# SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



June 14, 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

Wade in the Water

DeCesare

#### **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** 

This is My Father's World / He's Got the Whole World in His Hands 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.

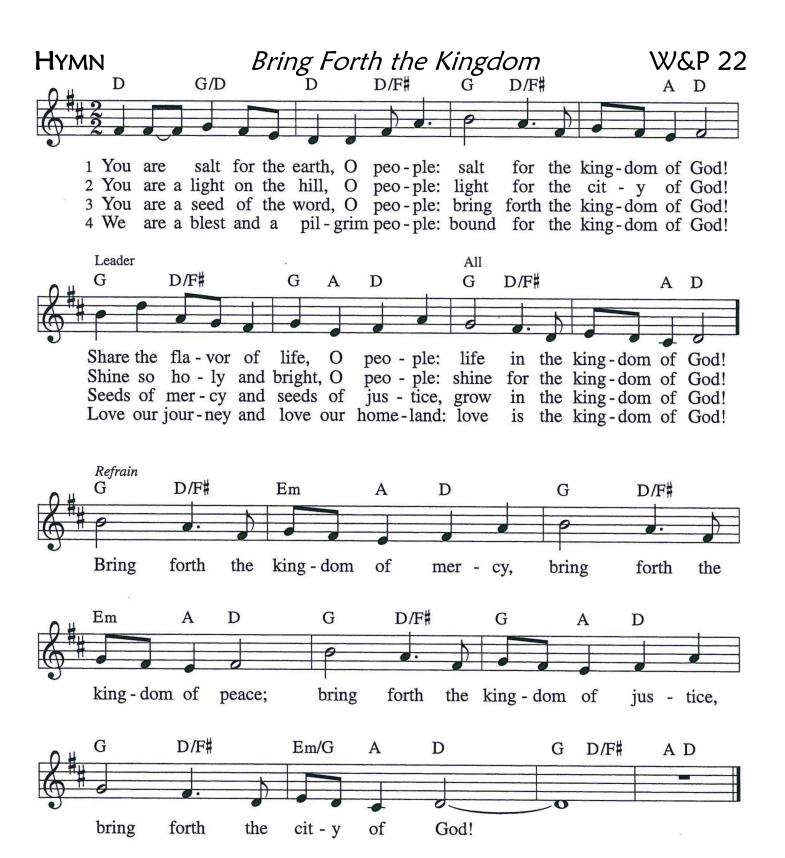
Reconciling God,
we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.
We place our hope in ourselves
and rely on our own efforts.
We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.
We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.
We fear difference and do not welcome 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.



### 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.

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

We sit.

# THE WORD

READING: Exodus 19:2-8a

A reading from Exodus.

<sup>2</sup>[The Israelites] had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.<sup>3</sup>Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: <sup>4</sup>You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup>Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup>but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

<sup>7</sup>So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. <sup>8a</sup>The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.



#### READING: Romans 5:1-8

A reading from Romans.

<sup>1</sup>Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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 9:35—10:8

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup>therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

<sup>10:1</sup>Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup>These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup>but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' <sup>8</sup>Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

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

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

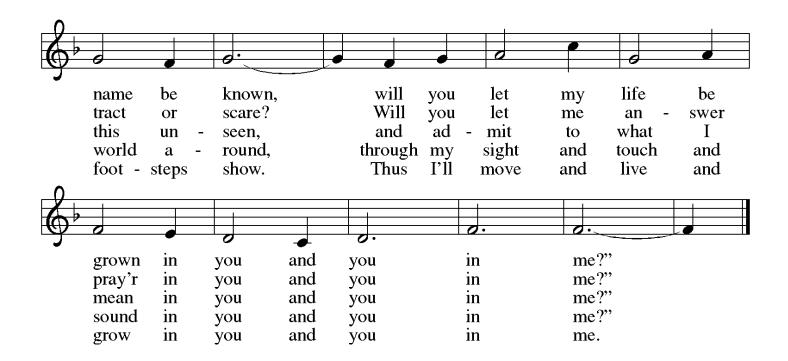
Please pray with me the prayer of preparation.

