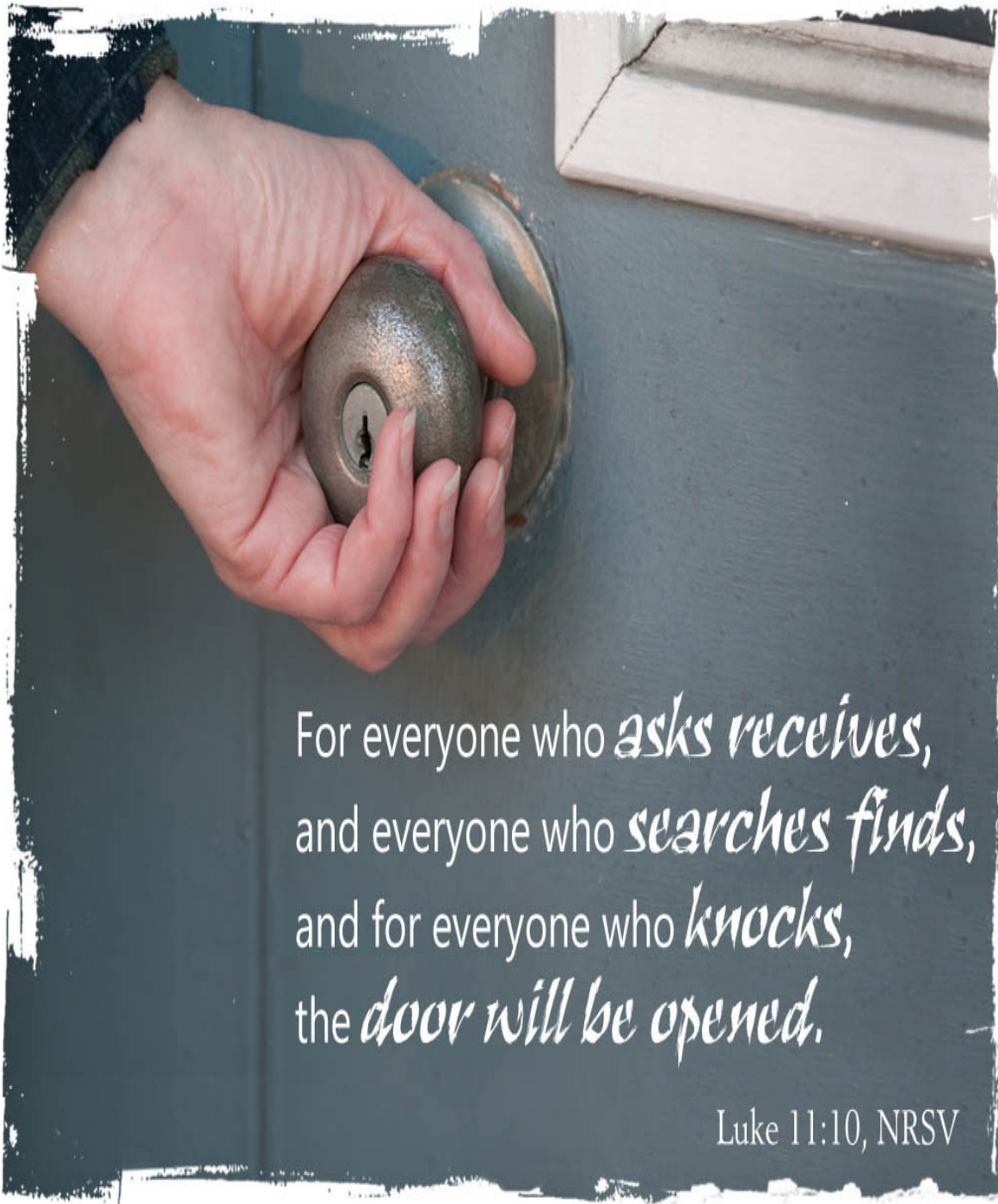


SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



For everyone who *asks receives*,
and everyone who *searches finds*,
and for everyone who *knocks*,
the *door will be opened*.

Luke 11:10, NRSV

JULY 24, 2022

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. If you would like to discuss discipleship at Mt. Hermon,

Pastor Gina would love to speak with you!

Again welcome ...

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

We are silent as we prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Bradbury/CCLI #32273

THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

We turn to face the cross at the entrance of the sanctuary. As broken children, we begin worship by acknowledging our sin and asking for God's forgiveness.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
*we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.
Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table.
When met by those in need,
we have too often passed by on the other side.
Set us again on the path of life.
Save us from ourselves
and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.*

Hear the good news!
God does not deal with us according to our sins
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.
In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.
You are free to love as God loves.
Amen.

