



June 21, 2026

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC

Merideth Sanders

"You Are My Strength When I Am Weak"

Dennis Jernigan

You are my strength when I am weak,
You are the treasure that I seek;
You are my all in all.
When I fall down, you pick me up;
When I am dry, you fill my cup;
You are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!
Jesus, Lamb of God,
Worthy is your name. 2X

"Lead Me"

Doris Akers

Lead me, guide me, along the way,
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. 2X

"Pass It On"

Kurt Kaiser

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.
That's how it is with God's love
Once you've experienced it;
You spread his love to everyone;
You want to pass it go.

I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found;
You can depend on Him,
It matters not where you're bound.
I'll shout it from the mountaintop;
I want the world to know;
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ron Tingle

CHIMING THE TRINITY

PRELUDE "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" arr. Henry Kihlken
Diane Combs, organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP, responsive

(based on Psalm 92:1,2,4; 95:1-3; 100:2-4)

Leader: It is good to praise the LORD
and make music to your name, O Most High,

**People: to proclaim your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night.**

Leader: For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD;
I sing for joy at the works of your hands.

**People: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.**

Leader: Let us come before our God with thanksgiving
and extol our God with music and song.

**People: For the LORD is the great God,
the great King above all gods.**

Leader: Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before our God with joyful songs.

**People: Know that the LORD is God.
It is God who made us, and we are God's children;
we are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.**

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving
and God's courts with praise;

People: give thanks to the Lord and praise God's holy name.

- We bring forward our 'Daily Change' offering -

*OPENING HYMN "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" #35

**1. Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!**

**2. Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?**

**3. Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
Gladly for aye we adore him.**

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION, unison

Merciful God, we come before You today, acknowledging
that we often focus on outward appearances while ignoring
the sin that is within us. We confess that we are more con-
cerned with how we are perceived by others than with the
condition of our hearts. Forgive us, Lord, for the times we
have failed to align our will with yours. Forgive us for our
failure to seek you through prayer and meditation. Fill us
with a desire to see you more clearly, love you more dearly
and follow you more nearly, day by day. In Your holy name,
we pray. Amen.

:: A Moment of Silence for Personal Prayer & Reflection ::

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, in unison

from A Brief Statement of Faith, PC(USA)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the
waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the
cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all minis-
tries of the church.**

**In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to
Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church
and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to
serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful
lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new
earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that
nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of
God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit. Amen**

:: 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: "Be Not Afraid" Craig Courtney
Sanctuary Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Psalm 1 Judy Bryson
SECOND SCRIPTURE: Matthew 6:1-18

SERMON: "Messages from the Mountains:
Practice, Practice, Practicing Your Piety"
Rev. Dr. Jody Welker,
Bridge Interim Pastor

:: 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. 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.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"What A Friend We Have in Jesus" #465

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry, everything to God in prayer!
2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
3. Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friend despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.

GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Take Time to be Holy" arr. Tom Fettke
Diane Combs



***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 "Faith of Our Fathers"**

1. Faith of our fathers, living still,
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy
whene'er we hear that glorious word!
[Refrain: Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

2. Faith of our fathers, we will strive
to win all nations unto thee;
and through the truth that comes from God,
we all shall then be truly free. [Refrain]

3. Faith of our fathers, we will love
both friend and foe in all our strife;
and preach thee, too, as love knows how
by kindly words and virtuous life. [Refrain]

***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 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"
Diane Combs arr. Anne A. Davis

* 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 meek,
for they will inherit the earth."
— Matthew 5:5

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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.