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

Laborers – that's us!





# 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.

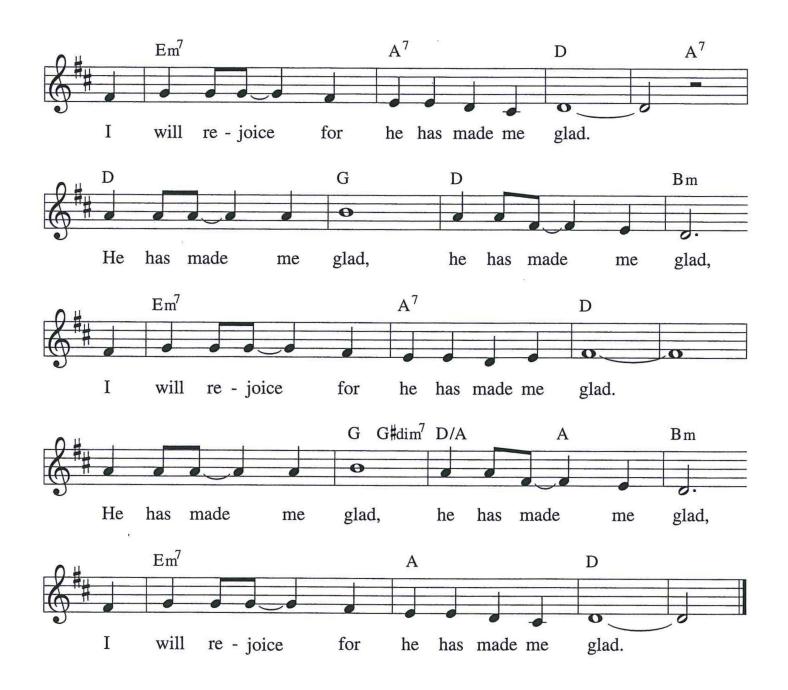
#### **OFFERING**

Lord of the Dance

Carter/Harmon

We stand.





## 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:



#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed...

With this bread and cup, we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life and we proclaim the mystery of faith: 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. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. *Come, Holy Spirit.* 

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

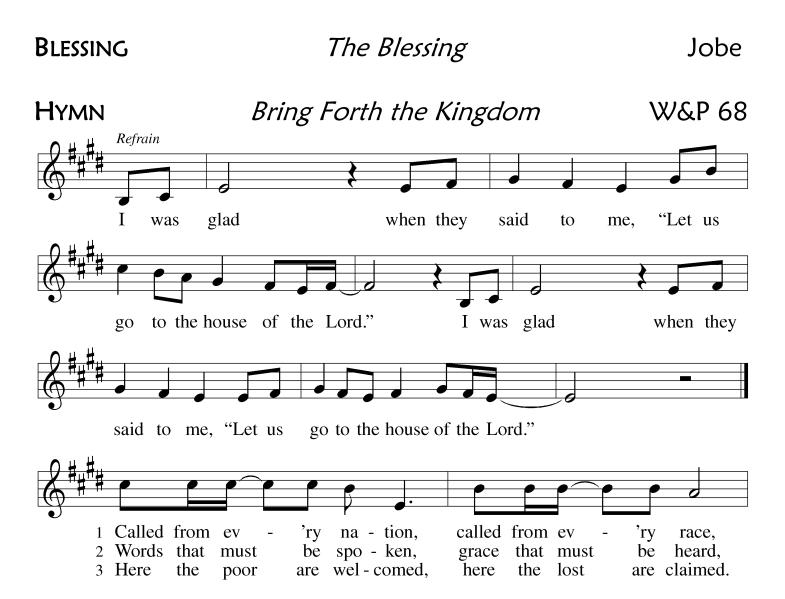
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

