

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



AUGUST 2, 2020

WELCOME

We welcome you to Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church!

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, WELCOME,

If you are worshipping again, WELCOME BACK.

Worship is much more joyful when we add our voices to offer praise and thanksgiving. If you need anything, just ask one of the ushers or greeters.

A nursery is provided for younger children should you want to use it at any time. If you would like to discuss discipleship at Mt. Hermon,

Pastor Gina would love to speak with you!

Again welcome ...

PRE-SERVICE

Festival Piece on "Nicea" Wentenkuehler

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see the Community Announcements in the back section of the bulletin.

*Please note that all congregation responses are printed in **Bold and Italics**.*

We are silent as we prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

Oh, That I Had A Thousand Voices

Burkhardt

THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.
Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

As broken children, we begin worship by acknowledging our sinfulness and asking for God's forgiveness.

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

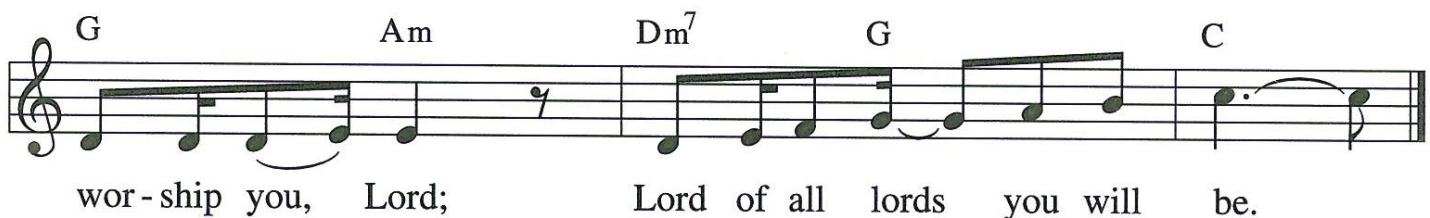
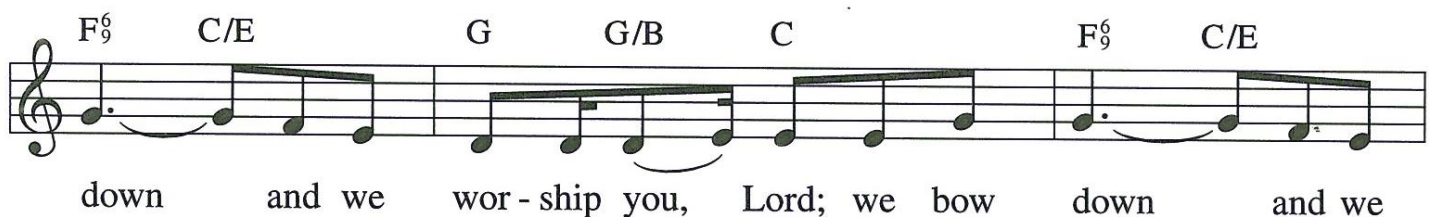
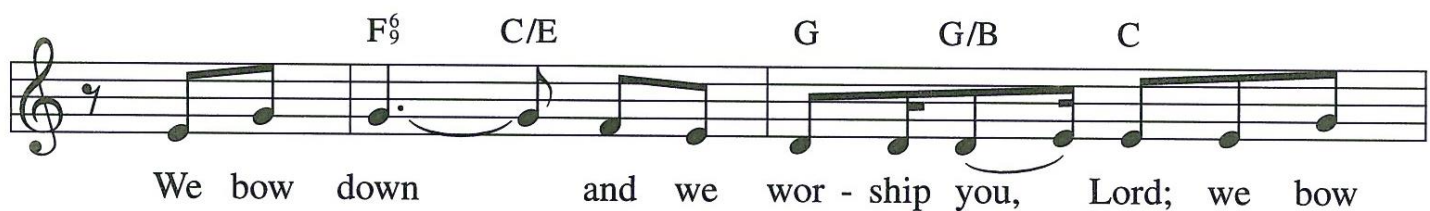
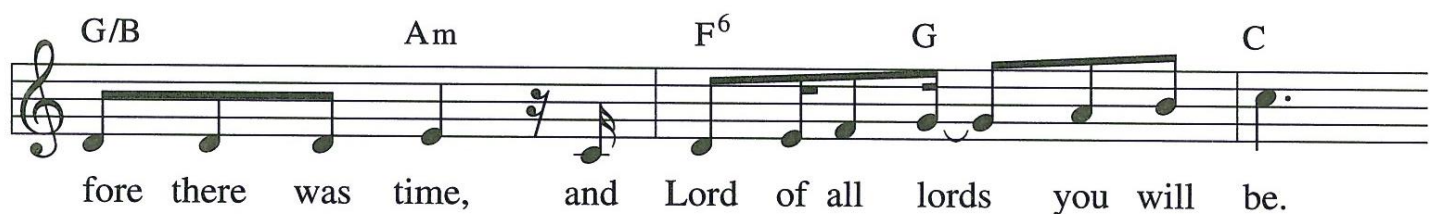
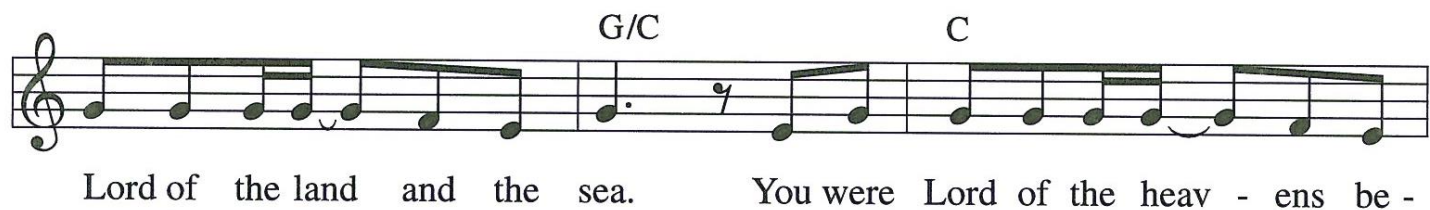
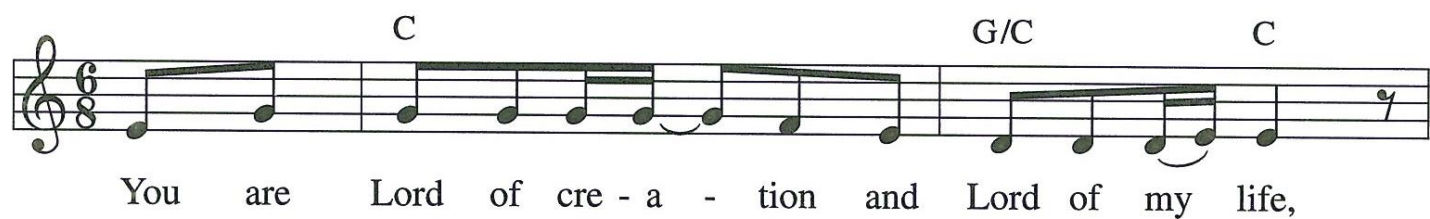
Reconciling God,
***we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.
We place our hope in ourselves
and rely on our own efforts.
We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.
We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.
We fear difference and do not welcome others
as you have welcomed us.
We sin in thought, word, and deed.
By your grace, forgive us;
through your love, renew us;
and in your Spirit, lead us;
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.***