As the cross passes your pew, turn and face the altar.

HYMN

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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- 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.

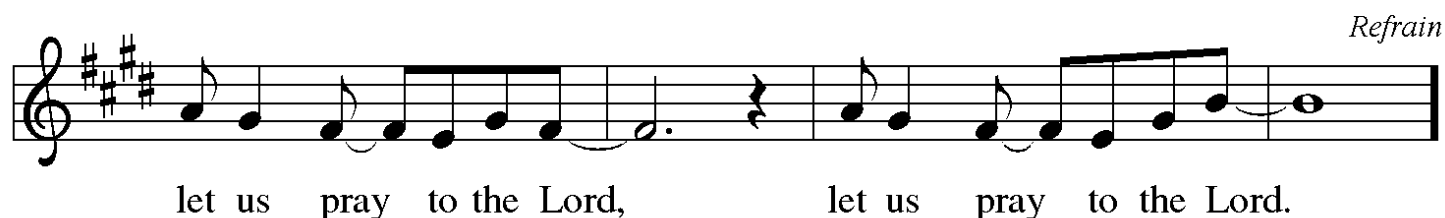
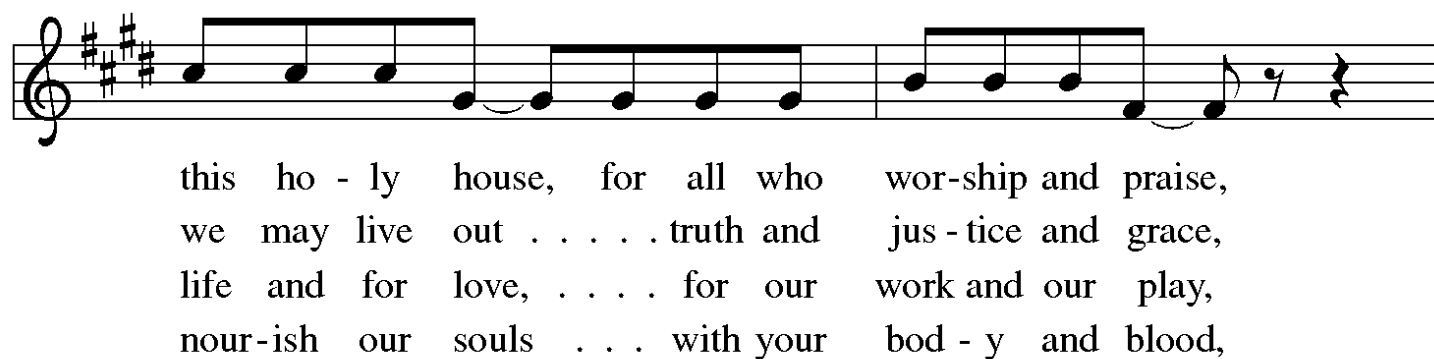
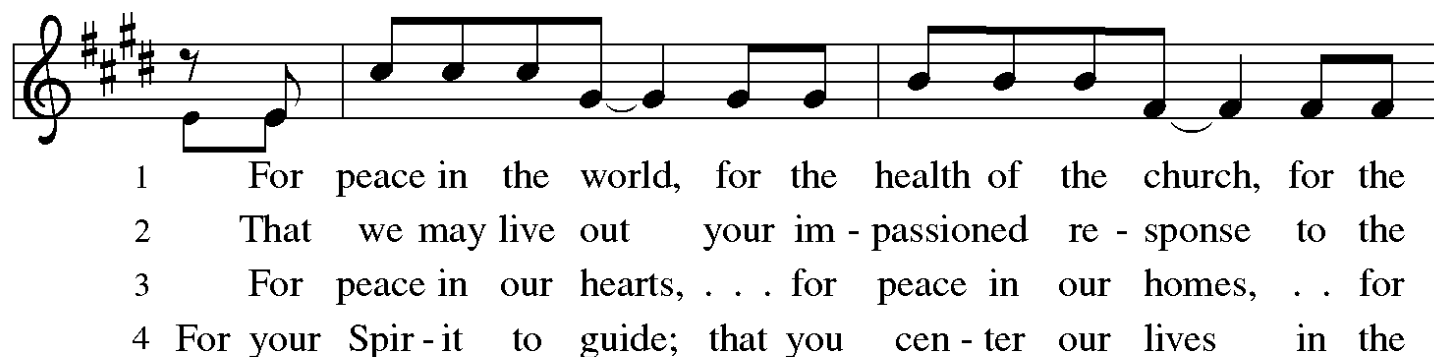
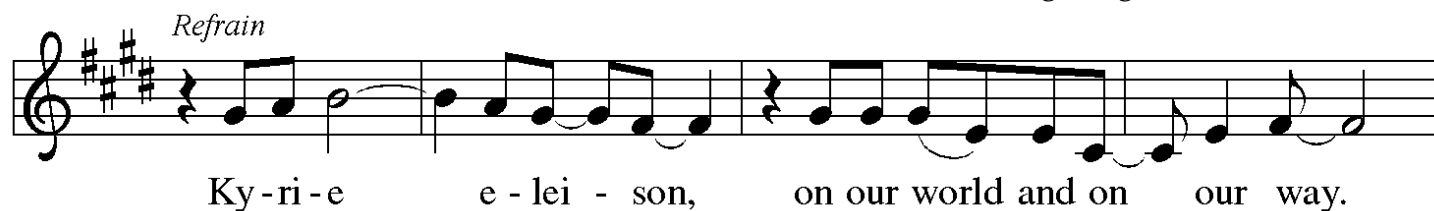
GREETING

