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# The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

## Service of Word and Sacrament

### June 21, 2026

*God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.*

**WELCOME TO ALL WHO HAVE COME TO WORSHIP THE LORD TODAY!**

*Guests—please take a moment to fill out a guest card located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. We would like to acknowledge your time with us and extend a friendly hand of hospitality.*

*Please **turn all cell phones off** or on vibrate before the worship service begins.*

*\*Stand as you are able, in body or spirit.*

*The responses of the people are printed in **bold**.*

# GATHERING

## PRELUDE

*Holy Spirit Come*  
Sung by Folk Group

Mayberry, Benjamin-Korporaal,  
Herbert

### *Verse 1*

I'm coming with a heart of worship  
I'm bringing in a brand new song  
I'm ready to see the unthinkable  
I'm ready for a miracle  
Hearts praying for a fresh encounter  
Souls looking to the living God  
I'm ready for a real revival O Holy Spirit

### *Chorus*

Come like a flood like a fire  
Holy spirit fall in this place fill our hearts  
Holy Spirit come like a flood like a fire  
Holy Spirit come O Holy Spirit come

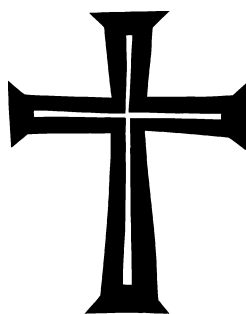
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### *Verse 2*

We're on the edge of a new beginning  
God we know You have so much more  
We're looking to a new horizon  
We're praying for Your rain to pour  
An overflowing of true redemption  
An overflowing of Your kingdom  
We're ready for a real revival O Holy Spirit

### *Bridge*

Oh can you feel it  
Heaven is reaching  
Oh can you hear it  
Our God is speaking  
Oh can you see it  
He's got your healing  
Oh just receive it  
Receive the freedom



\*We gather in the name of the Father and the † Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all  
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the  
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.  
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.  
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of  
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the  
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.  
rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.  
Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

## \*GREETING

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

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Come Let Us*



- 1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;
- 2 “Wor - thy the Lamb that died,” they cry, “to be ex - alt - ed thus!”
- 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re-ceive hon - or and pow’r di - vine;
- 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



- ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.  
“Wor - thy the Lamb,” our lips re - ply, “for he was slain for us!”  
and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.  
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

**Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 20:7-13

*Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God’s hands.*

A reading from Jeremiah:

<sup>7</sup> O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. <sup>8</sup> For whenever I speak, I must cry out; I must shout, “Violence and destruction!” For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. <sup>9</sup> If I say, “I will not mention his name, then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. <sup>10</sup> For I hear many whispering:

“Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!” All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. “Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him and take our revenge on him.” <sup>11</sup> But the Lord is with me like a terrifying warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. <sup>12</sup> O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous; you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. <sup>13</sup> Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY

69:7-10, 16-18

*The refrain is sung by all at the beginning of the Psalm and then at each R.*

Refrain

An - swer me, O LORD, for your love is kind.

Tone

<sup>7</sup> Surely, for your sake I have suf- | fered reproach,  
and shame has cov- | ered my face.

<sup>8</sup> **I have become a stranger to | my own kindred,  
an alien to my | mother’s children.**

<sup>9</sup> Zeal for your house has eat- | en me up;  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fall- | en upon me.

<sup>10</sup> **I humbled my- | self with fasting,  
but that was turned to | my reproach.**

<sup>16</sup> **Answer me, O Lord, for your | love is kind;  
in your great compassion, | turn to me.**

<sup>17</sup> Hide not your face | from your servant;  
be swift and answer me, for I am | in distress.

<sup>18</sup> **Draw near to me | and redeem me;  
because of my enemies de- | liver me. R**

## SECOND READING

ROMANS 6:1B-11

*In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin.*

A reading from Romans:

<sup>1b</sup> Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(sing twice)

He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan;  
he - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.

Text: Traditional Muscogee Indian

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## \*GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 10:24-39

*Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>24</sup> “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup> it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! <sup>26</sup> “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the dark,

tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup> Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup> “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. <sup>34</sup> “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. <sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, <sup>36</sup> and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. <sup>37</sup> “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, <sup>38</sup> and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## HOMILY





1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

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 Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional  
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## \*CONFESSION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Compassionate God, we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Good, Good Father*

Barrett and Brown

### *Verse 1*

I've heard a thousand stories  
Of what they think You're like  
But I've heard the tender whisper  
Of love in the dead of night  
You tell me that You're pleased  
And that I'm never alone

### *Verse 2*

I've seen many searching for answers  
Far and wide  
But I know we're all searching for answers  
Only You provide  
Because You know just what we need  
Before we say a word

### *Chorus*

You're a Good Good Father  
It's who You are  
It's who You are  
It's who You are  
And I'm loved by You  
It's who I am 3x

### *Bridge*

You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

### *Verse 3*

Love so undeniable  
I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable  
I can hardly think  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
Into love love love

## \*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

## \*PREFACE DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift 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.**

## \*CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS

## \*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## \*COMMUNION INVITATION

Heaven has come near.