Beloved of God,
by the radical abundance of divine mercy
we have peace with God through ✝ Christ Jesus.
Our sins are forgiven.
Let us live now in hope.
For hope does not disappoint,
because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

HYMN

We Bow Down (Sing 2x)

W&P 149



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.

GLORIA

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



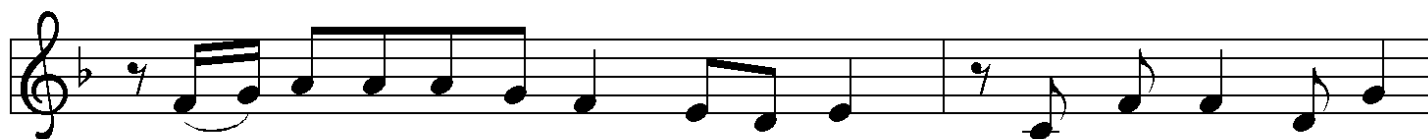
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



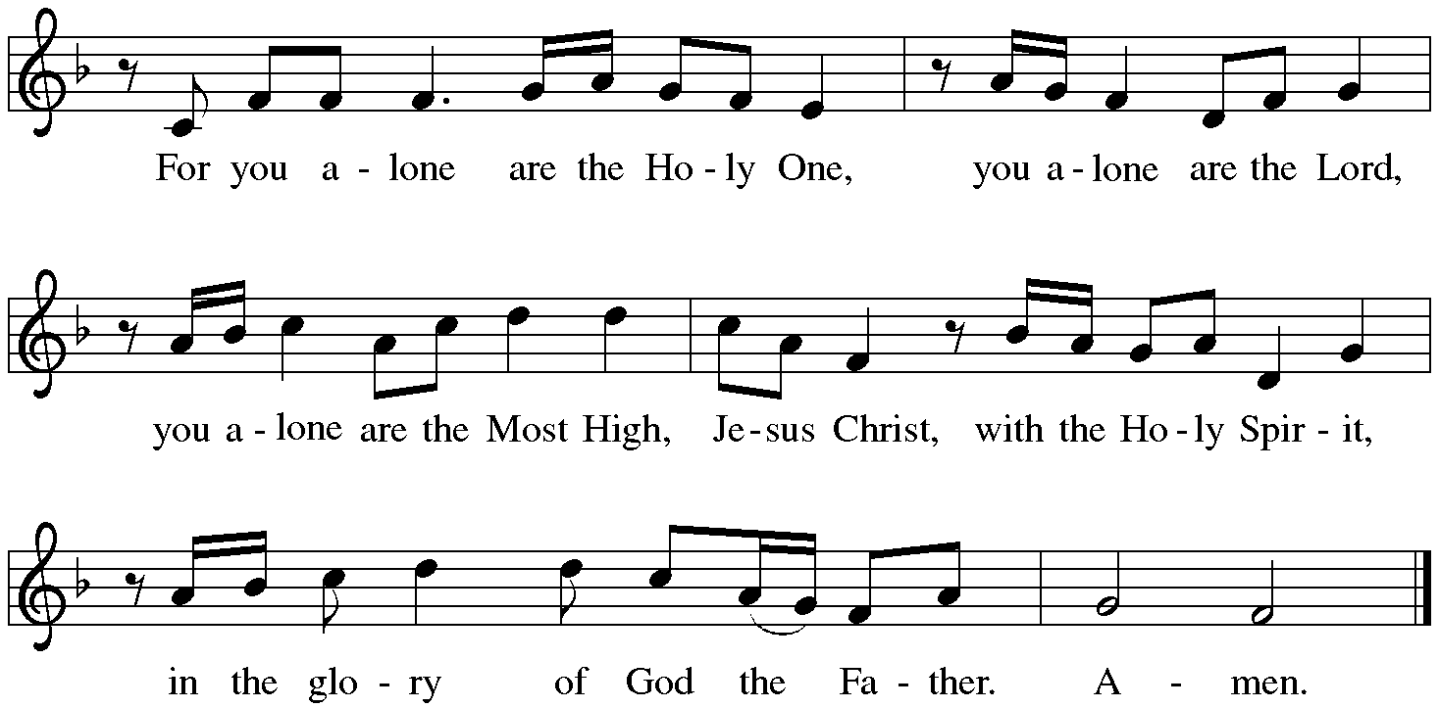
Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

A reading from Isaiah.

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

⁸The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

***⁹Lord, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.***

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

***¹⁵The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.***

¹⁶You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

***17You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.***

18You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

***19You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.***

20You watch over all those who love you,
but all the wicked you shall destroy.

***21My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.***

READING: Romans 9:1-5

A reading from Romans.

1I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—**2**I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. **3**For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. **4**They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; **5**to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 14th chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Please pray with me the prayer of preparation.

Holy God, you have a word for me today. Make my heart soft and plant your word in me in order that it may bear fruit in your kingdom. Amen.

SERMON

Compassion to action

HYMN

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

ELW 773



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with the Apostles' Creed.

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

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 OF INTERCESSION

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*After each petition: Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.***

The Prayers conclude:

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We sit.

OFFERING

We give our monetary offering to support Christ's mission in this place and around the world in gratitude of God's amazing grace. You may contribute any time by visiting www.WeAreMtHermon.com and click on "On-line Giving." You may also mail your check to 3011 Leaphart Road, West Columbia, SC 29169. Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship.

