THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



JUNE 26, 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

Love, Mercy, and Grace
Ryan Price, Buddy Hydrick

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.

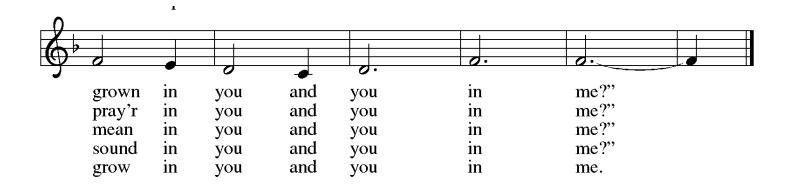
As the cross passes your pew, turn and face the altar.

HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me

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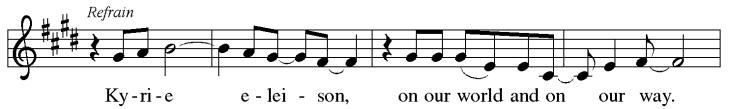




GREETING

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.*









- For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im passioned re sponse to the
- For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the





this ho - ly house, for all who we may live out truth and life and for love, for our nour-ish our souls . . . with your

wor-ship and praise, jus-tice and grace, work and our play, bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord,

let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

A reading from 1 Kings.

¹⁵Then the LORD said to [Elijah,] "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

¹⁹So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" ²¹He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

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

Psalm 16

We read responsively.

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

²All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.

³But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.

⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

⁶My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.

⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

⁸I have set the LORD always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.

¹¹You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

A reading from Galatians.

¹For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

The word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL: Luke 9:51-62

The holy gospel according to St. Luke the 9th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵¹When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶²Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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.

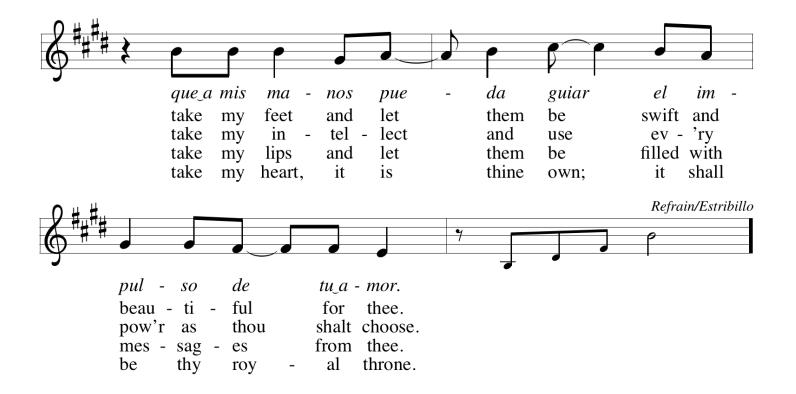
SERMON

HYMN

Take My Life That I May Be

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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 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

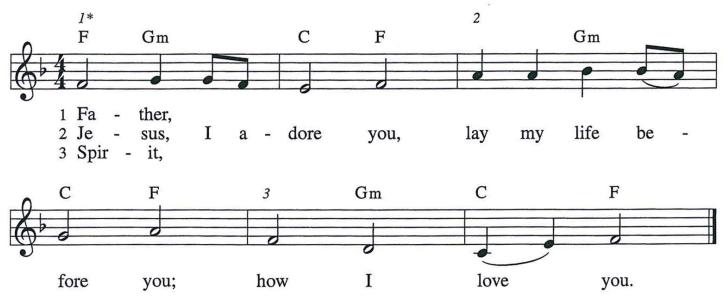
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We stand.

OFFERTORY

Father, I Adore You

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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 needs 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

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

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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.

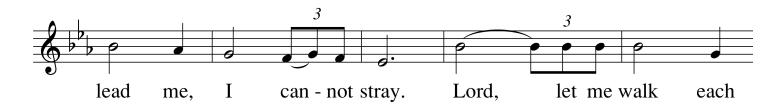
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HYMN

Lead Me, Guide Me

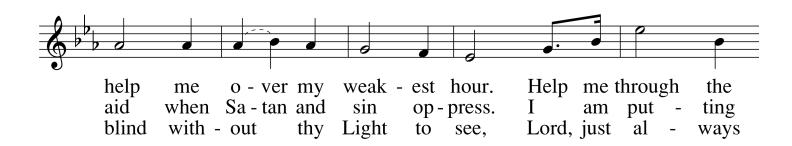
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SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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.

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

POSTLUDE

Lead Me, Guide Me

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our 29th Wedding Anniversary by Danny Scott.





We Need Volunteers for VBS!

July 12 - 14

Let us know if you can help with:

snack time games story time crafts science

Sign up sheets are in the breezeway

Hold your camera phone over this block and click on link for VBS registration.



