

19TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME | PROPER 14
AUGUST 9, 2026

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

**All those able, please stand*

Preparing for Worship: We remember that God is present even in seasons of uncertainty, calling us to trust beyond what we can see. May we hear Christ's invitation to "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid," and find the courage to step forward in faith, confident that God is faithful through every storm.

Prelude **Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Accompanist**

Welcome and Greetings in Jesus' Name

***Opening Hymn # 456** **"How Firm a Foundation"** *FOUNDATION*

***Opening Prayer (Stand):**

Song of Faith # 489 **"Heavenly Sunlight"** *SUNLIGHT*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Pat Carpenter

The First Reading **Genesis 37:1-4,12-28**

The Second Reading **Romans 10:5-15**

Gospel Reader: Deacon Janelle Hood

***The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ** **Matthew 14:22-33**

***Responsorial # 506** **"In Christ Alone"** *IN CHRIST ALONE*

***Greeting our Family and Neighbors (Stand)**

The Children's Sermon **(No Children's Church – Summer Recess)**

Announcements, Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer: OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations – Hear these words from the Apostle to the Church in Galatia, "Let us not grow weary in doing what is right. Whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith" (6:9-10). Let us joyfully share God's gifts with the People of God.

Offertory Prayer and Special Music

A Prayer of Illumination: Through the storms of life, O God, you are with your people in the person of Jesus your Son. Calm our fears and strengthen our faith that we may never doubt your presence among us but proclaim boldly that he is your one and only Son, risen from the dead, living and reigning with you in the unity of the Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Message **"Preparing for Life's Storms"**
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

"If you think it's going to rain, it will," Clint Eastwood

WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH AND SERVICE

Invitation to Faith and Fellowship – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God's forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to be a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

***Hymn (Stand) # 440** **"Here I Am Lord"** *HERE I AM LORD*

***Spoken Benediction**

Postlude **Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Accompanist**
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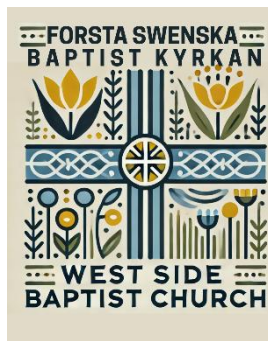
HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

GOOD NEWS! God loves you and wants to rescue all people from the consequences of evil. The Bible teaches the way to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ:

1. **ADMIT** – Admit to God you have done wrong things (sinned) that have hurt God and others. Apologize to God, turn away from harmful behavior, and start doing good things (See Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
2. **BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD** – Accept and trust that Jesus is God's one and only Son who died on the cross in your place and give God the credit for raising Jesus from the dead (See Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31a; John 3:16; 1 Peter 3:18; John 14:6).
3. **CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD** – Make a religious commitment to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus by trusting Him to be your Rescuer, Redeemer (Savior), and Ultimate Leader (Lord). (See Romans 10:9 and 10; Romans 10:13; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23)
4. **DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO THE JESUS WAY** - Tell your family and friends about your new trust in Jesus Christ by coming to the front of the Sanctuary at the end of a worship service to publicly share your decision to be a follower of Jesus (Christian).

HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and accepting the Baptist principles, practices, and the covenant of this church, may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor or come forward at a congregation meeting. A person may join by Believer's Baptism, Letter of Transfer from a previous Christian church with prior baptism, or a Satisfactory Statement of Christian Faith.

OUR MISSION – We love God and We love People by sharing the Good News of God's forgiving, renewing love in Jesus Christ by word and deed to improve the lives of neighbors. West Side Baptist Church is an independent, autonomous Christian church partnering for mission support with like-minded people of faith in our City, County, State, Nation, and World.



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