

Sunday June 21, 2026

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We Gather in God's Presence

Acknowledgement of the Land:

We acknowledge, with gratitude and humility, that we gather today on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Delaware peoples.

As followers of Christ, we recognize our call to be people of truth, justice, and reconciliation. We remember the harm caused by colonization and the church's role in that history and we commit ourselves to walking in a - new way - one rooted in respect, partnership, and the healing love of God.

May our worship today honour the Creator, Our God who made the land, the waters, the sky, and all living beings. May we learn from the wisdom of Indigenous peoples and join together in caring for creation and one another.

Prelude: "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Wesley King

Birthdays, Celebrations, and Life and Work of the Congregation:

Lighting the Christ Candle:

Jesus Christ, the Light of the World

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship

Call to Worship:

Bless the LORD, O my soul;

And all that is within me, bless His holy name!

Bless the LORD, O my soul,

And forget not all His benefits:

Who forgives all your iniquities,

Who heals all your diseases,

Who redeems your life from destruction,

Who crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercies,

Who satisfies your mouth with good things,

So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Hymn: "Come Now, Almighty King" VU #314

Words: anonymous 18th century, as in George Whitfield's Collection of Hymns.

Music: anonymous, as in Samuel Sebastian Wesley's European Psalmist.

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- 1 Come now, almighty King,
help us your name to sing, help us to praise;
one God all glorious, ever victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.
- 2 Come now, incarnate Son,
your life in us begun, our prayer attend;
come, and your people bless,
come, give your word success;
stablish your righteousness, Saviour and friend!
- 3 Come holy Comforter,
your sacred witness bear in this glad hour;
your grace to us impart, now rule in every heart,
never from us depart, Spirit of power!
- 4 To the great One in Three,
eternal praises be for evermore;
your sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore!

Opening Prayer: (TOGETHER)

Dear LORD , thank You for the gift of this new day. As I step into the unknown of today, I ask for Your protection. Cover me with Your mighty hand and keep me safe from harm, danger or illness. Guide my steps and my decisions.

LORD, help me to walk in Your ways and to avoid any path that leads to danger or trouble. In Jesus mighty name I pray, Amen

Hymn Sing

Hymn: "O Master, let me walk with Thee" VU #560

Words: Washington Gladden 1879. Music: Henry Percy Smith 1874.

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- 1 O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
teach me thy secret, help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

- 2 Help me the slow of heart to move
with some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.
- 3 Teach me thy patience; still with thee,
in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sure and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong,
- 4 In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way,
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live.

A New Creed VU 918

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness" VU #288

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**Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!**

- 1 Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be. **R**

- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **R**

- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow -
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide. **R**

We Open Ourselves to Receive God's Blessings

Responsive Reading: Psalm 86: 1-10, 16-17 VU #803

Refrain: In the day of my trouble I call unto you for you will answer me.

**Turn your ear to me, O God, and answer me,
for I am poor and in misery.**

Preserve my life for I am faithful;
save your servant for I trust in you.

Be merciful to me, my lord, for I call to you all day long.

Gladden the heart of your servant,
for to you I lift up my soul.

**For you, my lord, are good and forgiving,
and great in mercy to all who call on you.**

Give heed, O God, to my prayer,
and listen to my cry of supplication. **R**

**Among the gods there is none like you, my lord,
nor can the deeds of any be compared to yours.**

All the nations you have made shall come
and bow before you.

They shall glorify your name, my lord,

for you are great and do marvellous things;
you alone are God. **R**

Scripture: Matthew 7: 1-5, 21-28

Message: "Lessons from Jesus"

Hymn**“Just as I am”****VU #508***Words: Charlotte Elliott 1834.**Music: William Batchelder Bradbury 1849.**Public Domain*

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 2 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 3 Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 4 Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

We Respond To God's Grace**Invitation to Invest in God's Mission****Offertory Hymn: VU 544 (tune 625) In Gratitude and Humble Trust**

In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself for us
in Jesus Christ, your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.

Prayer of Dedication**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession & 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 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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” VU #670

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- 1 Precious Lord, take my hand,
 lead me on, let me stand,
 I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
 through the storm, through the night,
 lead me on to the light:
 take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

- 2 When my way grows drear,
 precious Lord, linger near,
 when my life is almost gone,
 hear my cry, hear my call,
 hold my hand lest I fall:
 take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

- 3 When the darkness appears,
 and the night draws near,
 and the day is past and gone,
 at the river I stand,
 guide my feet, hold my hand:
 take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Commissioning and Benediction

Sung Response: "Go Now in Peace"

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen, Amen, Amen

Postlude: "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Words by Cecil Frances Alexander 17th century
English Melody, Arranged by Martin Shaw