OFFERING

You Are Mine

David Haas/Mark Hayes

We stand.

OFFERTORY *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* ELW 752
(Sing 2x)



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

***God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours,
and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.***

Water and word, wine and bread:

these are signs of your abundant grace.

Nourish us through these gifts,

that we might proclaim your steadfast love

in our communities and in the world,

through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

THE MEAL

Christ is truly present in the most ordinary and unexpected of places.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

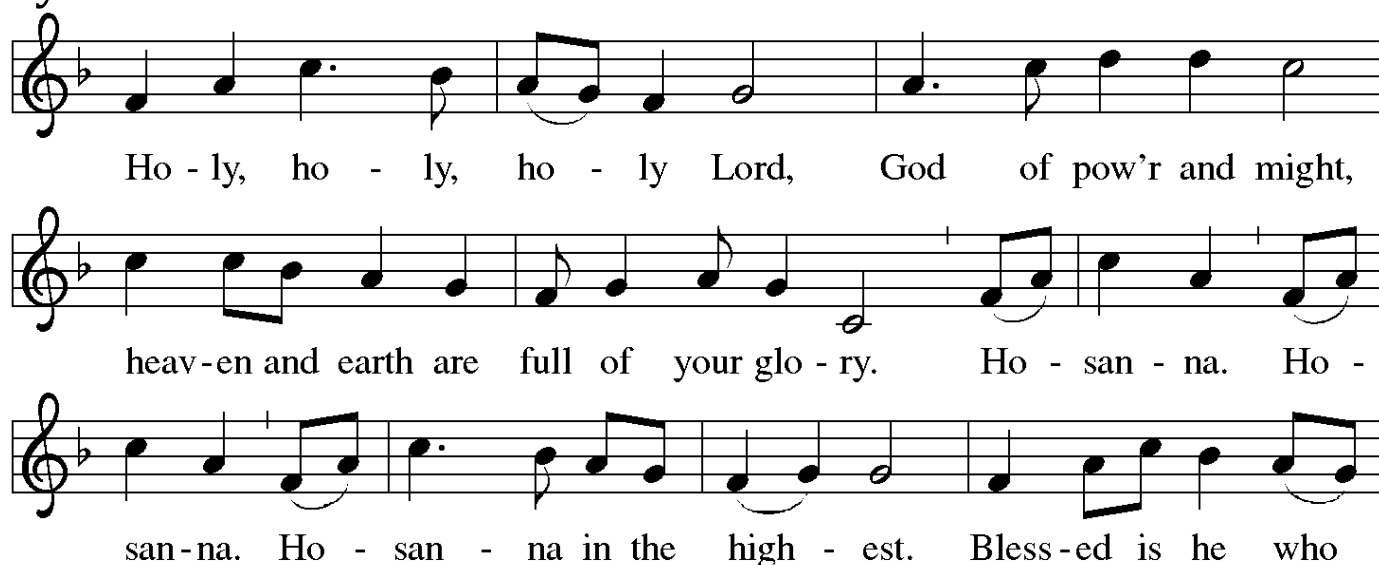
We lift them to the Lord.

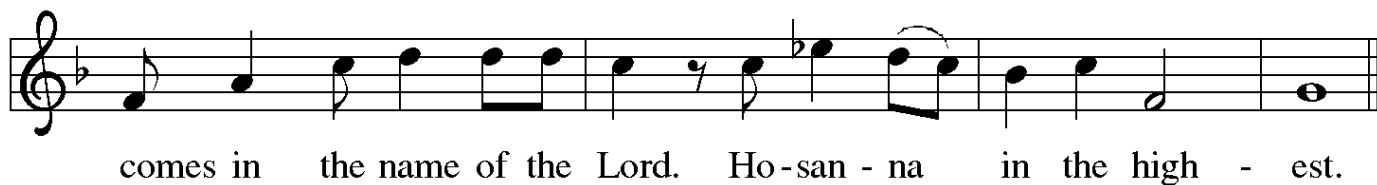
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:





THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed...

We proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup, we remember your Word dwelling among us, teaching us, leading us, and guiding us. ***Come, Lord Jesus.***

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. ***Come, Holy Spirit.***

All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Friends of Jesus, come to the table.
Receive nourishment for your journey.

