TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Sunday, August 18, 2019 Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church West Columbia, SC 9:00am Worship

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

Arise, My Soul Arise

Burkhardt

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**.

PRELUDE

Draw Me Close to You

Carpenter

We are silent as we prepare our hearts for worship.

THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, **†** one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. *Amen.*

Please turn to face the cross at the doors of the sactuary. As broken children, we begin worship by acknowledging our sinfulness and asking for God's forgiveness.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

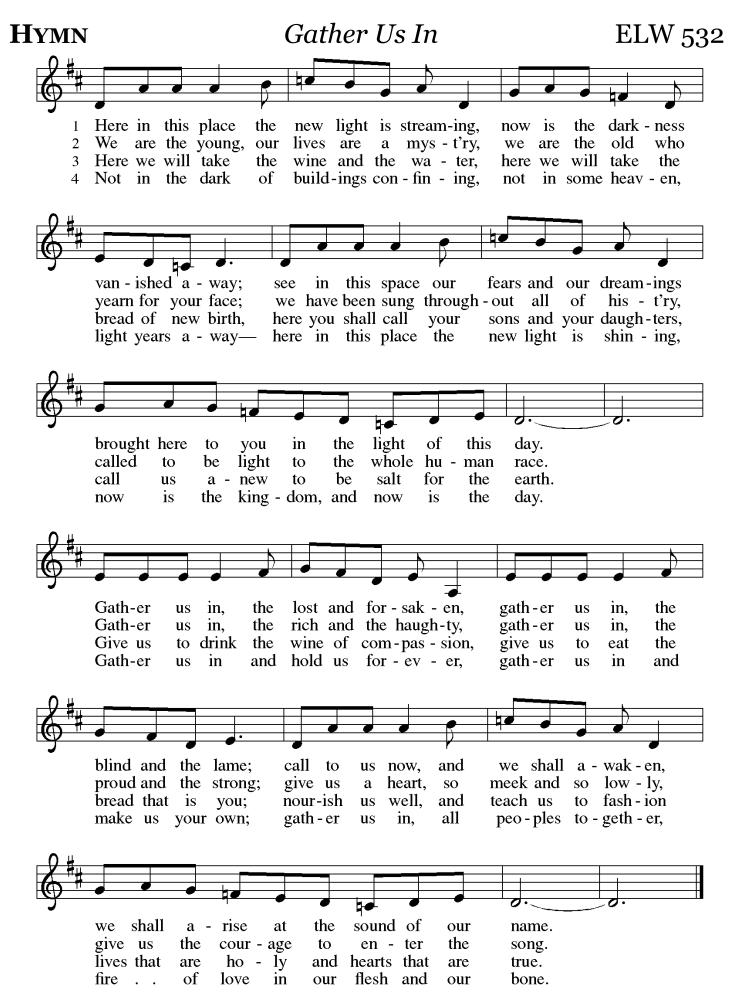
Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

God of mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another, and against the earth entrusted to our care. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us **†** all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross. For freedom Christ has set us free: Rejoice in this good news! *Amen*.

As the cross passes your pew, please turn your bodies and worship attention to the altar.



