SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER Pentecost



JULY 17, 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

The Heart of Worship Redman/CCLI #2296522

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

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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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.*



PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

Genesis 18:1-10a

A reading from Genesis.

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ^{10a}Then one said, "I will surely

return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

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

PSALM: Psalm 15

We read responsively. ¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

Colossians 1:15-28

A reading from Colossians.

¹⁵[Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—²³provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

²⁴I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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

We stand.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42

The holy gospel according to St. Luke the 10th Chapter. *Glory to you, O Lord.*

³⁸Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

We stand. Seek Ye First HYMN Lafferty/CCLI #1352 Repeat first verse last time. Optional descant O ø 0 O Al le lu ia, al -F#m D G D G 6 O Seek ye king 1 first the God dom of and its 2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and 0 0 O O lu le ia, al le A^7 Em^7 D D F#m A Θ righ - teous ness, all these things shall be and shall you find; knock and the door shall be 0 6 G 0 O lu ia, al le lu ia. Em^7 G D G D Α D 6 O θ O add - ed Al - le un - to you. lu, al-le - lu ia. --

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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

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

After each petition: God of grace, hear our prayer.

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping. *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

We stand.

Shout to the North

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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 to do your will. Give us your strength and your power to do your will. *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

Eat This Bread

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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.*

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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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.

POSTLUDE

HYMN

What a Friend We Have in Jesus Converse/Public Domain

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Ronald Bowers by Andrea, Craig, Suzanne, and Alex.

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.



Please bring your donations to the church office by July 20, ahead of our event on July 23

This event will help provide school supplies and clothing to kids in our community whose families struggle to provide these items when school starts back.





TITHES AND OFFERINGS 07/10/2022

In-person Worship 88 + Live Stream Worship 62 = 150

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$2,379.45
Building Fund	Received	\$1,250.00
Building Improvement	Received	\$50.00



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Serving Today*

Greeter:	Mary Price
Crucifer:	Brayden Morris
Acolyte:	Brayden Rutherford
Lector:	Frank Bouknight
Communion Assts:	Marion Leaphart
	Elyse Kinard
	Arron Kinard
Flowers:	Andrea Bowers

Next Sunday

Allison Swygert Hayden Eargle Gable Jolly Elyse Kinard Charlene Corley Ronnie Fulmer Kim Jolly Jeff & Alyson Price 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)



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 Angie Hydrick Gene Schofield

Kay Bryant Marie Kleckley Jane Sexton

James Hallman Jean Shealy Suzie Wattenbarger Jerry Ellisor Jerry Price III

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Pravers

Family of Michele Gross, friend of Regan Anthony Martha Eastwood, sister of Marie Kleckley David Hydrick, family of Angie Hydrick Bob Eastwood, brother-in-law of Marie Klecklev Molly Kate Shealy, friend of Jean Shealy Chuck Bachman, nephew of Jean Shealy Dawn McIlwain-Merck, friend of Robin Ellisor Gary & Linda Hodgin, 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 David Gosnell, friend of Allison Swygert 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 Stan Weber, husband of Debi Weber Keith Saxton, friend of Cyndi Leaphart, serving our country



I Thessalonians I:2, NIV

Curtis Plummer, husband of DJ, son-in-law Wayne & Charlene Corley, serving our country

Carolyn Shumpert, sister of Andrea Bowers and Jan Schofield

Dr. Kay Moore, friend and co-worker of Cyndi Leaphart

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, July 24th

9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School

Monday, July 25th

9:30 am Staff Meeting6:30 pm CR: Worship Team

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
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Christmas in July

Saturday, July 30th

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



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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, July 17th

9:00 am Worship10:30 am Sunday School2:00 pm Drive by Love

Monday, July 18th

9:30 am Staff Meeting6:00 pm CR: Outreach Team

Tuesday, July 19th

6:00 pm CR: Finance Team

Wednesday, July 20th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Diane Boulware, Mary Frances Sease)

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, July 23rd

9:00 am Food Pantry (Wayne & Charlene Corley)
11:00 am Back to School Bash
12:00 pm Community Meal