

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



JUNE 21, 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

*In the Garden /
What A Friend We Have in Jesus*

Adams

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

Morning Has Broken

Adams

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,
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.
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.



My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.



All of my days I want to praise the won-ders of your might-y love.



My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;



let ev-'ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.



Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise



to the King. Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the



sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;



for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.



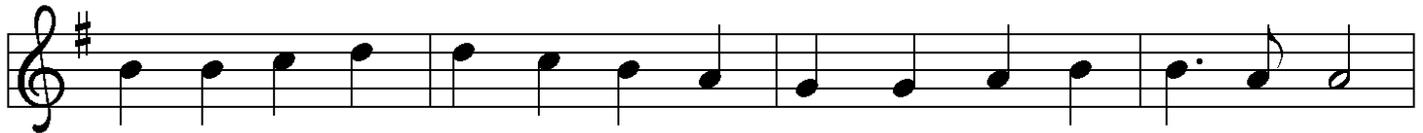
Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

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.

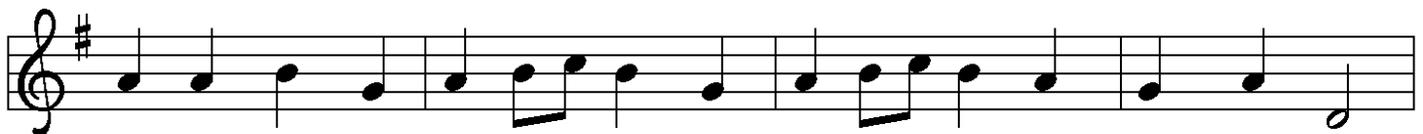
CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

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.

We sit.

THE WORD

READING: Jeremiah 20:7-13

A reading from Jeremiah.

⁷O 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.

⁸For 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.

⁹If I say, "I will not mention him,
or speak any more in 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.

¹⁰For 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.”

¹¹But the LORD is with me like a dread 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.

¹²O 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.

¹³Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!

For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 69:7-18

⁷Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,
and shame has covered my face.

*⁸I have become a stranger to my own kindred,
an alien to my mother's children.*

⁹Zeal for your house has eaten me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

*¹⁰I humbled myself with fasting,
but that was turned to my reproach.*

¹¹I put on sackcloth also,
and became a by word among them.

*¹²Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,
and the drunkards make songs about me.*

¹³But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O LORD: “In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.

*¹⁴Save me from the mire; do not let me sink;
let me be rescued from those who hate me
and out of the deep waters.*

¹⁵Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up; do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.

*¹⁶Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind;
in your great compassion, turn to me.*

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

*¹⁸Draw near to me and redeem me;
because of my enemies deliver me.*

READING: Romans 6:1b-11

A reading from Romans.

^{1b}Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been 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 too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer

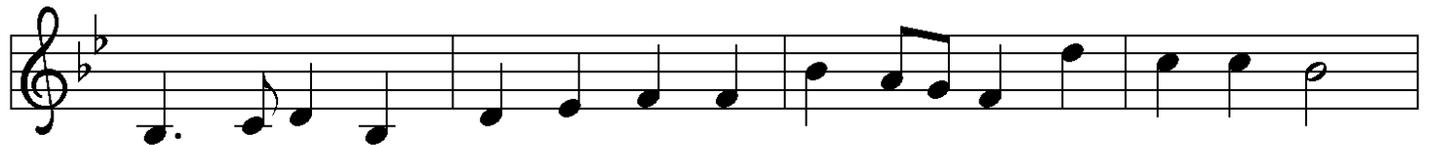
has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 10th chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it 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!

²⁶“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known.

²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear

whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵For 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;

³⁶and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

³⁷Whoever 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; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those 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.

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.

HYMN *I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry* W&P 69



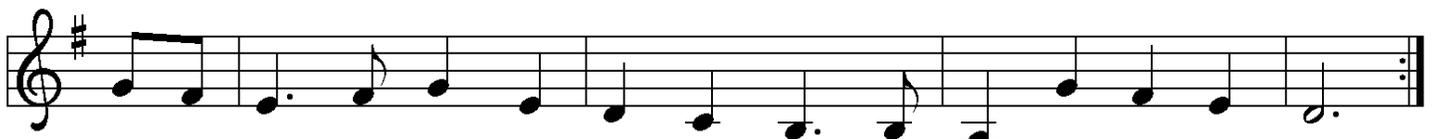
1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



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."

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

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

*After each petition: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.***

The Prayers conclude:

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words;
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

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Cherwin

We stand.

OFFERTORY

We Are An Offering

W&P 146

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of five staves of music. Each staff includes a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. Chords are indicated above the notes. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Staff 1: F/G G C² Dm⁷ C²/E C/E
 We lift our voic - es, we lift our hands, we lift our

Staff 2: F C/E 3 Dm⁷ F/G G C² Dm⁷
 lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our

Staff 3: C²/E C/E F C/E 3 Dm⁷ F/G G/F
 hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing.

Staff 4: Em⁷ Em⁷/A A Dm⁷ Dm⁷/G Esus D/F# E/G# Am
 All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we

Staff 5: Dm⁷ C²/E Bb/C Dm^{7sus2} Dm⁷ F/G
 give to you, we give to you.

