

# Traditional Worship

June 28, 2026

*Time after Pentecost*

*Lectionary 13*

*In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches that welcoming another person is an act of welcoming Christ himself. As we gather around God's Word and Table, may we experience Christ's welcome and be sent out to extend that same welcome to others.*

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### PRELUDE

IN BABILONE (*As We Gather at Your Table*) - arr. Michael Burkhardt

### RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL \*

*As the bell is rung the assembly stands for the Opening Hymn.*

*A \* in the order of service indicates that those who are able are invited to stand.*

### WELCOME \*

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Assembly: **And also with you.**

### OPENING HYMN #522 \*

*As We Gather at Your Table*

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS \*

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who welcomes us in Christ,  
gathers us into one body,  
and sends us forth in love.

Assembly: **Amen.**

Leader: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection is kept.*

Leader: Gracious God,  
we confess that we have not always welcomed others  
as you have welcomed us.

**Assembly: We have been quick to judge and slow to listen.  
We have overlooked neighbors in need,  
ignored opportunities for kindness,  
and failed to recognize Christ in those around us.  
Forgive us when fear closes our hearts.  
Renew us by your mercy.  
Open our eyes to see your presence in friend and stranger alike.  
Teach us to share your love generously,  
and to receive one another as gifts from you.  
For the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

Leader: Hear the good news:  
Jesus says, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me,  
and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me."  
In Christ, God welcomes us with mercy and grace.  
Through his death and resurrection, all our sins are forgiven.  
We are God's beloved children, freed to live in faith, hope, and love,  
and sent to welcome others as Christ has welcomed us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

**Assembly: Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE \*

*Glory to God*



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY \***

Leader: Let us pray.

Welcoming God,

you have received us with mercy and called us your beloved children.  
Open our hearts to receive others with the same grace you have shown us.  
Give us eyes to see Christ in friend and stranger, hands ready to serve,  
and words that bring comfort and peace.  
Make us faithful in acts of kindness, great and small,  
that your love may be known through us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Assembly: Amen.**

## **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### **FIRST READING**

Jeremiah 28:5-9

*Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).*

<sup>5</sup> The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, <sup>6</sup> and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup> But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup> The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup> As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

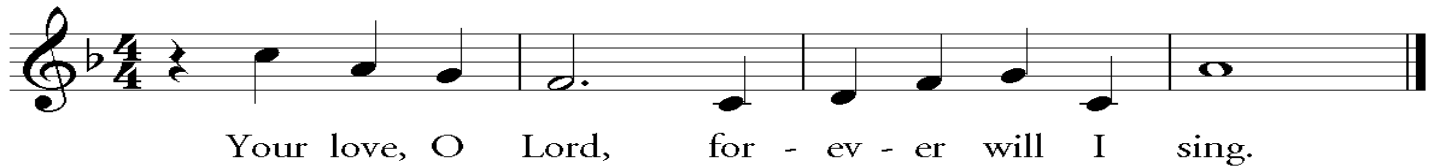
Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**Assembly: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

*The Cantor sings the refrain and then the Assembly joins in the refrain.  
The Lector reads the verses and all join in singing the refrain as indicated.*



- <sup>1</sup> Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;  
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- <sup>2</sup> For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.
- <sup>3</sup> "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- <sup>4</sup> 'I will establish your line forever,  
and preserve your throne for all generations.' " ...*Refrain*
- <sup>15</sup> Happy are the people who know the festal shout!  
They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.
- <sup>16</sup> They rejoice daily in your name;  
they are jubilant in your righteousness.
- <sup>17</sup> For you are the glory of their strength,  
and by your favor our might is exalted.
- <sup>18</sup> Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD;  
our king to the Holy One of Israel...*Refrain*

## SECOND READING

Romans 6:12-23

*Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.*

- <sup>12</sup> Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. <sup>13</sup> No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.
- <sup>15</sup> What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!
- <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

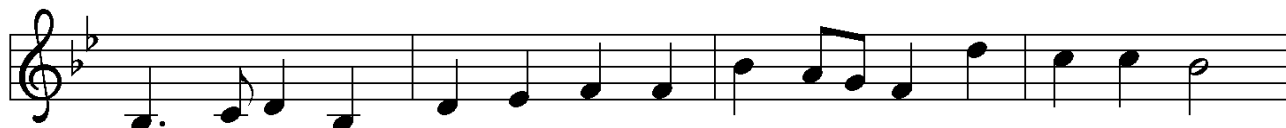
<sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted <sup>18</sup> and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. <sup>19</sup> I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

<sup>20</sup> When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup> So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**Assembly: Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION \*



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## **HOLY GOSPEL\***

Matthew 10:40-42

*When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.*

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the tenth chapter.