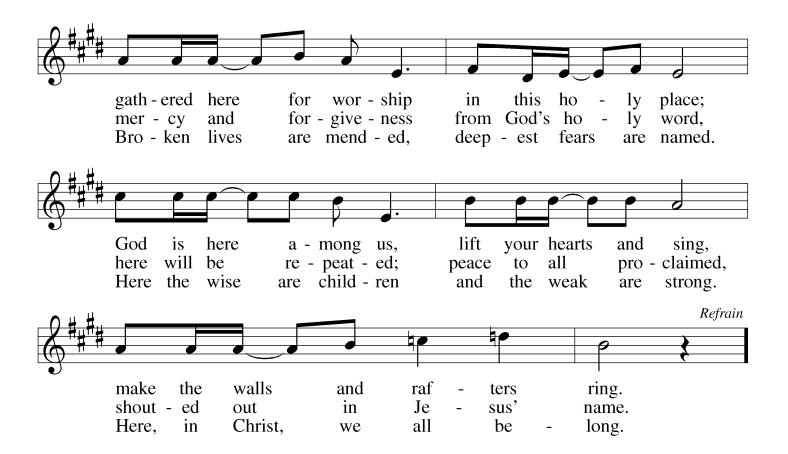
#### Invitation to Communion

Friends of Jesus, come to the table. Receive nourishment for your journey.

You are invited to call the church office and schedule a time to receive communion. We will have Drive-In Communion on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays from 10:30-1:00.

# THE SENDING





#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Adams

# **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Wayne & Sheila Eargle's 17<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on June 14<sup>th</sup> and in honor of Debbie Fulmer's Birthday on June 14<sup>th</sup> by Wayne & Sheila Eargle.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE MUSICIANS AND VOCALISTS who lead worship: 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.

Some of our students have taken on the task of keeping the food pantry stocked each week. This week, when Alyssa entered the grocery store, she was greeted with a very excited Bi-Lo employee. Bi-Lo had just given their employees a \$50 shopping spree



where they could quickly choose whatever they wanted in a 5-minute shopping rush! Rather than shop for herself, Aqua decided to choose items for Mt. Hermon's food pantry and was ready with her donation when Alyssa arrived.

Thank you Aqua for your thoughtfulness of our community. It touched our hearts, and we are deeply grateful for your contribution.







#### 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 06/07/2020 Live Stream Worship – SC Synod Service

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$5,468.88
Building Improvement	Received	\$330.00
Growing on Holy Ground	Received	\$990.00

## Honorariums and Memorials (all funds)

In memory of Doris Marsh by Cindy & Joel Price, Faye Sox

In memory of Iris House by Cindy & Joel Price, Buddy & Angie Hydrick, Danny & Jenny Scott, Jeff & Alyson Price, Terry & Allison Swygert, Jean Shealy & James Hallman, Bob & Doris Carver, Faye Sox, Clifton & Ann Addy, Gene & Jane Sexton, Ryan & Jennifer Price, Tom & June Roof, Johnny & Marie Lewis

#### In memory of Mary Frances Hamilton by Bob & Doris Carver

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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# MT HERMON PRAYS ...

\*Jeff Bucknam, HOME!

#### 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* 

Total & Julie Root, Home

Lois Watson, Lexington Place

Lena Wessinger, Presby. Home

#### Members in Special Need of Prayer

Parker Boulware Connie Bucknam Doris Carver

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

# NEXT 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)

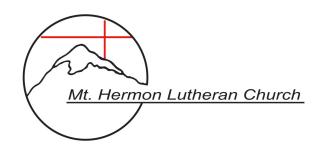
12:00 noon Sunday's Bulletins will be in the mailboxes

# Sunday, June 28th

9:00 am Worship – Live Stream

10:30 am Sunday School via Zoom

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.



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### **CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS**

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# THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

**Sunday, June 14th** 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Worship – Live Stream

10:30 am Sunday School via Zoom

1:30 pm Council Meeting 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, June 17th

9:00 – 12:00 Food Pantry (Diane Boulware & Annette Price)

Friday, June 19th

9:00 – 12:00 Food Pantry (Allison Swygert & Lynn Bouknight)

12:00 noon Sunday's Bulletins will be in the mailboxes

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