You are invited to call the church office and schedule a time to receive communion. We will have Drive-In Communion on the 1st & 3rd Sundays from 10:30-1:00.

MUSIC *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* Mark Hayes

THE SENDING

BLESSING

There is no place where God does not live.
There is no moment when God has, is, and will not be present.
There is no time that God does not love you.
May you go now into the world knowing God ✝ is right by your side. *Amen.*

HYMN

Let All Things Now Living

ELW 881



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and



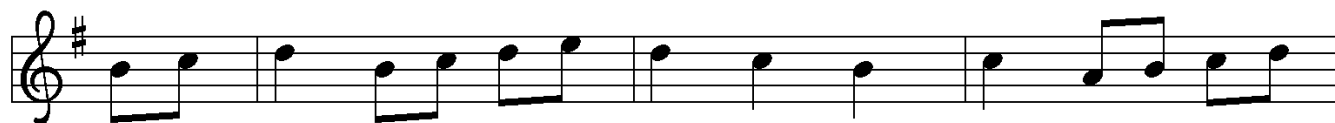
God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *All People That On Earth Do Dwell* Burkhardt

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of Randy Wise's Birthday on July 29th and Nancy Addison's Birthday on August 1st by Jamie Addison.



MT HERMON MUSIC WEEKEND FACEBOOK LIVE STREAM

AUGUST 8-9

SATURDAY 6:30 PM

SUNDAY 9:00 AM

SUNDAY 6:00 PM



SATURDAY 6:30 PM
MT HERMON MUSICIANS

SUNDAY 9:00 AM
WORSHIP

SUNDAY 6:00 PM
TheDulcimerGuy.com



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Gaston, SC 29053



**Live Streaming
and Recording of
worship**

If you would like to contribute to this ministry,
mark your check or envelope
"LiveStreaming Ministry"

We need more help in the food pantry!

Wednesdays and Fridays
from 9 to noon




Adopt-A-Highway
Saturday, August 22nd
9:00 am
Church parking lot



Help Us To... "Keep the Midlands Beautiful"

Back to School Supplies Needed

- 24 pack crayons, pencils, colored pencils, markers, dry erase markers
- Pencil pouches, pencil boxes
- Scissors, glue sticks, dry erase erasers
- Earbuds, headphones
- 3-Ring binders(1.5"), wide rule notebook paper, composition notebooks, dividers
- Bookbags
- Tissues, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes

During the month
of
August



Support our local schools!

Thank you for adding me to the prayer list. I appreciate the texts, cards, phone calls and prayers during my recent foot surgery. Thank you Pastor Gina for the prayers and words of encouragement during my recovery. Again thank you for the prayers.

Love, Kim Addy

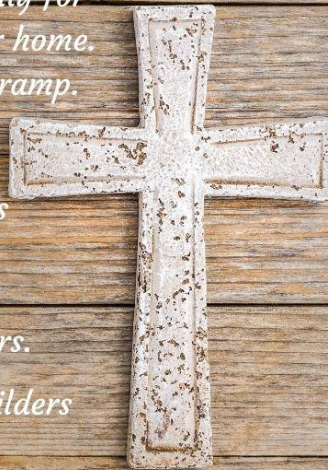


We are so thankful to everyone on the building crew and our church family for building the handicap ramp at our home. It has been a blessing to have the ramp.

Please use our check to help others who need a handicap ramp. We appreciate everyone for being so kind, thoughtful and all the prayers.

Again, we cannot thank all the builders enough and the speed it was built.

*With many blessings and peace be with you,
Gene and Jan Schofield*



Tithes, and Offering for 07/19/2020

Live Stream Worship – 121+

Sunday School via Zoom – 24

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| Current & Benevolent | Received | \$4,656.79 |
| Building Improvement | Received | \$140.00 |
| Growing on Holy Ground | Received | \$785.00 |
| Live Streaming This Week | | \$100.00 |
| Live Streaming Total Rec'd | | \$4,991.23 |

Honorariums and Memorials (all funds)

In loving memory of Connie Bucknam by Renee & Dwayne Newell

Your continued financial support to the work of God at Mt. Hermon is needed. You may drop your check in the US Mail: 3011 Leaphart Road, West Columbia, SC 29169. You may also drop it in the locked box on Leaphart Road. Some of you have taken advantage of banks mailing a check straight to Mt. Hermon. Many of you are taking the opportunity to use online giving. Thank you for your financial and spiritual support to Mt. Hermon!