Assembly: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>40</sup> “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup> Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, <sup>42</sup> and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY #641 \***

*All Are Welcome*

## **APOSTLE’S CREED \***

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

## **PRAYERS \***

*The assembly responds to each petition ending in “God of grace,”*

Assembly: **hear our prayer.**

*The assembly responds to the final petition ending with “through Jesus our Savior.”*

Assembly: **Amen.**

## **PEACE \***

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

Assembly: **And also with you!**

*The assembly greets each other with  
“peace be with you...and also with you.”*

*You're invited to share God's peace with those around you.  
If you're worshipping on Facebook, you may also greet one another in the comments.*

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.  
In Christ's body and blood given to us, God forgives us and nourishes us for mission.*

## **OFFERING**

*O God of Mercy – Simon Lole*

*As we respond to hearing God's Word and prepare to feast at God's table we contemplate the  
many ways we serve the Kingdom of God through our time, talents, and gifts.*

*Offering plates will be passed among the assembly by the ushers.*

*Gifts can also be given electronically using this QR Code.*



*O God of mercy, God of might, in love and pity infinite,  
Teach us, as ever in thy sight, to live our life to thee.*

*In sickness, sorrow, want, or care, whate'er it be, 'tis ours to share;  
May we, where help is needed, there give help as unto thee.*

*And may thy Holy Spirit move all those who live to live in love,  
Till thou shalt greet in heaven above all those who give to thee.*

## OFFERTORY \*

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

The image shows a musical score for the offertory. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "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." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving bass lines.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING \*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**Assembly: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**Assembly: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Assembly: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

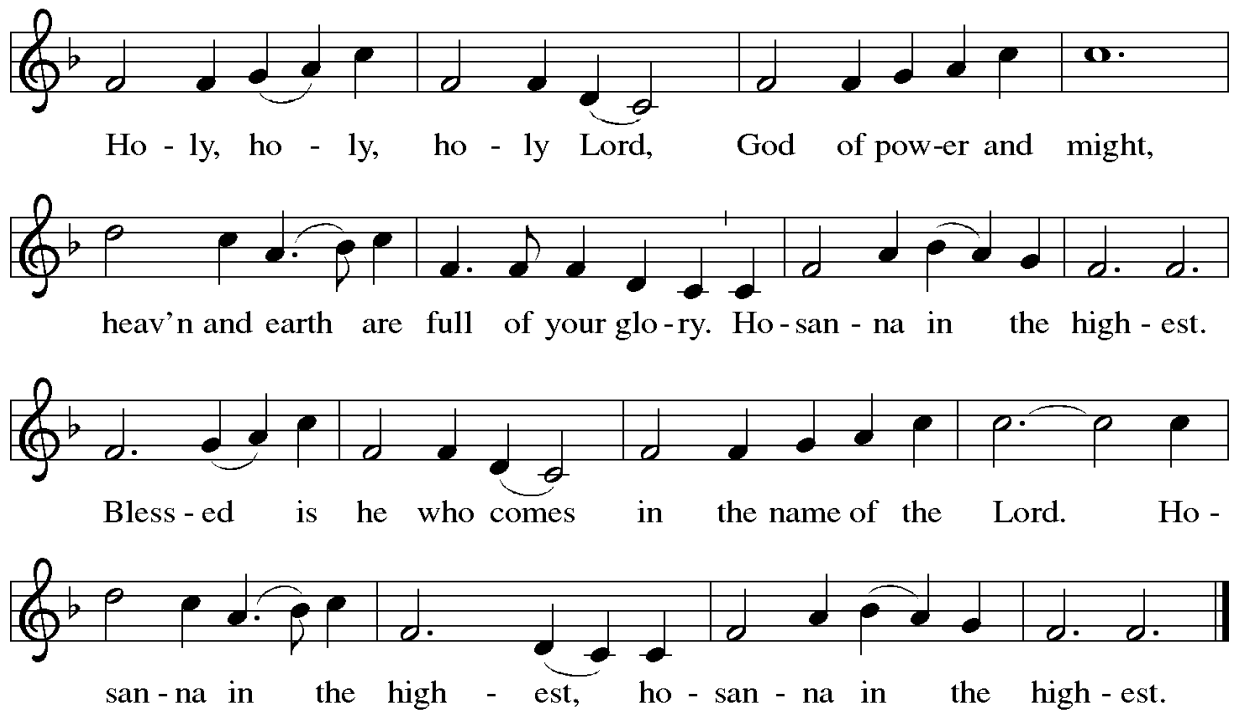
Leader: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

In him you have welcomed us as your beloved children,  
gathering people from every nation, language,  
and way of life into one family of faith.

