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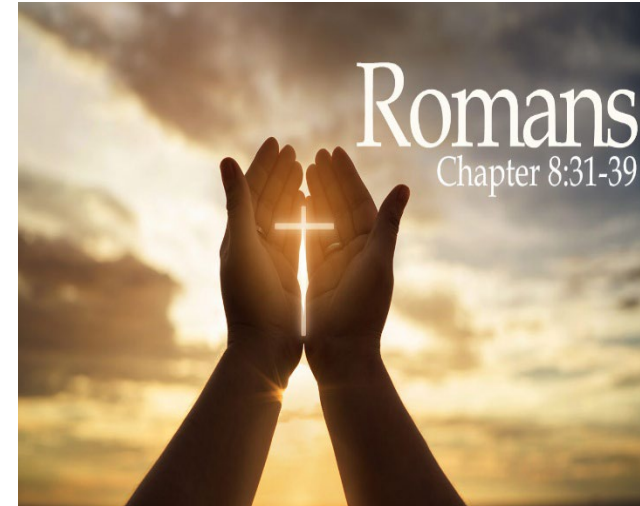
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CHURCH STAFF

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Kingston Presbyterian Church

Contway, South Carolina

Organized 1858

July 26th, 2026

9th Sunday after Pentecost | 10:30AM

Chiming of the Hour

Leader: May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us prepare our hearts for worship.

Prelude

“Supplication”

Harris

Welcome and Announcements

VBS Presentation

Introit

“The Lord Is in His Holy Temple”

Root

GOD CALLS US TO PRAISE HIM

† Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: If God is for us, who can be against us?

People: Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Leader: Neither death nor life, neither angels nor rulers, neither things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation—

People: will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God whose love never fails.

People: We come with joy, gratitude, and praise!

† Hymn No. 397

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

SHOWALTER

Prayer of Confession (Unison)
God of Covenant and Promise, we often seek quick blessings or immediate favors from You without fully committing to a trusting relationship with You. You offer us unconditional promises to keep us in Your gracious love, while we respond with half-hearted commitments. Forgive our superficial responses to Your deep and abiding love. We pray this in Christ’s holy name. Amen!

Silent Confession

Kyrie
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon
Leader: Sin has lost its claim on us anymore, because through the power of the Holy Spirit, we have put to death our old ways of acting and thinking. We have been given new life as God’s own children. So be at peace: your sins are forgiven!
People: Thanks be to God.

† Gloria Patri
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.

GOD BLESSES US WITH HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading Psalm 105:1-11 O.T. Pew Bible No. 432
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

† Psalter “Psalm 119I” SEE INSERT

New Testament Reading Romans 8:31-39 N.T. Pew Bible No. 121
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon “Nothing...or...A Mount Everest Promise” Rev. Joel M. Long

† Affirmation of Faith (Unison) “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.

† Hymn No. 457 “Near to the Heart of God” McAFEE

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

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. 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.

GOD SEEKS OUR COMMITMENT

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “Thanks Be to Thee” Handel

† Doxology
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 Thanksgiving

GOD CALLS US TO RESPOND

† Hymn No. 518 “My Savior’s Love” MY SAVIOR’S LOVE

† Charge and Benediction

† Closing Response
*“Danish Amen”
Amen, Amen, Amen.*

† The Postlude “La Vaillance” Telemann

** Participating in today’s worship service is Cindy Magrath and Kim Riordan, Liturgists.