GREETING

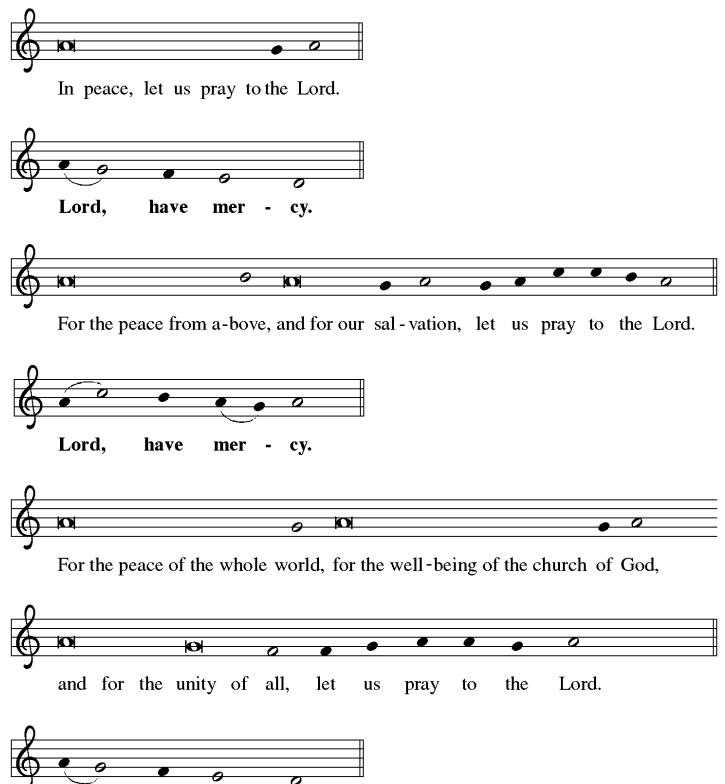
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *And also with you.*

Kyrie

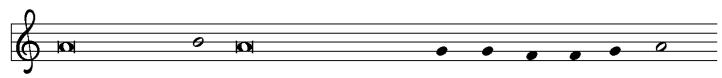
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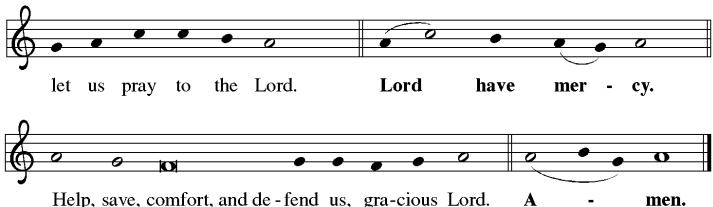
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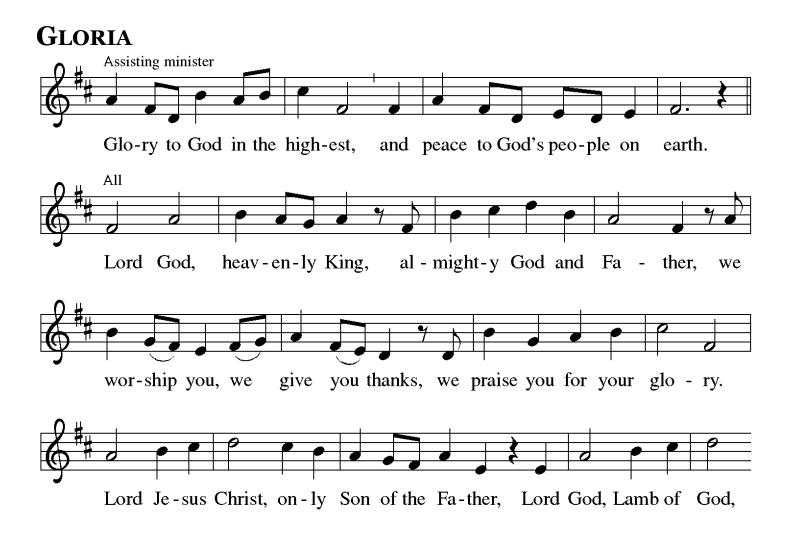
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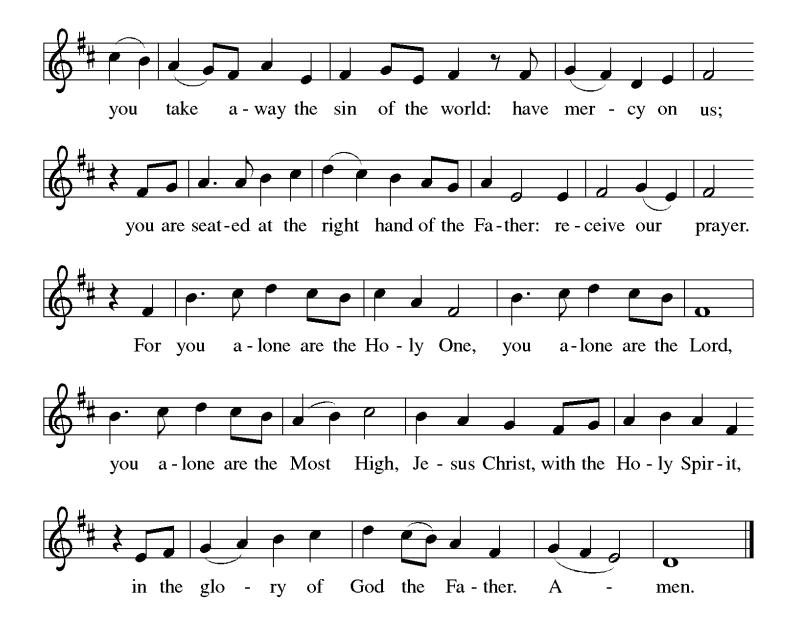


