

Earle Street Baptist Church

10:30 am Worship

August 30, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost New Church Year Begins

CHIMES

WELCOME

Janice Hinnant

PRELUDE

Beautiful Savior

arr. Christiansen

CALL TO WORSHIP

Janice Hinnant

Leader: On the first Sunday of a new church year, we reaffirm our mission as a church:

All: To worship God, to share the gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed, to be a home to all who would enter, to minister to the needs of one another, and to assist in spiritual growth.

Leader: And we renew our covenant:

All: To love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to make disciples of all nations. Lord, our covenant we renew, and our mission we embrace. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

(Located in the back of the hymnal)

DIX

Lord, Our Mission We Embrace

(All children, grade 5 and under, may come forward on the final stanza.)

**Lord, we thank You for Your grace, tender mercies freely flow;
Praise and worship fill this place; mighty blessings You bestow.
Lord, our mission we embrace, ever serving by Your grace.**

**Sharing the gospel far and near, as we meet the people's needs,
Showing the light of Christ so clear through our words and through our deeds.
Lord, our mission we embrace, ever serving by Your grace.**

**Sharing in life's joys and tears, helping others hear God's call.
Giving hope and calming fears, making church a home to all.
Lord, our mission we embrace, ever serving by Your grace.**

**Feeding Your sheep, we're led to be ministers to one and all.
Caring and praying faithfully, answering Your holy call.
Lord, our mission we embrace, ever serving by Your grace.**

**Learning Your Word, we have believed, opening mind and heart to You.
Growing in faith that we received, doing what You'd have us do.
Lord, our mission we embrace, ever serving by Your grace.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Anna Kay Lord

(Following this, preschoolers, ages 3 – K5, may go to Sunday School.)

*OFFERTORY HYMN #623

A Charge to Keep I Have

BOYLSTON

A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify,

Who gave His Son my soul to save and fit it for the sky.

**To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill;
O may it all my powers engage to do my Master's will!**

**Help me to watch and pray, and still on Thee rely;
O let me not my trust betray, but press to realms on high.**

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Joyce McCarrell

OFFERTORY

Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated

arr. Cindy Berry

*RESPONSE

Doxology

OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

GOSPEL READING

Mark 8:34-38

Gary Strickland

³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.

³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Jay Rouse

Sanctuary Choir

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;

Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;

Praise His name, I'm fixed upon it, name of God's redeeming love.

Hitherto Thy love has blessed me, Thou hast brought me to this place;

And I know Thy hand will bring me safely home by Thy good grace.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;

He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Let Thy goodness like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love:

Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Finish then Thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;

Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee.

Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,

Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

Lost in wonder, love and praise. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing.

MESSAGE

"What Can Anyone Give in Exchange For Their Soul?"

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Sermon Series: *Questions God Asks*

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Wherever He Leads I'll Go

**"Take up they cross and follow Me," I heard my Master say;
"I gave My life to ransom, thee, surrender your all to day."
Wherever He leads I'll go, wherever He leads I'll go,
I'll follow my Christ who loves me so, wherever He leads I'll go.**

**He drew me closer to His side, I sought His will to know,
And in that will I now abide, wherever He leads I'll go.
Wherever He leads I'll go, wherever He leads I'll go,
I'll follow my Christ who loves me so, wherever He leads I'll go.**

**It may be through the shadows dim, or o'er the stormy sea,
I take my cross and follow Him, wherever He leadeth me.
Wherever He leads I'll go, wherever He leads I'll go,
I'll follow my Christ who loves me so, wherever He leads I'll go.**

**My heart, my life, my all I bring to Christ who loves me so;
He is my Master, Lord, and King, wherever He leads I'll go.
Wherever He leads I'll go, wherever He leads I'll go,
I'll follow my Christ who loves me so, wherever He leads I'll go.**

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*BENEDICTION

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*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #705

GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen, amen.**

*POSTLUDE

To God Be the Glory

arr. Schrader

*Congregation please stand, if able.

Hearing devices are available upon request. Please see one of the ushers if you would like to use one.
Our worship services are live streamed via the ESBC YouTube channel. The services are also archived for future viewing on YouTube.
For an explanation of the meaning of the colors and symbols used for worship in our sanctuary, please refer to the worship guide located on the front page of the hymnal.

We welcome Nancy Smith as our guest organist today.

Deacon of the Week—Joyce McCarrell

Greeters—Margaret Kirby/Glenn Arrowood/Norma Green

Sound Technician—Jay Gibson

Video Technician—Grant Wooten

Ushers—Glenn Arrowood, Mary Arrowood, Quay Farmer, Monte McKinney, Chuck Adams, Curtis Dobbins