

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **FATHER'S DAY JUNE 19, 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

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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.

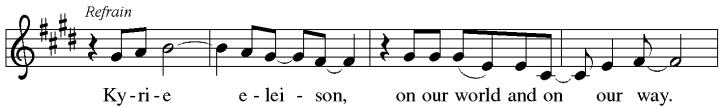
Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing HYMN Wesley, Glaser, Mason/Public Domain thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise, Oh, for gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease, speaks, and lis - t'ning his voice, new life the dead re - ceive; He to of my God and king, the tri-umphs of glo - ries his grace! the spread through all the earth a - broad the your name. hon - ors of in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace. sings mu - sic mourn - ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,O fallen human race!Look and be saved through faith alone,be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

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.

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

Isaiah 65:1-9

A reading from Isaiah.

¹I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name.

²I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people,

who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices;

³a people who provoke me to my face continually,

sacrificing in gardens

and offering incense on bricks;

⁴who sit inside tombs,

and spend the night in secret places;

who eat swine's flesh,

with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

⁵who say, "Keep to yourself,

do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."

These are a smoke in my nostrils,

a fire that burns all day long.

⁶See, it is written before me:

I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their laps

⁷their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD;

because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills,

I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions.

⁸Thus says the LORD:

As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,"

so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all.

⁹I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

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

Psalm 22:19-28

We read responsively.

¹⁹But you, O LORD, be not far away;

O my help, hasten to my aid.

²⁰Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.

²¹Save me from the lion's mouth! From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

²²I will declare your name to my people; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise!

All you of Jacob's line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

²⁴For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.

Galatians 3:23-29

A reading from Galatians.

²³Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as

were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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

We stand.

GOSPEL: Luke 8:26-39

The holy gospel according to St. Luke the 8th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was

feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

what's best for you

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

encounters with Jesus changes us!

We stand.



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one

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,

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

O Lord of Hosts

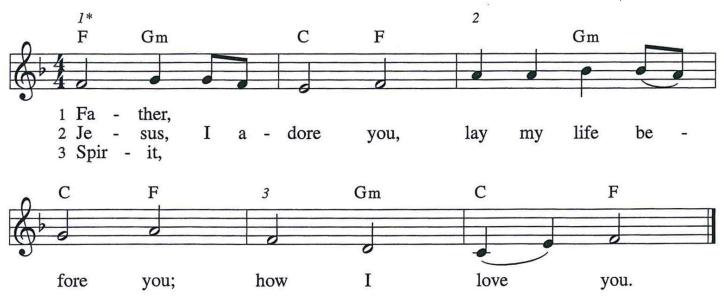
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We stand.

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.

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

Let Us Break Bread Together

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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

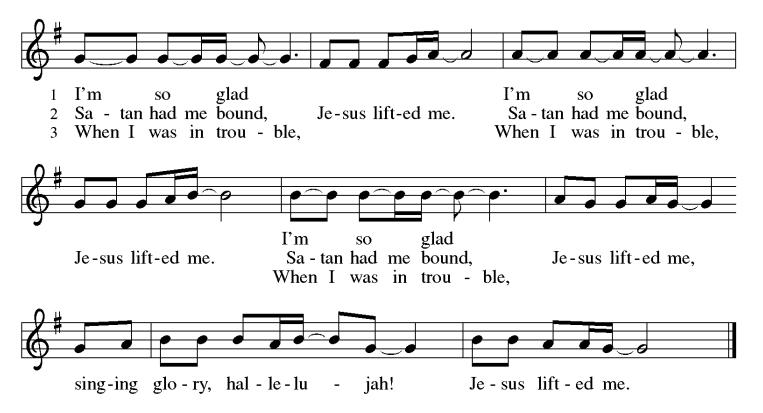
The God of peace,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always.

Amen.