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A





PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

READING: Jeremiah 23:23-29

A reading from Jeremiah.

²³Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM: Psalm 82:1-5

Read responsively. ¹God stands to charge the divine council assembled, giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

²"How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?

³Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;

⁴rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.

⁵They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

READING: Hebrews 11:29- -12:2

A reading from Hebrews.

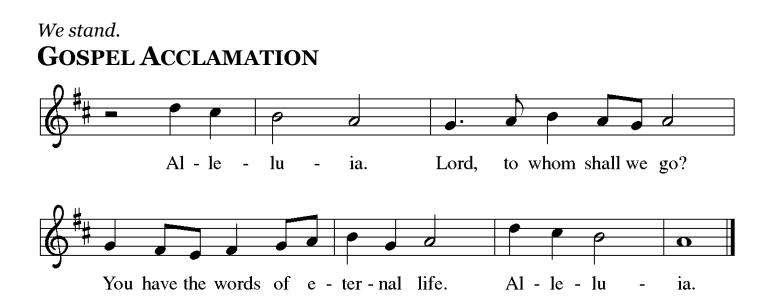
²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*



GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 12th chapter. *Glory to you, O Lord*.

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided:

father against son

and son against father,

mother against daughter

and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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

We sit. CHILDREN'S SERMON

BLESSING OF STUDENTS, TEACHERS, & STAFF

(All teachers, students, staff, and others involved in education please come to the front of the sanctuary.)

God is the source of all wisdom and knowledge. Let us ask him to bless those who seek to learn and their teachers.

Fill us with your wisdom, Lord.

For students as they begin this new school year, that the Spirit of God may grant them the gifts of wisdom and understanding, let us pray to the Lord.

Fill us with your wisdom, Lord.

For teachers, that they may share their knowledge with gentleness, patience, and concern for their students, let us pray to the Lord. *Fill us with your wisdom, Lord.*

For those who seek knowledge of the things of this world, that they may always pursue God's wisdom, let us pray to the Lord. *Fill us with your wisdom, Lord.*

For parents, the first teachers of their children, that their faith and love may be an example to us always, let us pray to the Lord. *Fill us with your wisdom, Lord.*

For this congregation and the generosity of purchasing school supplies for students. That the students receiving these supplies may be equipped as other students.

Fill us with your wisdom, Lord.

PRAYER OF BLESSING

We pray, Eternal God, Creator of Heaven and Earth, you formed us in your image and gave us the ability to reason and learn. In your wisdom and love you surround us with the mysteries of the universe. As we begin this new school year, bless all those who seek to learn: Children, youth, adults, faculty, teachers, and all educational staff.

Bless those who prepare the learning environment: Teachers, teacher's assistants, principals, counselors, coaches, secretaries, tutors, cooks, custodians, nurses, bus drivers, and crossing guards. Bless those who support students: Parents, grandparents, and this church community. Bless each with travel mercies and make each school a place of compassion and safety.

Teacher and Redeemer, we consecrate these backpacks, and ... in your Holy Name and to your glory. We pray your blessing upon those who give them and those who will receive them. May generation upon generation be blessed by these gifts. Let each person who stands before us now feel the love and support of this congregation and grant us all the wisdom and means to meet their needs throughout the coming year.