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During 6:35 devotions, Pastor Gina invited listeners to a 90-day challenge of keeping a **Gratitude Journal**. The challenge is to write down 3 things which you are thankful for each day before you go to bed. These journals have arrived, and they are in the church office. Please come by and pick up a journal for each member of you family who will participate in the challenge.

We have sooo much to be thankful for! The purpose of the challenge is to be a visible reminder of our blessings. Let's deepen our discipleship together.

Come by and pick up a journal and enter into the challenge.

MT HERMON PRAYS ...

Homebound and Care Facilities

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| Patricia Bachman, <i>Carolina Gardens</i> | Margie Hook, <i>home</i> |
| Alberta Berry, <i>home</i> | Rev. Everette Price, <i>home</i> |
| Hazel Bockus, <i>Carolina Gardens</i> | Tom Roof, <i>home</i> |
| Nell Buff, <i>home</i> | June Roof, <i>Rapha</i> |
| Lila Catt, <i>home</i> | Lois Watson, <i>Lexington Place</i> |
| Lynwood Crout, <i>home</i> | Lena Wessinger, <i>Presby. Home</i> |

Members in Special Need of Prayer

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|----------------|-----------------|
| Gene Schofield | Perry Bouknight |
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Family and Friends Who Have Requested Our Prayers

Bob Eastwood, *brother-in-law of Marie Kleckley*
Harold & Mary Prater, *parents of Ray Prater*
Molly Kate Shealy, *friend of Jean Shealy*
Chuck Bachman, *nephew of Jean Shealy*
Floyd Fuller, *uncle of David Marsh*
Dawn McIlwain-Merck, *friend of Robin Ellisor*
Gary & Linda Hodgin, *friends of Herb Bucknam*
Lois Moore & family, *family of Dennis & Cyndi Thurman*
Bill Harrell, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*
Don Morris, *father of Keith Morris*
Cheryl Coureville, *friend of Herb Bucknam*
Iris Wellborn, *sister of Earl Sease*
Jimmy Mills, *father of Tommy Mills*
Richie Tallent, *friend of Danny Scott*
Mandy McLemore, *co-worker of Amanda Boyd, Kim Addy, & Alyson Price*
John Catoe, *family of Ellisors*
Jenifer Gooding, *co-worker of Joel Price Jr. & Mary Price*
Sherri Crapps, *sister-in-law of Linda Waters-Hamilton*
Megan Sease, *granddaughter of Earl & Mary Frances Sease*
Jean Wooten, *friend of Linda Waters-Hamilton*
Tommy Roof, *son of Tom & June Roof*
Martha Eastwood, *sister of Marie Kleckley*
Eric Powell, *friend of Kim Fulmer*
Jason Wardlaw, *friend of congregation*
Andrew & Candice Coleman, *friends of Erica Conklin*
Carolyn Shumpert, *sister of Jan Schofield and Andrea Bowers*
David Hydrick, *cousin of Buddy Hydrick*
Janice Head, *mother of Ronnie Head*



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CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

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|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Ronnie Fulmer, <i>President</i> | Marion Leaphart, <i>Vice President</i> |
| Robin Ellisor, <i>Secretary</i> | Parker Boulware, <i>Treasurer</i> |
| Annette Price, <i>Financial Secretary</i> | Ricky Bouknight & Terry Swygert, <i>Sextons</i> |

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, August 2nd 9th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Worship – Live Stream
10:30 - 1:00 pm Drive-In Communion

Wednesday, August 5th

9:00 – 12:00 Food Pantry (Angie Hydrick & Doris Maddox)

Friday, August 7th

9:00 – 12:00 Food Pantry (Allison Swygert & Lynn Bouknight)
12:00 pm Sunday's Bulletins will be in the mailboxes

Saturday, August 8th

6:30 pm Live Stream Music Concert
Mt Hermon Musicians and Choir

Sunday, August 9th 10th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Worship – Live Stream
10:30 - 1:00 pm Zoom: Sunday School
6:30pm Live Stream Music Concert at Mt Hermon
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