

Outdoor Worship



JUNE 22, 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

All Things New

Peterson/

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

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.

HYMN

Sanctuary

Thompson/CCLI #24140

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary.
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving,
I'll be a living Sanctuary for You.

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

You Are My Hiding Place

Ledner/CCLI #21442

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of four staves. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the staff lines.

Staff 1: Chords: I* Am, Dm⁷, G, G/B. Lyrics: You are my hid - ing place; you al - ways

Staff 2: Chords: C^{sus}, C, G/B, F/A, Dm. Lyrics: fill my heart with songs of de - liv - er - ance. When -

Staff 3: Chords: E^{sus}, E, 2 Am. Lyrics: ev - er I am a - fraid I will trust in you,

Staff 4: Chords: Dm⁷, G, G/B, C, G/B. Lyrics: I will trust in you. Let the weak say,



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.

THE WORD

ISAIAH 65:1-9

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ I 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.

² I held out my hands all day long
to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,
following their own devices;

³ a people who provoke me
to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens

and offering incense on bricks;
⁴ who sit inside tombs,
and spend the night in secret places;
who eat swine's flesh,
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;
⁵ who 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.
⁶ See, it is written before me:
I will not keep silent, but I will repay;
I will indeed repay into their laps
⁷ their 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.
⁸ Thus 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.
⁹ I 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.

GALATIANS 3:23-29

A reading from Galatians.

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There 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. ²⁹ And 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.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 8:26-39

The holy gospel according to St. John the 8th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶ Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As 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. ²⁸ When 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"—²⁹ for 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.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³² Now 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. ³³ Then 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.

³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then 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. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then 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. ³⁸ The 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 TIME

new song

Whenever I am afraid, I put my trust in 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

Telling the story

HYMN

Light the Fire

Maxwell/CCLI #332454

I stand in your presence but I fall on my knees
My spirit is willing, but my flesh is so weak

So light the fire in my soul
Fan the flames, make me whole
Lord you know where I've been
So light the fire in my heart again.

I feel your arms around me when the healing begins
Your spirit surrounds me like a rushing wind
So light the fire in my soul
Fan the flames, make me whole
Lord you know where I've been
So light the fire in my heart again.

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.

sing: Whenever I 'm afraid, I put my trust in you.

Psalm 56:3

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.*

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

I'll Do My Best

Dalton/CCLI #59335

OFFERTORY

Jesus Take Me as I Am

Bryant/CCLI #37814

Take me Jesus as I am
I can come no other way
Draw me closer unto You
Teacher me how to walk Your ways

Make me like a precious stone
Crystal clear and finely honed
The light of Jesus shining through
Bringing glory back to You

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.

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.

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 chalice of grape juice.

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
✠ bless you and give you peace. ***Amen.***

HYMN

This Little Light of Mine

Boyer/OneLicense #01998

This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine
Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine

Ev'ry where I go, I'm going to let it shine
Ev'ry where I go, I'm going to let it shine
Ev'ry where I go, I'm going to let it shine
Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine
Jesus gave it to me, I'm going to let it shine
Jesus gave it to me, I'm going to let it shine
Jesus gave it to me, I'm going to let it shine
Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine

SENDING
Sing twice

Go in Peace and Serve the Lord

Hanson/CCLI #791253

Go in peace and serve the Lord. God is calling you today.
Go and tell gospel news ev'ry where.
Go in peace and serve the Lord. God is calling you today
To bring truth and love to ev'ry nation.

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

*Enjoy games and conversations while the
cookout is being prepared.*



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers are to the glory of God and in memory of my sweet husband Gale, and to the glory of God's creation by Sherwood Garrett.

A colorful poster for VBS 2025 at Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church. The background features a stylized landscape with green hills, blue sky, white clouds, and several green pine trees. In the center, a wooden cross stands on a hill. To the right of the cross is a yellow tent with a blue interior. To the left of the tent is a campfire with orange flames. A large blue sign with yellow text is tilted and positioned in the upper right. The sign reads 'PRESENTING CAMP FIRELIGHT! A SUMMER CAMP ADVENTURE WITH GOD'. On the left side, there is a white box with a list of activities and a list of program times. At the bottom, there are two yellow boxes for 'STUDENT REGISTRATION' and 'ADULT REGISTRATION', each with a red arrow pointing towards the center. To the left of the student registration box is a QR code, and to the right of the adult registration box is another QR code. The bottom of the poster has a dark blue banner with white text providing the church's address, website, email, and phone number.

MT. HERMON LUTHERAN CHURCH

VBS 2025

JUNE 23, 24, 25

5:30 DINNER
6:15 PROGRAM
8:15 CLOSING

**PRESENTING
CAMP
FIRELIGHT!
A SUMMER CAMP
ADVENTURE WITH GOD**

- GUIDED ACTIVITIES
- BIBLE STORY ADVENTURES
- SCIENCE AND CRAFTS
- TEAMS GAMES

- PRESCHOOL & ELEMENTARY
- TEEN PROGRAMS
- ADULT SERIES

**STUDENT
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TITHES AND OFFERINGS

06/15/2025

9:00 worship 103 + live stream 137 = 240

Sunday School= 25

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$7,914.18
Building Fund	Received	\$1,010.00
Building Improvement	Received	\$2,135.00

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In memory of **Francis Eargle**, by Linda Waters-Hamilton,
Ryan & Jennifer Price

In loving memory of my mother, **Connie Bucknam**. We miss
and love you very much by Tommy & Kelli Mills.