Through his life, death, and resurrection,  
you have opened your table of grace  
and taught us to recognize his presence among us.

By your Spirit, you send us forth to share your kindness,  
to offer hospitality to friend and stranger,  
and to bear witness to your boundless love.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION \*

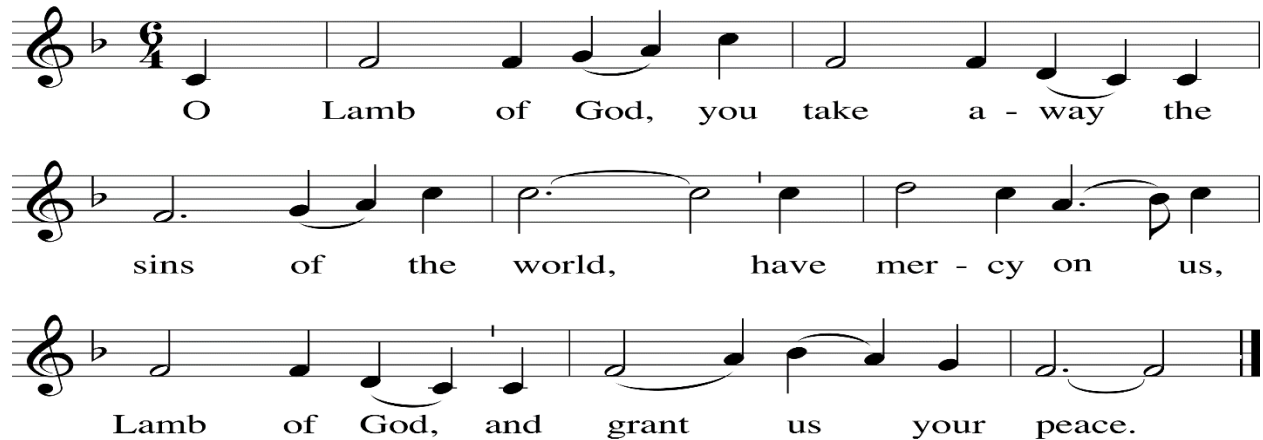
Leader: In the night in which he was betrayed,  
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

## 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 trespasses,  
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
 and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## LAMB OF GOD \*



O Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy on us,  
Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

## HOLY COMMUNION

*All those who confess Jesus as Lord and Savior are welcome to the table.*

*We invite you to come forward to receive the communion elements from the servers.*

*You will be handed a wafer from the server and are invited to select a cup of wine from the tray.*

*Pre-packaged elements of grape juice and gluten free wafers are available*

*in the baskets at the communion rail and at each entrance to the sanctuary.*

*You may partake of the elements at the communion rail and dispose of the cups and packaging in the baskets at the end of each communion rail or take the elements back to your pew to partake of them and dispose of the cups and packaging after the service.*

*"Bread from the Lord's Table" and/or a pastoral blessing are available for children who do not yet commune.*

Pastor: The table is prepared.  
Come, share in the feast!

*As you are served communion:*

Communion Server: The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you

Communion Receiver: Amen.

Organ Meditation at Distribution:

MORECAMBE (*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*) - arr. David Cherwien

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Leader: The body and blood of the risen Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace,  
now and forever.

Assembly: Amen.

# SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION & SERVICE

### BLESSING \*

Leader: May the God who welcomes you with grace,  
the Christ who meets you in friend and stranger,  
and the Holy Spirit who sends you forth in love,  
bless you and keep you,  
now and forever.

Assembly: **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN #719 \*

*Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

### DISMISSAL \*

Leader: Go in peace.  
Share God's welcome and kindness with all you meet.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE \*

*Procesión Alegre (Joyous Procession) - Garry Cornell*

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**SERVICE PARTICIPANTS:**

Pastor Leslie Fox Lott, Transition Pastor  
Pastor Denny Asp, Associate Pastor  
Deacon Diane Schwiger-Alexander, Director of Youth & Family  
Jim Davis, Lector & Communion Assistant 8:00  
Carol Davis, Lector & Communion Assistant 8:00  
Walt Bauer, Lector & Communion Assistant 10:45  
Jane McFadden, Organist  
Ruth Peart, Cantor

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**FLOWER DEDICATION:**

*The altar flowers are given by Ann Walters in remembrance of her husband, Jim, and granddaughter, Emily, whose birthdays were June 28 and June 27, respectively.*

*The organ flowers are given in honor of the 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 30 of John and Heather Petzinger by their parents and sons, Karl and Pris Petzinger and Earl and Margie Focht, and Andrew, Nicholas, and Luke.*

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