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.

KYRIE

Augsburg Fortress #SB153820



PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

Genesis 18:20-32

A reading from Genesis.

²⁰Then the LORD said, “How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.”

²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” ²⁶And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.” ²⁷Abraham answered, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose

five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” ²⁹Again he spoke to him, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” ³⁰Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” ³¹He said, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” ³²Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

***²I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your name,
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name
and your word above all things.***

³When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

***⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.***

⁵They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.

**⁶*The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.***

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.

**⁸*You will make good your purpose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.***

Colossians 2:6-19

A reading from Colossians.

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord,
continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him
and established in the faith, just as you were taught,
abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy
and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to
the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to
Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,
¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of
every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised
with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the
flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried
with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through
faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the
uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together

with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. ¹⁷These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13

The holy gospel according to St. Luke the 11th Chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”²He said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

⁵And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ ⁷And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

memorized prayer

Please pray with me the prayer of preparation.

SERMON

We stand.

Cares Chorus

Willard/CCLI #25974

APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with the words of 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

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

After each petition: Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace,
and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

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.org and click on "On-line Giving." Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship.

ANTHEM

I Must Tell Jesus

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We stand.

OFFERTORY

Father, I Adore You

Coelho/CCLI #26557

The musical notation is written on a single staff in 4/4 time. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. Chords are indicated above the staff: F (first measure), Gm (second measure), C (third measure), F (fourth measure), Gm (fifth measure), and F (sixth measure). There are also markings '1*' above the first measure and '2' above the fifth measure. The lyrics are written below the staff, with three parts: 1. Fa - ther, 2. Je - sus, I a - dore you, lay my life be - fore you; how I love you.

1 Fa - ther,
2 Je - sus, I a - dore you, lay my life be -
3 Spir - it,

fore you; how I love you.

OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

God of abundance:

you have set before us a plentiful harvest.

As we feast on your goodness,

strengthen us to labor in your field,

and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,

in the name of Jesus. 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

O God, Light of all lights, we worship you and glorify your name. You appeared to Moses in the flames of a bush that burned and was not consumed. You revealed in him the holiness of your name. I am who I am. Then you came to us in Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh. His light was extinguished, yet you raised him from the dead. Jesus spoke to us your promise: I am the light of the world. Let His light burn in our hearts.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed...

With this bread and cup, we declare You, your Word, and your Spirit. As often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup we proclaim Christ in our lives. ***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

O God of resurrection and new life, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Shine your light on us. ***Come, Holy Spirit.***

We are empty vessels that need to be filled. Send your Spirit to fill us. ***Come, Holy Spirit.***

We humbly seek your face and we seek to do your will. Give us your strength and your power to empower us. ***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

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.

Come to the banquet.

COMMUNION

Please come forward to receive communion. Both sides will form a single line in the center aisle. You will receive the bread and then receive the wine or grape juice from the side in which you are seated. You may then return to your pews using the outside aisles. Please return to your pews for a time of prayer and meditation.

MUSIC

Elegy

Reinecke/OneLicense #1002973

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace. ***Amen.***

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We pray together.