Sustainer of us all, help us to grow in your wisdom and in your ways. Remind us that your truth sets us free to learn and to love. Grant that, during this academic year, each student and each teacher may devote themselves to their studies and share what they have learned from others. By your Spirit of Wisdom, keep us open to your Word and ways. In the name of Jesus, we pray. *Amen.*

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.

MESSAGE

Always learning.



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

Treasuring your promise to hear us when we call, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of your creation.

After each petition: Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

The Prayers conclude:

All these things and more we ask in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, by the power of your Holy Spirit. *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.

THE MEAL

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 make a contribution any time by visiting **www.mthlc.org** and click on "On-line Giving." Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship.

Please take this time to complete the Friendship Registration Pads which are located at the center aisle.

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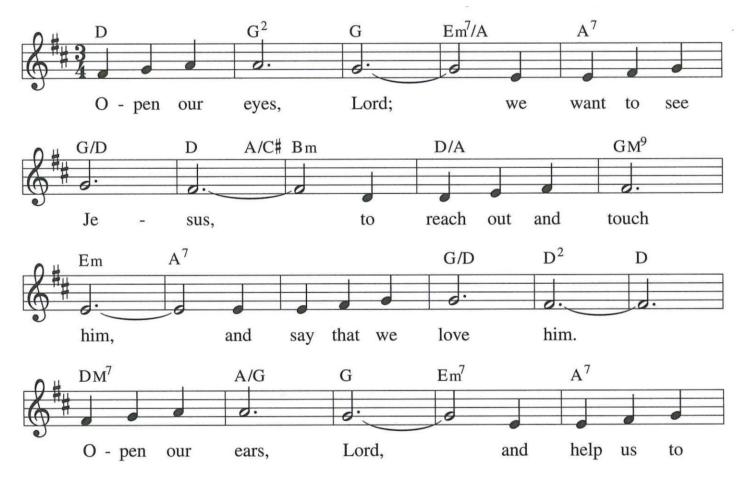
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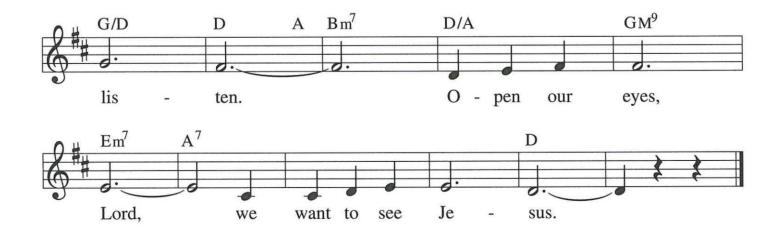
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OFFERTORY

Open Our Eyes, Lord

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OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

Blessed are you, O God, for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine. Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

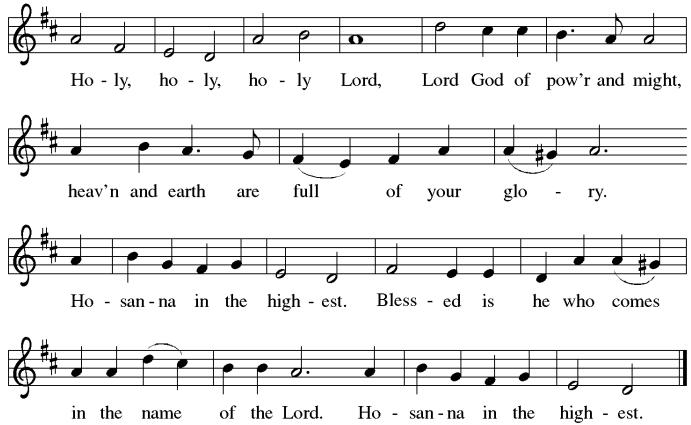
Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord.*

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:

SANCTUS:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. We proclaim the mystery of faith: *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