HYMN

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted 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

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are two altar vases this week and each is given to the glory of God. One vase in honor of our 50th wedding anniversary June 24, 2022 by Cindy & Joel Price. Another vase in loving memory of Buddy Hydrick on what would have been his 80th birthday on June 24, 2022 by Angie Hydrick.

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!



We Need Volunteers

July 12 - 14

Let us know if you can help with:

snack time games story time crafts science



He-Brews Supper Clubs

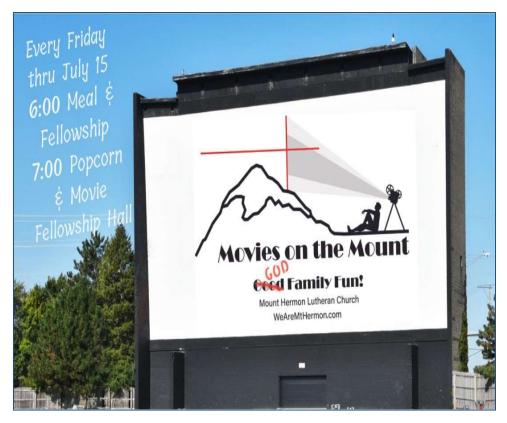
Hebrews 10:25 reads

"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.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

06/12/2022

In-person Worship 103 + Live Stream Worship 65 = 168

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$5,437.71
Building Fund	Received	\$3,188.00
Building Improvement	Received	\$230.00

06/05/2022

In-person Worship 102 + Live Stream Worship 74 = 176

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$5,545.15
Building Fund	Received	\$2,875.00
Building Improvement	Received	\$145.00

Honorariums and Memorials

In honor of **Joel & Cindy Price** on their 50th Anniversary by Perry & Trudy Bouknight

In memory of **Lena Wessinger** and **Charles Price** by Linda Waters-Hamilton

In memory of **Clifton Addy** by Woodmen Life Chapter 273, Parker & Diane Boulware, Bob & Doris Carver, Donald & Shirley Riley, Dot Mathias, Mary & Earl, Annette Price, Perry & Trudy Bouknight, Francis & Joanne Eargle, Carroll & Jo Shealy, Charles Sharpe, Kristi Hall, The Willie Sox Family, Judy Amick, Barr-Price Funeral Homes

In memory of **Hazel & Lyle Bockus** by Tommy & Brenda Cooke, Stanley & Joyce Roof

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Serving Today* Next Sunday

Greeter: Elyse & Aaron Elyse & Aaron

Kinard Kinard

Crucifer: Quentin Kinard Brayden Rutherford

Acolyte: Sam Koon Gable Jolly

Lector: Alyson Price Wynne Price

Communion Assts: Emily Morris Marion Leapheart

Bonnie Bouknight Elyse Kinard

Jennifer Miller Aaron Kinard

Flowers: Joel & Cindy Price/ Danny Scott

Angie Hydrick

Serving in June

Council Representative: Earl Sease

Altar Guild: Earl & Mary Frances Sease Tabulators: Ronnie Fulmer, Mary Price



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 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

Charlotte & Paul Nelson, friends of Herb Bucknam

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

Emma Hunt, grandmother of Laura Carroll

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

Jackson Kolker, friend of Frank & Bonnie Bouknight

Steve Kinard, father of Arron Kinard

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

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

I Thessalonians I:2, NIV

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, June 26th

9:00 am Worship

10:30 am Sunday School

Monday, June 27th

9:30 am Staff Meeting

6:30 pm CR: Worship Team

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)





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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, June 19th

9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School

Monday, June 20th

9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm CR: Outreach

Team

Tuesday, June 21st

6:00 pm CR: Finance Team

Wednesday, June 22nd

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

Andrea Bowers)

10:00 am FH: EMS Meeting

12:05 pm OneBody in Christ

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, June 24th

6:00 pm FH: Food & Fellowship

7:00 pm FH: Movie on the Mount

Saturday, June 25th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Koon Family)



