

JUNE 29, 2025

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 leave all that which might be a distraction from worship at the doors this day and we prepare our hearts for worship. Peace be with you. *Amen.*

PRELUDE

Made for More
Baldwin/CCLI #7207758

THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font. In the name of the Father, and † the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We turn to the doors of the sanctuary. As broken children, we begin worship by acknowledging our sinfulness and asking for God's forgiveness.

Baptized into Christ, we confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life. Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of † Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. *Amen.*

Please turn to the altar as the cross passes your pew.

HYMN

Here I Am to Worship

Hughes/CCLI #3266032

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness Opened my eyes let me see, Beauty that made This heart adore You, Hope of a life spent with You

So here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down Here I am to say that You're my God And You're altogether lovely Altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2

King of all days, Oh so highly exalted Glorious in heaven above, Humbly You came To the earth You created, All for love's sake became poor

So here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down Here I am to say that You're my God And You're altogether lovely Altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 3

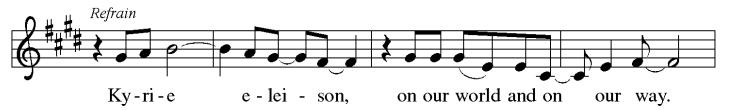
And I'll never know how much it cost, To see my sin upon that cross And I'll never know how much it cost To see my sin upon that cross

> So here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down Here I am to say that You're my God And You're altogether lovely Altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me

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,



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 1st Kings.

¹⁵ Then 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. 16 Also 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." 19 So 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. ²⁰ He 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?" 21 He 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.

- ¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
 - ² All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.
- ³ But those who run after other gods Shall have their troubles multiplied.
 - ⁴ I 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.
 - ⁶ My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; Indeed, I have a rich inheritance.
- ⁷ I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; My heart teaches me night after night.
 - ⁸ I have set the Lord always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
- ⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; My body also shall rest in hope.
 - ¹⁰ For you will not abandon me to the grave, Nor let your holy one see the pit.
- ¹¹ You 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.

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

13 For 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. 14 For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 15 If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

of the flesh. ¹⁷ For 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. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envy, 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.

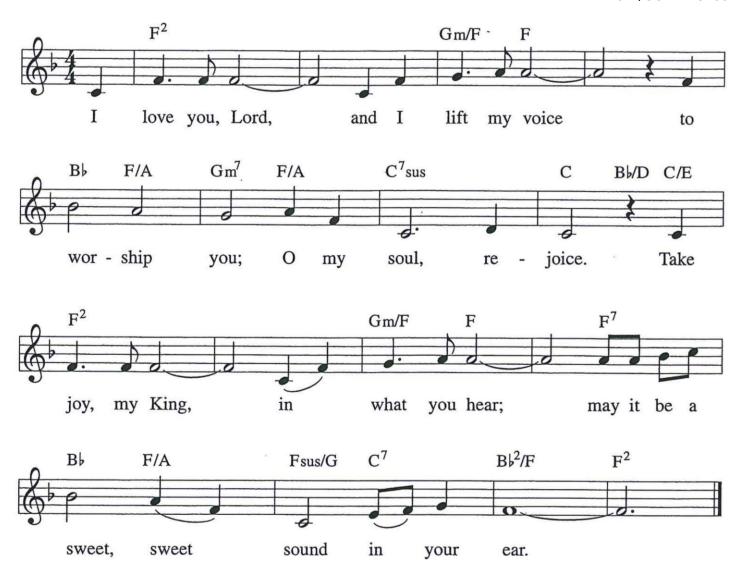
²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit,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

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

I Love You Lord

Klein/CCLI #25266



We stand.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 21:15-19

The holy gospel according to St. John the 21st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him,

"Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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

We sit.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Jesus erased our mistakes

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

Jesus restores Peter

HYMN

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Tomlin/CCLI #4768151





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

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. *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. Friendship pads have returned to the pews. Please take a moment to sign the forms so that we may get to know our neighbors and we will also have a record of your communing.

OFFERING

The Potter's Hand

Zschech/CCLI #2449771

We stand.

OFFERTORY

Holy Spirit Rain Down

Sing twice

Spir

it,



down.

rain

OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

Creator God,

in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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 the way to everlasting life.

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 as we proclaim the mystery of faith: *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

God, our great provider, the bread of life nourishes and sustains us. Send the Spirit to fill this bread and wine. *Come, Holy Spirit.*

This meal fills your people with your abundant mercy and draws us closer to you and with one another. We long to be filled with your bread. Strengthen us in your presence. *Come, Holy Spirit.*

We worship and adore you. We fall at your feet to be near you. Show us your great power and assure us of your mighty presence. *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

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

We sit.

COMMUNION

Please come forward using the side aisles to receive communion. You will receive the bread and then you may dip in the first chalice of wine, or in the second challis of grape juice. You may then return to your pews using the center aisle. Please return to your pews for a time of quiet prayer and meditation. If this is the first Sunday of the month, we also offer communion at the rail. On this Sunday, you may continue through the side doors and an usher will guide you to the altar to receive communion.

Music

Communion Medley

Price

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.

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE SENDING

BLESSING

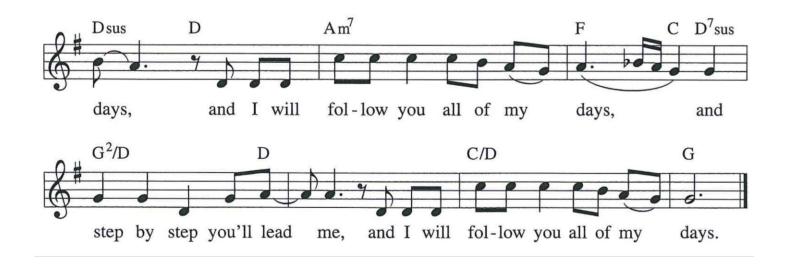
The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit

T bless you and give you peace. Amen.