G C² Dm⁷ C²/E C/E

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our

F C/E Dm⁷ Dm⁷/G C

lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

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.

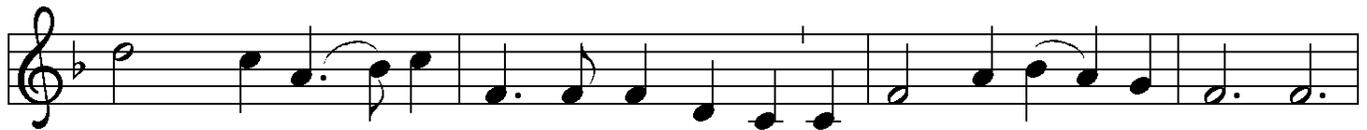
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

*We will have Drive-In Communion TOAY from 10:30-1:00.
If you are unable to commune today, you are invited to call the church office and
schedule a time to receive communion.*

MUSIC

Lord Jesus, Be Near Me

Sleeth

THE SENDING

BLESSING

God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story

ELW 661



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* Adams

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS are given by Teddy & Becky Koon to the glory of God and in celebration of our 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 20th.

FLOWERS are given by Danny & Jenny Scott to the glory of God and in celebration of our 27th Wedding Anniversary on June 25th.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE MUSICIANS AND VOCALISTS who lead worship: Ruthie Brannen, Regan Anthony, Daryl Leigh Anthony, Wynne Price, Joel Price, Ryan Price, Belle Kneece, Noah Causey, and Jeremy Rish. Also, thanks to the **LIVE STREAM PRODUCTION CREW:** Sheila Starkey and Breanna Metze.

Thank you!

Communion Distribution and Blessings

Sunday, June 21st

Immediately following service
until 1:00 pm
in the church parking lot

Enter paved parking lot near the bus
and loop in front of the church office.



Sunday School

on Zoom
June 14 & 28
10:30 a.m.

To join the group, please email
pastorgina@WeAreMtHermon.com

We need more help in the food pantry!

Wednesdays and Fridays
from 9 to noon



Food Pantry Workers:

We are looking for people to serve about once a month. If you feel the Spirit nudging you to serve in this way, please contact the church office or Diane Boulware.

**Tithes, and Offering for 06/14/2020
Live Stream Worship – 119+
Sunday School via Zoom – 12**

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$4,673.00
Building Improvement	Received	\$155.00
Growing on Holy Ground	Received	\$1,910.00

Honorariums and Memorials (all funds)

In memory of Iris House

by Diane & Parker, Perry & Trudy Bouknight, Annette Price, Earl & Mary Frances, Frances & Joanne Eargle, Dot Mathias, Ann Bouknight, Ricky & Fran Bouknight, Rick & Daryl Leigh Anthony, Billy & Phyllis Hanley

In memory of Dan Tinman

by Linda Waters-Hamilton, Earl & Mary Frances

In memory of Mary Frances Hamilton

by Dot Mathias, Alberta Berry

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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You may download the Tithely app and select Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church 3011 Leaphart Road

Or you may give from our website at www.mthlc.com and select *Online Giving* <http://www.mthlc.com/online-giving.html>

MT HERMON PRAYS ...

Homebound and Care Facilities

Patricia Bachman, *Carolina Gardens*
Alberta Berry, *home*
Hazel Bockus, *Carolina Gardens*
Nell Buff, *home*
Lila Catt, *home*
Lynwood Crout, *home*

Margie Hook, *home*
Rev. Everette Price, *home*
Tom & June Roof, *home*
Lois Watson, *Lexington Place*
Lena Wessinger, *Presby. Home*
Connie Bucknam. *Lexington Medical*

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Parker Boulware Gene Schofield Kim Addy
Suzie Wattenbarger Perry Bouknight

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 & Connie 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 & Connie 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*
Todd Hewitt, *friend of Missy Addy*
Sherri Crapps, *sister-in-law of Linda Waters-Hamilton*
Megan Sease, *granddaughter of Earl & Mary Frances Sease*
Jane Park, *friend of Pastor Gina & Dion*
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*
Cheryl Rodgers, *sister of Alberta Berry*

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, June 28th

- 9:00 am Worship – Live Stream
- 10:30 am Sunday School via Zoom

If you participated in a previous Zoom Sunday School, you will be sent a link each week. If you would like to join us, send an email to PastorGina@WeAreMtHermon.com and a link will be emailed to you.

Wednesday, July 1st

- 9:00 – 12:00 Food Pantry (Mary Koon & Jo Leach)

Friday, July 3rd

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

Sunday, July 5th *Graduation Recognition Sunday*

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



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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, June 21st 3rd Sunday after Pentecost (*Father's Day*)
9:00 am Worship – Live Stream
10:30 - 1:00 Drive Up Communion

Wednesday, June 24th
9:00 – 12:00 Food Pantry (Angie Hydrick & Doris Maddox)

Friday, June 26th
9:00 – 12:00 Food Pantry (Allison Swygert & Lynn Bouknight)
12:00 noon Sunday's Bulletins will be in the mailboxes

Sunday, June 28th
9:00 am Worship – Live Stream
10:30 am Sunday School via Zoom