In memory of **Kenny Drafts** by Terry & Allison Swygert,
Warren & Margaret Christmus

In memory of **Gene Schofield**, birthday June 23 and our son,
Roddy Schofield, birthday July 23 by Jan Schofield.

Additional Father's Dad Memorial

In memory of **Jimmy Mills** by Betty Mills.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

	Today	Next Sunday
Ushers:	Joey Koon	Herb Bucknam
	Teddy Koon	Jeff Bucknam
Crucifer:	n/a	Jake Dugan
Acolyte:	n/a	Cameron Bucknam
Lector:	Joey Koon	Sherwood Garrett
Communion Assts:	Sam Koon	Jake Dugan
	Mary Koon	Cameron Bucknam
	Dylan Whitaker	Sherwood Garrett
	Angie Hydrick	Marie Gardner
	Jennifer Miller	Dani Martin
Audio:	n/a	Rick Duval
Video:	n/a	Ryan Corley
Nursery:	Charlene Corley	Alyson Price
	DJ Plummer	Brittany Allen
Flowers:	Sherwood Garrett	Scotts

SERVING IN JUNE

COUNCIL REP: Al Stevens

ALTAR GUILD: Mary Frances Sease, Diane Boulware

TABULATORS: Ronnie Fulmer, Mary Price

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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
Joye Haygood	Dennis Thurman	Mary Frances Sease
Jim Whitaker	Wynne Price	

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Prayer

Billy Huckabee, <i>friend of Danny Scott</i>	Bill Geddings, <i>father of Allison Swygert</i>
Stetson Cooper, <i>grandson of Dan Cooper</i>	Jane Baxley, <i>cousin of Michelle Gantt</i>
Paula Miller, <i>friend of Brittany Allen</i>	Joyce Davis,
Dawn McIlwain-Merck,	<i>grandmother of Jaquelyn Hawlik</i>
<i>friend of Robin Ellisor</i>	Will & Summer Satcher,
John Catoe, <i>family of the Ellisors</i>	<i>friend of Courtney Bucknam</i>
Mrs. William L. Coleman Jr (Carolyn),	Dorothy Collins, <i>friend of Ryan Price</i>
<i>friends of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart</i>	Lauren Addy,
Iris Wellborn, <i>sister of Earl Sease</i>	<i>friend of Kathy Cooper and Metz</i>
Mrs. Cruz, <i>teacher of Abbey Carroll</i>	Sam Lockridge, <i>friend of Scottie Marsh</i>
Phil Dennis, <i>brother of Lavonne Roof</i>	Mary Duffie, <i>mother of Alyson Price</i>
Nancy Lail-Hulon & Family,	Thelma Moyer, <i>mother of Diane Boulware</i>
<i>friends of Debra & Dave Butts</i>	Kaiden Howell,
Sandra Watson,	<i>friend of Jacquelynn Hawlik</i>
<i>aunt of Courtney Bucknam</i>	Randy Stonehill, <i>friend of Ryan & Jennifer</i>
Jaimie Womack,	Linda Bennett, <i>mother of Beth Jordan</i>
<i>friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price</i>	Neice of Abbey Carroll's teacher
Cynthia Rabon, <i>friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price</i>	Linda Starkey,
Blase Rhine,	<i>sister-in-law of Sheila Starkey</i>
<i>grandson of Frank & Bonnie Bouknight</i>	Singley & Parisano families,
Jeslyn, <i>friend of Scarlett Bryant</i>	<i>friends of Sam & Kathy Cooper</i>
Faye McCartha, <i>mother of Debra Butts</i>	Joy Jordan,
Robbie Rector, <i>friend Jennifer Miller</i>	<i>friend of Michelle Gant</i>



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THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, June 22nd

10:00 am OUTDOOR Worship

11:30 am CR: Worship Team

Monday, June 23rd

5:30 pm VBS Meal

6:15 pm VBS Classes

Tuesday, June 24th

5:30 pm VBS Meal

6:15 pm VBS Classes

Wednesday, June 25th

9:00 am Food Pantry
(David & Debra Butts,
Rick & Debbie Duval)

No OneBody

5:30 pm VBS Meal

6:15 pm VBS Classes

Saturday, June 28th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Parker & Diane Boulware)

Pictorial Directory Update

All pictures need to be
submitted by
July 1st.



Mt Hermon Travel Committee Invites you....

Wed, August 27th
to join us.....

Apple Picking
Hendersonville &
Granddad's Apple Orchard
Bus Leaves at 8:30
Return at the church at 6:30

45 Spots Available
\$20 Donation Recommended
Sign Up Each Individual in the breezeway
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