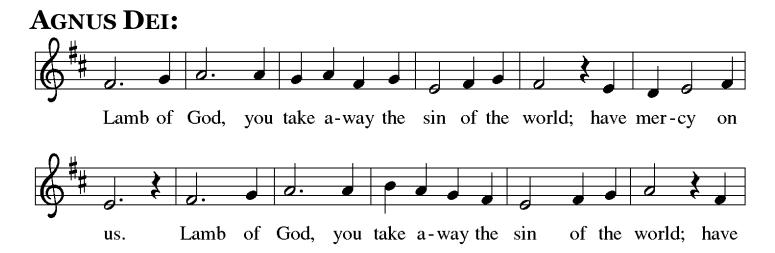
By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. *Come, Holy Spirit.*

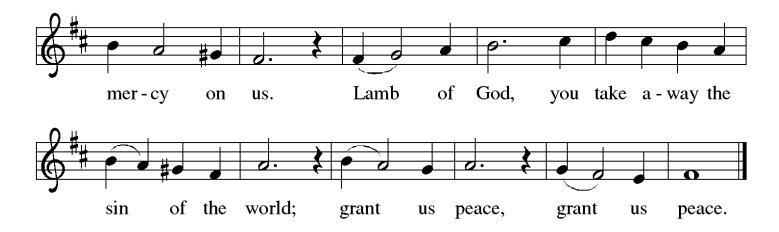
Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name forever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, forever and ever. *Amen.*

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

God invites you to this table of bounty. Come, the banquet is ready.

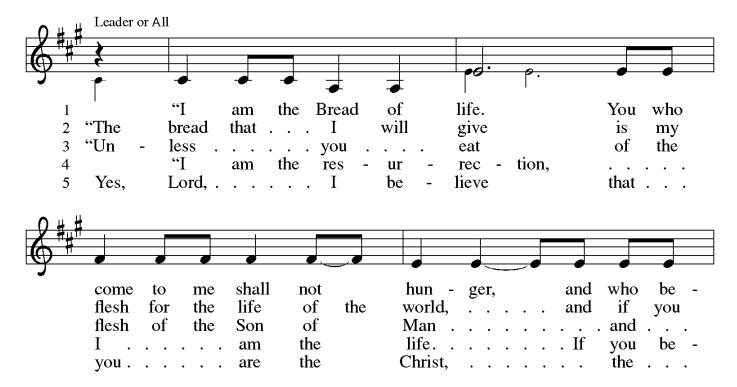
We sit. **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

All are welcome to this Meal. The ushers will direct worshippers. Gluten-free wafers are also available. Those not communing, may cross their arms across their chest and come forward for a blessing. Those who desire communion but who are not able to come forward will be communed first in their chair.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION



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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. **O God, in this holy communion** you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING

BLESSING

Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving; and the blessing of the holy Trinity, **†** one God, be upon you and remain with you forever. *Amen.*

As the cross passes your seat, please turn and follow as we are sent into the world to proclaim the Gospel through our lives.



DISMISSAL Go in peace. Christ is sending you. *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE All People That On Earth Do Dwell Burkhardt

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers are given today to the Glory of God in loving memory of Georgia Crick by Terry & Allison Swygert.



There are open dates for flowers for the upcoming Sundays: August 25th and September 15th. If you would like to place the flowers on either of these Sundays, please contact the church office.



Ministry Teams

Outreach - Diane Boulware Support - Joel Price Teach - Daryl Leigh Anthony Worship & Music - Wynne Price Care - OPEN

> President - Terry Swygert Vice President - Ronnie Fulmer Secretary - Alyson Price Treasurer - Parker Boulware Pastor - Rev. Gina Metze

Tithes, and Offering for 08/11/2019 Attendance: Worship – 90; Sunday School – 50

Current & Benevolent				Over/(Under)	
Needed	\$4,074.75	Received	\$2,722.74	(\$1,352.01)	
Building Improvement					
Needed	\$346.15	Received	\$335.00	(\$11.15)	
Building on Holy Ground					
Needed	\$1,646.15	Received	\$830.00	(\$816.15)	

Honorariums and Memorials (all funds)

In memory of Thomas Riley by Jerry & Nancy Carswell and Shane & Linda Livingston.



