

St. James Worship Service



18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2026

Serving Today

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Today's Music

526	<i>God is Here!</i>
772	<i>Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways</i>
538	<i>The Lord Now Sends Us Forth</i>

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God is Here!

**1. God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.**

**Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.**

**2. Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.**

**Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.**

**3. Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.**

**Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.**

**4. Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.**

**Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!**

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

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Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

**1. Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways
to keep his statutes still!**

**Oh, that my God would grant me grace
to know and do his will!**

**2. Order my footsteps by your word
and make my heart sincere;
let sin have no dominion, Lord,
but keep my conscience clear.**

**3. Assist my soul, too apt to stray,
a stricter watch to keep;
and should I e'er forget your way,
restore your wand'ring sheep.**

**4. Make me to walk in your commands,
'tis a delightful road;
nor let my head or heart or hands
offend against my God.**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

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The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

**The Lord now sends us forth
with hands to serve and give,
to make of all the earth
a better place to live. *Repeat***

**The angels are not sent
into our world of pain
to do what we were meant
to do in Jesus' name;
that falls to you and me
and all who are made free.
Help us, O Lord, we pray,
to do your will today. *Repeat***

Text: Anonymous, Central America; tr.
Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923

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

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