



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

June 28, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



We are called to be a welcoming and supportive community whose inspiring worship of God encourages everyone to deepen their faith and to respond to the needs of the world with the compassion of Christ.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

***Please rise in body or in spirit.**

Chiming of the Hour

We encourage you to quiet your minds and hearts for worship at this time.

Welcome and Announcements

Sign the Friendship Register at the end of your pew and pass it to your neighbor.

Organ Voluntary

Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams

WE ADDRESS OURSELVES TO GOD

***Call to Worship**

Leader: God hears the cries of those who have been pushed aside.

People: We come to worship the God who sees and hears.

Leader: God meets us in wilderness places with hope and promise.

People: We come trusting God's presence on the journey.

Leader: God gathers strangers, wanderers, and seekers into community.

People: We come to find our place in God's story.

Leader: God's mercy is wider than our fears and failures.

People: We come to worship the God of abundant grace.

***Hymn**

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy

Hymn #305

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

God of compassion, we confess that we often draw lines that You never intended. We decide who belongs and who does not. We protect our own comfort while ignoring the suffering of others. We cling to fear when You call us to trust. Like the crowds of every generation, we fail to notice those who have been cast aside. Forgive us when we exclude rather than welcome. Forgive us when we remain silent in the face of injustice. Forgive us when we fail to trust that Your love is large enough for all Your children. Open our eyes to those who feel forgotten. Open our hearts to Your expansive mercy. Lead us into lives marked by compassion, courage, and grace.

***Silent Confessions**

***Assurance of God's Grace**

***Response to Confession**

We Are Forgiven

Hymn #447

We are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

***The Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share that peace with one another.

A Conversation with Young Disciples

All children are invited to come forward for the children's message.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Acts 18:1-4, 24-28; Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 138

Leader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

People: Thanks be to God.

Solo

Lord of the Small

Dan Forrest

Praise to the Lord of the small, broken things, Who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing, Who loves the lame child, and the wretch in the street, Who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet.

Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid, Who girds them with courage and lends them His aid. He pours out His Spirit on vessels so weak that the timid can serve and the silent can speak. Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill, Who heals their afflictions or carries them till they leave this tired frame and to paradise fly, to never be sick, and never to die. Praise Him, O praise Him, all ye that yet live. Who've been given so much and can so little give. Our frail, lisping praise God will never despise:

He sees His dear children through mercy-filled eyes.

Scripture Reading

Genesis 21:8-21; Pew Bible, O.T., pg. 17

Leader: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A Well In The Wilderness

Rev'd Gary Noonan

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn**

Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us

Hymn #44

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

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.

Offertory Sentences

Offertory Solo

Covenant Prayer

Karen Marrolli

Creator, we belong to You, and You dwell within our hearts. Though the road be rough, we will follow You with the strength Your grace imparts. Though we be brought high, though we be brought low, though we journey far from home, let us always seek to grow in love, no matter where we roam. Now let us reach out with loving hands to accept, affirm, embrace every child of God throughout the world and shower them with grace. And let us reach out with grateful hearts and praise our God above through our acts of light and justice as we warm the world with love. Creator, let us understand that our covenant with You is a covenant with humankind to honor and pursue the road of Christ, through the rocky fields, to the broken and unshod. Let us heal with love, for each soul we meet is a precious Child of God.

Prayer of Dedication

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LORD

*Closing Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

Hymn #463

*Benediction

Organ Voluntary

How Firm a Foundation

Diane Bish

Worship Leaders:

Rev'd Gary Noonan, *Senior Pastor*; Sara Butler, *Liturgist*

Music Ministry:

Bill Stein, *Directory of Music Ministries*; John Richey, *soloist*

Livestream Host: Gerald DeWulf **Usher Captains:** Dan Meckes

Ushers: Charlene McFarland, Julie Jackson, Mark McLean, Jason Mitchell

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