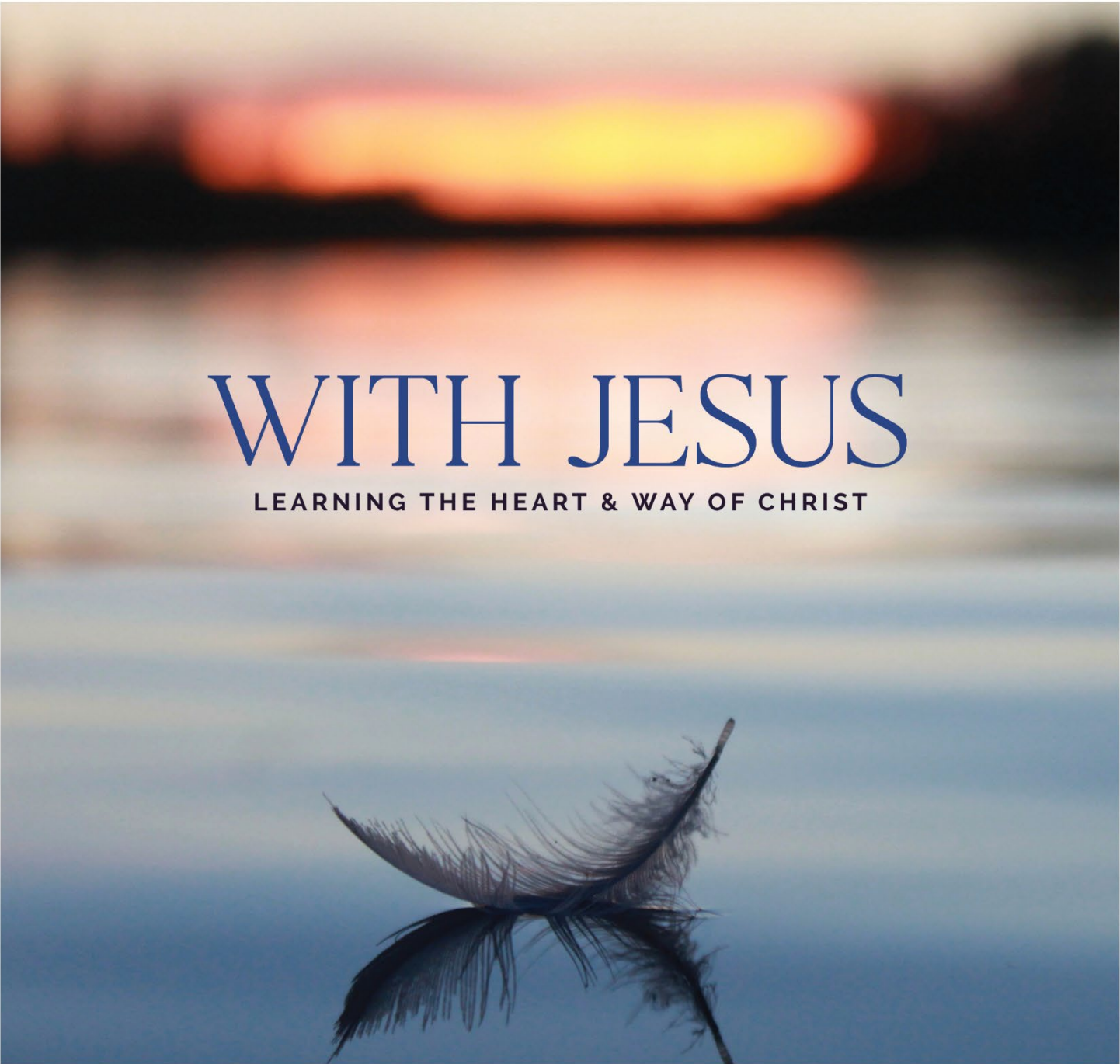




FIRST
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CHURCH

LAKELAND, FLORIDA

August 2, 2026



WITH JESUS

LEARNING THE HEART & WAY OF CHRIST



Thank you for worshipping with us
this Sunday!

Serving in this Worship Service:

Rev. Dr. Zac McGowen,
Outreach Pastor

Kay Strong,
Elder, Liturgist

Sam Carlton,
Classic Worship Arts Director

Tom Ingui,
Organist

The flowers in this morning's service are in
gratitude for the ushers and their service to
the worship of our church family
by Lisa and Randy Gilbert.

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from **Presbyterian Directory of Worship:**

Christian worship gives
all glory and honor,
praise and thanksgiving
to the holy, triune God.
We are gathered in worship
to glorify the God
who is present and active
among us— particularly through
the gifts of Word and Sacrament.

**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

10th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 A.M. CLASSIC WORSHIP

August 02, 2026

GATHERING MUSIC

Our Father, Who Art in Heaven, BWV 682

J.S. Bach

Tom Ingui

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Zac McGowen

~ GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD ~

PRELUDE

Andante tranquillo from Organ Sonata No. 3 Felix Mendelssohn

Tom Ingui

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 91:1-2

Kay Strong, Elder

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."

*** HYMN 366**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

CALL FOR OFFERING

Kay Strong, Elder

OFFERTORY

Safe Within Your Arms

Mark Hayes

Sam Carlton, Baritone

Whether I'm right or whether I'm wrong, whether I'm weak
or whether I'm strong, Whether I'm sure or maybe confused,
feeling loved or feeling used: I know a place where I can go,
somewhere that winter winds don't blow. There I am
warmed by loving arms, held with care next to Your heart.

And I'm safe within Your arms, Lord. I've become a child
again. I've come back to the source of love, where healing
can begin. Though the world would say I must be strong and
prove my worth by what I do, I will rest assured in Your
embrace and find my strength in You.

Whether I'm walking in the light or whether I'm stumbling
through the night, You are a god whose promise endures;
Though undeserved, Your love is sure. When I am tempted
to pursue plans that may lead me far away from You, gently
You call, "My child, come home. I will never let go of one of
my own."

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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Kay Strong, Elder

~ *PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD* ~

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Zac McGowen

Abide in Me

Jeremiah 17:5–8; John 15:1–17

~ *RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD* ~

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Kay Strong, Elder

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day, he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic⁺ church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

(catholic⁺ = universal)

COMMUNION

Rev. Dr. Zac McGowen

Kay Strong, Elder

* Invitation

* Prayer of Confession

Jesus said that no branch can be fruitful unless it remains connected to the main vine, but we pay little attention to our connection, we take your life for granted, O God, and do life the way that we want to. Jesus told us to love one another, but we have settled for being polite and we feel free to ignore the rest. Teach us to love you with all of our heart and our neighbor as ourselves. Amen.

* Silent Prayers of Repentance and Assurance of Pardon

* Response Hymn 761 Verse 4 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

BEECHER

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them up to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Celebration of Communion

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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

* HYMN 836

Abide With Me

EVENTIDE

* BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Zac McGowen

POSTLUDE

Tom Ingui

Con moto maestoso from Organ Sonata No. 3

Felix Mendelssohn