CHILDREN'S CLOTHING NEEDED

Spring Cleaning?? Clearing Closets??

The Outreach Team is collecting donations for a Back to School Bash

NEEDED: Gently used or new CHILDREN'S clothing SIZES: All children's sizes (4T & up, Youth, Juniors)

- · T shirts
- Jeans
- Leggings
- · Shorts
- Sneakers
- Coats/Jackets







Donation boxes will be located at the Church Office during May & June!

*The Back to School Bash will benefit students in our community who lack basic needs as they return to school this August. More details to come!

He-Brews Supper Clubs

Hebrews 10:25 reads

"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

The remaining 2022 dates for He-Brews will be July 30th (sign up by July 24) and October 15th (sign up Oct 9). Sign up online or in the



breezeway. You will be contacted regarding the planning.



Beginning at 6:00
each Friday:
Food & Fellowship
on Fridays.
7:00 we will watch an
episode of the Chosen
and discussion will
follow the movie.



If you need pastoral care, please call the church office during office hours of 9:00 – 1:00, Monday through Thursday. There are multiple pastors on call for care. In case of emergencies outside office hours, call Pastor Gina on her cell.

Please leave a message if no answer in the office or on Pastor's cell.

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.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

06/19/2022

In-person Worship 126 + Live Stream Worship 61 = 187

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$3,048.64
Building Fund	Received	\$1,235.00
Building Improvement	Received	\$180.00

Honorariums and Memorials

In memory of Clifton Addy by Ryan & Jennifer Price, Gloria Mathias, Kay Little, Rodney Oswald

In memory of **Hazel Bockus** and **Lyle Bockus** by Jeff & Alyson Price

In loving memory of my mother, Connie Bucknam and loving honor of my father, Herb Bucknam by Kelli & Tommy

Father's Day Memorials

In loving memory of . . .

Frank M. McCartha and David Butts, Sr. by Dave & Debra Butts John E. Hook by Alberta Berry James "Buzzy" Mathias by Gloria Mathias



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SERVING IN WORSHIP

Serving Today* Next Sunday

Greeter: Elyse & Arron Kinard Mary Price

Crucifer: Brayden Rutherford Josh Koon

Acolyte: Gable Jolly Brayden Morris

Lector: Wynne Price Larry Amick

Communion Assts: Marion Leaphart Jenny Scott

Elyse Kinard Danny Scott

Aaron Kinard Frankie Jackson

Flowers: Danny Scott Danny Scott

Serving in June

Council Representative: Earl Sease

Altar Guild: Earl & Mary Frances Sease

Tabulators: Ronnie Fulmer, Mary Price

Serving in July

COUNCIL REP: Mike Rawl

ALTAR GUILD: Jennifer Price & Angie Hydrick

TABULATORS: Ann Addy & Mary Frances Sease



MT HERMON PRAYS

*Family of Emma Hunt, grandmother of Laura Carroll

Continual Prayers

Patricia Bachman, Generations Tom Roof, home

Alberta Berry, home Cyndi Thurman, home

Nell Buff, NHC Linda Waters-Hamilton, home Becky Koon, Colonial Gardens Pastor Derald Edwards, home

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Ann Addy Kay Bryant James Hallman Jerry Ellisor Angie Hydrick Marie Kleckley Jean Shealy Jerry Price III

Gene Schofield Jane Sexton 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 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

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

Cindy Maples, mother of Jennifer Miller

Lewis Turner, friend of Jo Leach

Beth Ellsworth, friend of Kenny Bouknight

David Gosnell, friend of Allison Swygert

Michelle Gross & Bryan Gross, friends of Regan Anthony

Shirley Duenka, friend of Sheila Starkey

Grayson Crout, 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

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 3rd

9:00 am Worship

10:30 am Sunday School

4:00 pm CR: Teach Team

Monday, July 4th

9:30 am Staff Meeting

5:30 pm CR: Care Team

Tuesday, July 5th

6:30 pm Executive Team: PG's Office

Wednesday, July 6th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Bonnie & Frank Bouknight,

Andrea Bowers)

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, July 8th

6:00 pm FH: Food & Fellowship

7:00 pm FH: Movie on the Mount

Saturday, July 9th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Laura Stevens, Mike Rawl)



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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, June 26th

9:00 am Worship

10:30 am Sunday School

Tuesday, June 28th

6:00 pm CR: Support Team

Wednesday, June 29th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Fran Bouknight, Angie Hydrick)

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, July 1st

6:00 pm FH: Food & Fellowship

7:00 pm FH: Movie on the Mount

Saturday, July 2nd

9:00 am Food Pantry (Melanie & Frankie Jackson, Katie Donaldson)