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross. **(chorus)**

Amazing Grace VV. 1 & 4

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

My God has promised good to me, whose word my hope secures; God will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Opening Prayer

Song

I know That God Loves Me

I know that God loves me. I know that God loves me. Proudly placed on this earth so that others might see just how much my loves me. **(3x)**

Proudly placed on this earth so that others might see just how much my God loves me.

Continuing Testament

Friendship Stories: "A friendship that has changed the shape of my life."

Reading: Ruth 1:16-17

Homily:

The Family We Find

Special Music:

Rivers of Babylon

Diane Gressley

The Blessing of Friendships

Song*Goodness of God***Verse 1**

I love You Lord, oh Your mercy never fails me all my days.

I've been held in Your hands from the moment that I wake up until I lay my head;

I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful; all my life You have been so so good;

With every breath that I am able, I will sing of the goodness of God.

Verse 2

I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire. In darkest night you are close like no other.

I've known You as creator, I've known You as a friend; I have lived in the goodness of God. **(chorus, bridge)**

Bridge

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.

With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now; I give You everything.

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me. **(chorus)**

Prayer, Joys and Concerns**Song***O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me. **(3x)**

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**Circle of Community****Song***Hallelujah*

The image shows a musical score for the song 'Hallelujah'. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on the top staff, and the lyrics are written below it. The bottom staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. Chord symbols are written above and below the notes. The lyrics are: 'Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.'

Chord symbols: A, E, A, D, Bm, E, A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, A.

Blessing of the Meal and Benediction**Song***Hallelujah*

Let me bless my friends with honesty, tenderness, laughter, and the kind of love that makes room for others.