***Life-giving God,
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
and fed us with your mercy.
Now send us forth to live for others,
both friend and stranger,
that all may come to know your love.
This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.***

THE SENDING

BLESSING

The God of peace,
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always. ***Amen.***

HYMN

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

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1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,

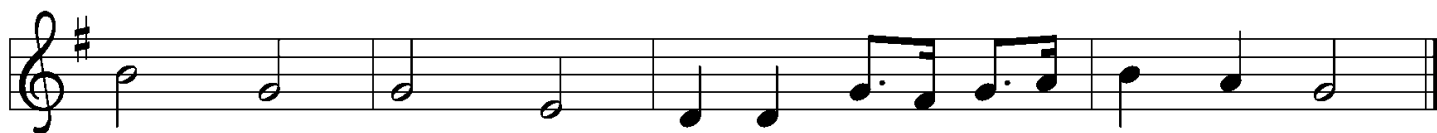


lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

As the cross passes your pew, turn and face the entrance of the sanctuary.

SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We follow the light of Christ into the world.

We are God's people on a mission.

We have gathered. We have been fed.

Now, we go out to make a difference in the world. Amen.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are two vases this week. One arrangement is in honor of Annette Price on her birthday, July 21st, by Ryan, Jennifer, Jeff, and Alyson. One arrangement is in memory of Roddy Schofield, son of Gene and Jan Schofield; in memory of the birthday of W.A. “Bill” Hembree Daddy of Jan H. Schofield; in honor of the birthday of Jan H. Schofield, by Gene and Jan Schofield.



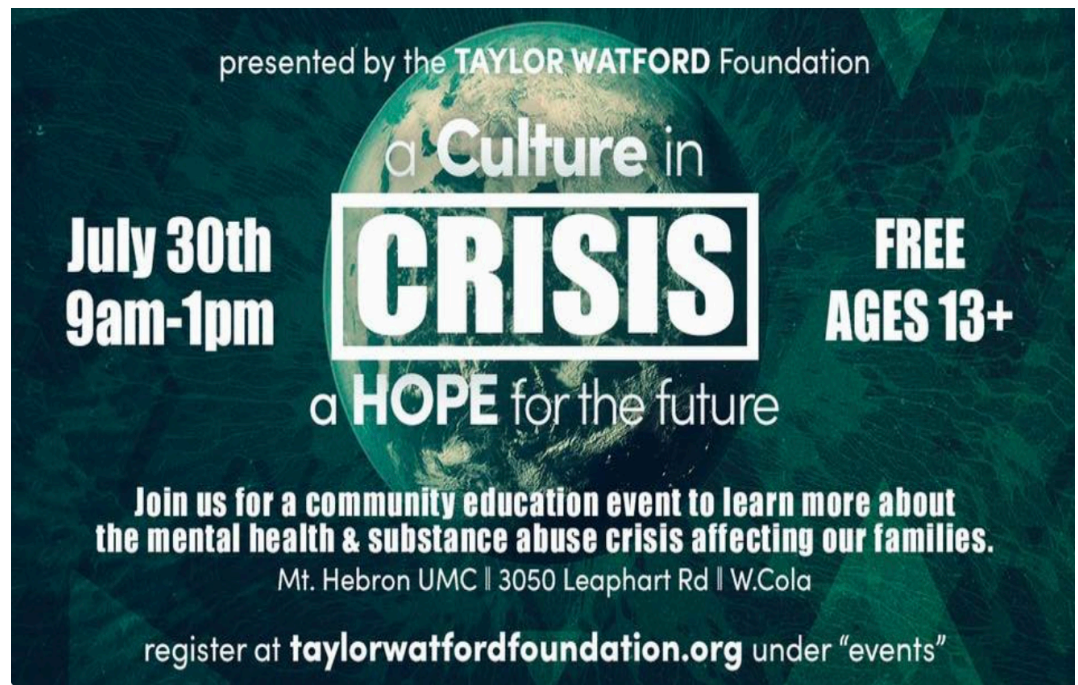
Join us for **Christmas in July** on July 27th at 6pm. Call Melanie Jackson to RSVP and for more info at 803-315-6991.

Save your sacks for a sleep mat!

Save your grocery/trash bags. Susan Busby is helping to collect bags which will be crocheted into sleep mats for the homeless. A container will be in the area outside of the church office for you to drop them off.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR! AUGUST 14
BLESSING OF BACKPACKS AND RALLY DAY**

Mt Hebron
invites us:



If you would like to know more about discipleship at Mt. Hermon, plan to attend an information meeting on Sundays in Pastor Gina's office.