Come, share in the feast!

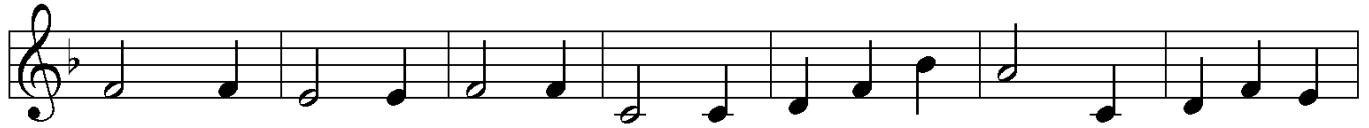
## ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

*All are welcome to partake of the Holy Sacrament. Inform the pastor if you need a **gluten-free host**. Grape juice is available in the center rings of the wine tray. Children or adults who do not or choose not to partake of the sacrament today may come forward and receive a blessing. Please indicate you would like a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest in the form of an X.*



# COMMUNION HYMNS

## *Lamb of God*



☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## *Borning Cry*

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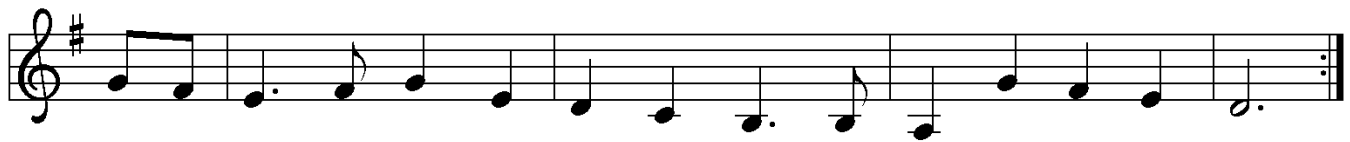
- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.  
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell.”  
I’ll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.”  
I’ll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise.”



4 “I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I’ll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.”

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## PRAYER IN THE ABSENCE OF COMMUNION

*Those not receiving communion are invited to pray the following while communion is being distributed:*

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life and the cup of salvation. I believe that you are truly present in the sacrament of Holy Communion. I am baptized into your death and resurrection. I seek you daily and worship and adore you. When I cannot receive you in the eucharistic bread and wine, I pray that you continue to come into my heart and soul, as you always have, through Confession and Forgiveness, through the proclamation of your holy Word, and through the prayers of your people; that I may remain united to you by your all-powerful and ever-present Holy Spirit. Let me receive you and be nourished by your abundant grace. Be for me the manna in my wilderness, the bread of angels for my very human journey, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, and solace in the hour of my death. I pray this, trusting that you are my life, my peace, and my everlasting joy. Amen.

## \*SACRAMENTAL BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen**

## \*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

## SENDING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BENEDICTION

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.  
Amen.

### \*SENDING HYMN

### *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

TTF 241

*Refrain*

Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing  
in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the  
spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,  
 2 All a - round me looked so fine,  
 3 Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,

*Refrain*

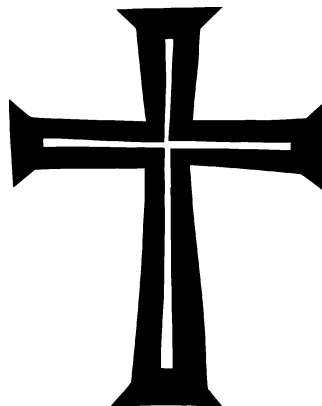
out of his mouth came fire and smoke.  
 asked . . . my Lord if all was mine.  
 chills the bod - y but not the soul.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: PENTECOST, African American spiritual

**\*DISMISSAL**

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!  
**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE          improvisation on *Every time I feel the Spirit*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We have finished Matins & Vespers via Zoom for the season. Please join us for in-person weekday worship Thursday evenings in July and August.
- Please sign up to sponsor altar flowers. There are still many slots available.
- Join us for Faith & Family Night with the Yard Goats at Dunkin' Donuts Park! Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. If we can sign up 25 people to attend this event, tickets will be just \$12 each! Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex. See Linda Hilliard for more information.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR:

Sunday, June 21	9:00am	Service of Word and Sacrament Followed by Coffee Hour Sponsored by Godfellas
Sunday, June 28	9:00am	Service of Word and Sacrament Followed by Coffee Hour Sponsored by Folk Group Friends



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