Step by Step

Strauser/CCLI #696994





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



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

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers are to the glory of God and in honor of our 32nd wedding anniversary by Danny and Jenny Scott.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

06/22/2025

9:00 worship 85 + live stream n/a = 85

Sunday School= n/a

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$1,628.63
Building Fund	Received	\$395.00
Building Improvement	Received	\$230.00

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

To the glory of God in honor of Pastor Gina and disciples in Christ by the Friendship Sunday School Class.

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SERVING IN WORSHIP

	Today	Next Sunday
Ushers:	Herb Bucknam	Kirby Johnson
	Jeff Bucknam	Frankie Jackson
Crucifer:	Jake Dugan	Mackenzie Burns
Acolyte:	Cameron Bucknam	Bryson Johnson
Lector:	Sherwood Garrett	Frankie Jackson
Communion Assts:	Jake Dugan	Mackenzie Burns
	Cameron Bucknam	Denise Thurman
	Sherwood Garrett	Kirby Johnson
	Marie Gardner	Frankie Jackson Melanie Jackson
	Dani Martin	Wynne Price Mary Price
Audio:	Rick Duval	Arron Kinard
Video:	Ryan Corley	Breanna Metze
Nursery:	Alyson Price	Kay Bryant
	Brittany Allen	Larry Amick
Flowers:	Scotts	Robin Machajewski

SERVING IN JULY

COUNCIL REP: Sherwood Garrett

ALTAR GUILD: Jennifer Price, Angie Hydrick

TABULATORS: Ann Addy, Mary Frances Sease

MT HERMON PRAYS

Continual Prayer

Patricia Bachman, Asbury Arms Lauvenia Butts, Lakeside Place Doris Carver, Presby Home Georgianna Gray, home James Hallman, Lakeside Place Marie Kleckley, Lex Ext Care

Gloria Mathias, home Jane Sexton, Phoenix Asst Living Jean Shealy, Lakeside Place Cyndi Thurman, home Linda Waters-Hamilton, home

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Chris Carroll Debbie Duval Michelle Gantt Dennis Thurman Joye Haygood Mary Frances Sease

Jim Whitaker Wynne Price Myra Kinard

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Prayer

Billy Huckabee, friend of Danny Scott Stetson Cooper, grandson of Dan Cooper Paula Miller, friend of Brittany Allen

Dawn McIlwain-Merck.

friend of Robin Ellisor

John Catoe, family of the Ellisors Mrs. William L. Coleman Jr (Carolyn),

friends of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart

Iris Wellborn, sister of Earl Sease

Mrs. Cruz, teacher of Abbey Carroll Phil Dennis, brother of Lavonne Roof

Nancy Lail-Hulon & Family,

friends of Debra & Dave Butts

Sandra Watson,

aunt of Courtney Bucknam

Jaimie Womack,

friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price

Cynthia Rabon, friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price Linda Starkey,

Blase Rhine.

grandson of Frank & Bonnie Bouknight

Jeslyn, friend of Scarlett Bryant

Faye McCartha, mother of Debra Butts

Robbie Rector, friend Jennifer Miller

Bill Geddings, father of Allison Swygert Jane Baxley, cousin of Michelle Gantt Joyce Davis,

grandmother of Jaquelyn Hawlik Will & Summer Satcher.

friend of Courtney Bucknam Dorothy Collins, friend of Ryan Price Lauren Addy,

friend of Kathy Cooper and Metzes Sam Lockridge, friend of Scottie Marsh Mary Duffie, mother of Alyson Price Thelma Moyer, mother of Diane Boulware Kaiden Howell,

friend of Jacquelynn Hawlik Randy Stonehill, friend of Ryan & Jennifer Linda Bennett, mother of Beth Jordan Neice of Abbey Carroll's teacher

sister-in-law of Sheila Starkey

Singley & Parisano families,

friends of Sam & Kathy Cooper

Joy Jordan, friend of Michelle Gant

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, July 6th

9:00 am Worship

10:30 am Sunday School

Monday, July 7th

5:30 pm CR: Care Team

6:00 pm Lutheran Men & Women

Tuesday, July 8th

5:00 pm Executive Team

6:30 pm Life Group at The Jacksons

Wednesday, July 9th

9:00 am Food Pantry

(Ann Addy, Ann Bouknight, Sharon Keefe)

12:05 pm OneBody Worship

Thursday, July 10th

6:00 pm Travel Committee

Saturday, July 12th

9:00 am Food Pantry (DJ Plummer & Youth)

6:00 pm HeBrews Supper





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Ronnie Fulmer, Vice President Frank Bouknight, Treasurer Ricky Bouknight & Terry Swygert, Sextons

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, June 29th

9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School

Tuesday, July 1st

6:00 pm GR: Grief Support

Wednesday, July 2nd

9:00 am Food Pantry (Frank Bouknight, Angie Hydrick, Sherwood Garrett)

Saturday, July 5th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Kinard Family)

Roberta, our church secretary, will be on vacation through July 6th. Breanna will be in and out of the office this week. Please call the church cell if you need immediate assistance. Pastor Gina will return July 9th.