Monday, August 8th @ 6:30 pm – Lutheran Men & Women



An evening with Deacon Dallas Shealy, executive director of South Carolina Lutheran Retreat Centers.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

07/17/2022

In-person Worship 87 + Live Stream Worship 79 = 166

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| Current & Benevolent | Received | \$4,277.99 |
| Building Fund | Received | \$465.00 |
| Building Improvement | Received | \$75.00 |



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HONORING

Caroline Mills
Chris & Marie
Carroll
Sheila Frame

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SERVING IN WORSHIP

Serving Today*

Next Sunday

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| Greeter: | Alyson Price | Mary Price |
| Crucifer: | Hayden Eargle | Spencer Price |
| Acolyte: | Walker Kinard | Walker Kinard |
| Lector: | Elyse Kinard | Mary Price |
| Communion Assts: | Charlene Corley | Hayden Eargle |
| | Ronnie Fulmer | Kirby Johnson |
| | Kathy Cooper | Melanie Jackson |
| Flowers: | Jeff & Alyson Price | The Jacksons |
| | Jan Schofield | |

Serving in July

COUNCIL REP: Mike Rawl

ALTAR GUILD: Jennifer Price & Angie Hydrick

TABULATORS: Ann Addy & Mary Frances Sease

USHERS: Marion Leaphart, Arron Kinard, Terry Swygert (Susan Busby)

#WeAreMtHermon
Following the light of Christ
to make a difference in the world.



MT HERMON PRAYS

Continual Prayers

Patricia Bachman, *Generations*
Alberta Berry, *home*
Nell Buff, *NHC*
Becky Koon, *Colonial Gardens*

Tom Roof, *home*
Cyndi Thurman, *home*
Linda Waters-Hamilton, *home*
Pastor Derald Edwards, *home*

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Ann Addy Kay Bryant
Angie Hydrick Jean Shealy
Mary Frances Sease Jane Sexton

James Hallman Jerry Ellisor
Jerry Price III Gene Schofield
Suzie Wattenbarger

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Prayers

Martha Eastwood, *sister of Marie Kleckley*
David Hydrick, *family of Angie Hydrick*
Bob Eastwood, *brother-in-law of Marie Kleckley*
Molly Kate Shealy, *friend of Jean Shealy*
Chuck Bachman, *nephew of Jean Shealy*
Dawn McIlwain-Merck, *friend of Robin Ellisor*
Gary & Linda Hodgins, *friends of Herb Bucknam*
Don Freeman, *friend of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart*
Jessica Drigger's mother, *friend of Denise Thurman*
Iris Wellborn, *sister of Earl Sease*
John Catoe, *family of Ellisors*
Cindy Maples, *mother of Jennifer Miller*
Lewis Turner, *friend of Jo Leach*
Beth Ellsworth, *friend of Kenny Bouknight*
Shirley Duenka, *friend of Sheila Starkey*
Billy Huckabee, *friend of Danny Scott*
Arthava Tripathi, *child friend of Robert & Joye Haygood*
Mary Duffie, *mother of Alyson Price*
Curtis Plummer, *husband of DJ, son-in-law Wayne & Charlene Corley, serving our country*
Stan Weber, *husband of Debi Weber*
Keith Saxton, *friend of Cyndi Leaphart, serving our country*
Carolyn Shumpert, *sister of Andrea Bowers and Jan Schofield*
Dr. Kay Moore, *friend and co-worker of Cyndi Leaphart*

*We always thank
GOD for all of you
and continually
mention you in
our prayers.*

I Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, July 31st

- 9:00 am Worship
- 10:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am FH: Coffee, Food & Fellowship

Monday, August 1st

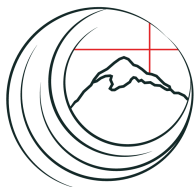
- 9:30 am Staff Meeting
- 5:30 pm CR: Care team
- 6:30 pm Team for Ministry

Wednesday, August 3rd

- 9:00 am Food Pantry
(Diane Boulware, Mary Frances Sease)
- 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, August 6th

- 9:00 am Food Pantry (Koon family)



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Blake Allen, *Vice President*
Parker Boulware, *Treasurer*
Ricky Bouknight & Terry Swygert, *Sextons*

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, July 24th

9:00 am Worship
10:30 am Sunday School

Monday, July 25th

9:30 am Staff Meeting

Tuesday, July 26th

6:00 pm CR: Support Team

Wednesday, July 27th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Dave and Debra Butts)
12:05 pm OneBody in Christ
6:00 pm Christmas in July
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, July 30th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Parker and Diane Boulware)
5:00 pm He_Brews Dinner