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OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

Homebound and Care Facilities

Nell Buff, HomeMargie Hook, HomePatricia Bachman, Carolina GardensLois Watson, Lexington PlaceHazel Bockus, HomeLois Watson, Lexington PlaceLynwood Crout, HomeConnie Bucknam, HomeGrace Roof, Lexington Extended Care*Preston Bryant, Lexington Med

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Alberta BerryLinda Waters-HamiltonTom & June RoofErnie SwygertJim Whitaker

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Our Prayers

Mary Frances Hamilton, friend of congregation Iris Wellborn, sister of Earl Sease Jim & Vickie Burcham, family of Dennis Thurman W.A. "Buddy" Keller, friend of Marion & Cyndi Nellie Gantt, mother of Mary Price Jimmy Mills, father of Tommy Mills Linda Rea, friend of Marion & Cyndi Richie Tallent, friend of Danny Scott Todd Hewitt, friend of Missy Addy Charlotte Martindle, family of Kelli Mills Kaiden Robinson, friend of Kelli Mills Mandy McLemore, co-worker of Amanda Boyd, Kim Addy, & Alyson Price Megan Sease, granddaughter of Earl & Mary Frances John Catoe, family of Ellisors Jenifer Gooding, co-worker of Joel Price Jr. & Mary Price Debbie Anderson, daughter of Georgianna Gray Dawn McIlwain-Merck, friend of Robin Ellisor Gary & Linda Hodgin, friends of Herb & Connie Bucknam Mason Williams, friend of Breanna Metze Betty Keefe, grandmother of Kim Addy Lois Moore & family, family of Dennis & Cyndi Thurman Bill Harrell, friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price Jake Harris, co-worker of Jennifer Price & Allison Swygert *Don Morris, father of Keith Morris *Family of Georgia Crick

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Serving Today*

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Greeter:	Faye Sox			
Crucifer:	Skyler Miller			
Acolyte:	Connor Eargle			
	Josh Koon			
Lector:	Cyndi Thurman			
Communion Asst.				
	Skyler Miller			
	Danny Scott			
	Ronnie Fulmer			
Children's Sermon:				
	Sheila Eargle			
Nursery:	Grace Roof, Emily &			
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Moises Arroyo Food Pantry: <u>August 21</u> Doris Maddox

Serving August 25th

Jean Shealy OPEN Tanner Addy Mackenzie Burns Mary Price

OPEN Ronnie Fulmer **OPEN**

Mary Koon Grace Roof, Haley Addy, Karen Nicholson <u>August 28</u> Becky Koon

Serving in August*

Council Representative: Alyson Price **Altar Guild:** Ann Addy, Diane Boulware, Annette Price **Tabulators:** Diane Boulware, Linda Waters-Hamilton, Ann Addy

Ushers: Danny Scott, Al Stevens, Dennis Thurman, Tommy Mills

* If you are unable to serve, please ask someone to cover for you and notify the church office of the change. If you have a responsibility in worship, please arrive no later than 8:45am

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, August 25th

9:00 am Holy Communion Worship and Bach and Blue Jeans10:15 am Sunday School

Monday, August 26th

6:00 pm Worship Team Meeting

Tuesday, August 27th

1:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

Wednesday, August 28th

6:30 pm Chancel Choir

Farming Church Update

Sunday, September 8th LUNCH IS PROVIDED

Immediately following Sunday School join us in the Fellowship Hall for a luncheon and an update from Farming Church. (If you don't attend Sunday School, please come to the Fellowship Hall for coffee and cookies following worship.)

Plan now to attend this informational meeting and be a part of Mt. Hermon's vision for the future of God's church!



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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, August 18th

9:00 am Holy Communion Worship and Blessing of the Backpacks10:15 am Sunday School

Tuesday, August 20th

1:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

Wednesday, August 21st

6:30 pm Chancel Choir7:30 pm Outreach Committee Meeting – Conference Room