

St. James Worship Service



16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2026

Serving Today

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Today's Music

835	<i>All Creatures, Worship God Most High! (1-4)</i>
606	<i>Our Father, We Have Wandered</i>
542	<i>O Living Bread from Heaven</i>

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835

All Creatures, Worship God Most High!

**1. All creatures, worship God most high!
Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;
sing, sister moon and stars of night:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**2. Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain
you grow the gifts of fruit and grain:**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Dear sister water, useful, clear,
make music for your Lord to hear:**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 3. Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong,
drive far the shadows, join the throng:
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- Dear mother earth, so rich in care,
praise God in colors bright and rare:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**4. All who for love of god forgive,
all who in pain and sorrow grieve:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bear your burdens and your fears;
still make your song amid the tears:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226; tr.

606

Our Father, We Have Wandered

**1. Our Father, we have wandered
and hidden from your face;
in foolishness have squandered
your legacy of grace.**

**But now, in exile dwelling,
we rise with fear and shame,
as, distant but compelling,
we hear you call our name.**

**2. And now at length discerning
the evil that we do,
behold us, Lord, returning
with hope and trust to you.**

**In haste you come to meet us
and home rejoicing bring,
in gladness there to greet us
with calf and robe and ring.**

**3. O Lord of all the living,
both banished and restored,
compassionate, forgiving,
and ever-caring Lord,**

**grant now that our transgressing,
our faithlessness may cease.
Stretch out your hand in blessing,
in pardon, and in peace.**

Text: Kevin Nichols, 1929-2006

542

O Living Bread from Heaven

**1. O living Bread from heaven,
how well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given
have filled my heart with rest.**

O wondrous food of blessing!

O cup that heals our woes!

**My heart, this gift possessing,
in thankful song o'er flows.**

**2. My Savior, you have led me
within your holiest place,
and here yourself have fed me
with treasures of your grace;**

**for you have freely given
what earth could never buy,
the bread of life from heaven,
that now I shall not die.**

**3. You gave me all I wanted;
this food can death destroy.
And you have freely granted
the cup of endless joy.**

**My Lord, I do not merit
the favor you have shown;
and all my soul and spirit
bow down before your throne.**

**4. Oh, grant me then, well-strengthened
with heav'nly food, while here
my course on earth is lengthened,
to serve you, free from fear;**

**and bring me home to praise you
where none can peace destroy,
where I will ever raise you
glad songs in endless joy.**

Text: Johann Rist, 1607-1667;
tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God.

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