



June 7, 2026

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC *Merideth Sanders*

"He Has Made Me Glad" Leona Von Brethorst
I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart,
I will enter his courts with praise.
I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made,"
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.

He has made me glad, he has made me glad.
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.
He has made me glad, He has made me glad.
I will rejoice for he has made me glad. (2X)

"Grace Alone" Scott Brown/Jeff Nelson
1. Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith,
Every difference we will make is only by his grace.
Every mountain we will climb, Every ray of hope we shine.
Every blessing left behind is only by his grace.

*(Refrain) Grace alone which God supplies,
strength unknown he will provide.
Christ in us our Cornerstone;
We will go forth in Grace alone.*

2. Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach,
Everywhere we share his peace is only by his grace.
Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away,
Every sorrow turned to praise, is only by his grace. *(Refrain)*

"Make Me a Servant" Kelly Willard

Make me a servant, humble and meek;
Lord let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be;
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
Make me a servant today. 2X

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Ron Tingle

CHIMING THE TRINITY

PRELUDE "Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above"
Diane Combs Anna Laura Page

CALL TO WORSHIP, *responsive* based on Psalm 15

Leader: Holy God, you invite us to come to worship you.
In your Holy Presence, we discover unlimited love.
Leader: Holy God, you invite us to come to worship you.
In your Holy Presence, we discover forgiveness.
Leader: Holy God, you invite us to come to worship you.
**In your Holy Presence, we discover empowerment,
joy and peace. Come, let us worship our Holy God. Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN**
"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" #804

1. Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

2. With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise,
Send forth the sturdy hymns of old, the psalms of ancient days.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

3. Yes, on through life's long path, still changing as ye go,
From youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

4. At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

5. Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION, *in unison*

O God, we have heard Jesus' teachings many times, but we confess that sometimes we think they are impractical. Instead, we follow the ways of the world. We fail to live up to our promises to be Christ's disciples. We lack courage to follow Jesus' way of love. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to find joy in service to you. Amen.

:: A MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION ::

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***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.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**, *from a Declaration of Faith*
Christ calls us to be disciples.
In forming his people and sending them into the world
Jesus called individuals to be disciples.
They were to share the joy of his companionship,
to understand and obey his teachings,
and to follow him in life and death.
We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship.
Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ
is God's undeserved gift to each of us.
It is also God's demand upon every one of us,
never perfectly fulfilled by any of us.
Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters,
we strive to become more faithful and effective
In our daily practice of the Christian life.

:: PASSING THE PEACE ::
*And now, as people who are loved and forgiven by the grace of God,
we pass the peace of Christ, remembering God's command to love
and forgive one another.*

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM "Blest Are They"
Sanctuary Choir arr. Mark Hayes

FIRST SCRIPTURE Micah 6:1-8 Laura Janson
SECOND SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:1-12

SERMON "Messages From the Mountains: Bless Your Hearts!"
Rev. Dr. Jody Welker

HYMN OF PREPARATION (seated)
"One Bread, One Body" #530

(Refrain)
**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.**

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.
(Refrain)

2. Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.
(Refrain)



3. *Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
Gathered to one, for all.*

(Refrain)

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.*



:: HOLY COMMUNION ::

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Life up your hearts;

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER, *sung*

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 king-
dom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Please come forward to receive the bread and the cup as directed.
Gluten-free bread is available.*

COMMUNION PRAYER



GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "How Deep the Father's Love For Us"
Diane Combs arr. Mark Hayes

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION



*CLOSING HYMN

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" #730

1. I sing a song of the saints of God
patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died
for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
and one was a shepheress on the green;
They were all of them saints of God,
and I mean, God helping to be one too.

2. They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,
and God's love made them strong;
and they followed the right, for Jesus's sake,
the whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:
and there's not any reason, no, not the least,
why I shouldn't be one too.

3. They live not only in ages past;
there are hundreds of thousands still;
The world is bright with the joyous saints
who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,
In church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;
For the saints of God are just folk like me,
And I mean to be one too.

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Go In the Grace of the Lord" James Barnard

Go in the Grace of the Lord.
Walk in the way of His Word.
Stand in the strength of His promises,
And believe in your heart they are true.

Sit at the feet of the Savior.
Pray in the power of the Spirit.
Rise and run the race with patience,
And go in the Grace of the Lord.

*POSTLUDE "Rejoice, the Lord is King"
Diane Combs arr. Anna Laura Page

* Please stand as you are able for these portions of the service.



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Mount of Beatitudes
and
Sea of Galilee

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
— Matthew 5:3



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If you are visiting today, we're delighted to have you!
Please stay on after worship for
coffee and conversation in the Fellowship Hall.