

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



JULY 7, 2024

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 prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

Goodness of God

Johnson/CCLI #7117726

THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

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

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, we confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider, help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.

We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

Please turn to the doors of the sanctuary to acknowledge the empty cross.

HYMN

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Wyeth's/OneLicense #94974



- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
- 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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

Glorify Thy Name

Adkins/CCLI #1383

C CM⁷ Dm⁷ G⁷ C

1 Fa - ther,
2 Je - sus, we love you, we wor - ship and a - dore you,
3 Spir - it,

C²/E F G⁷sus G

glo - ri - fy thy name in all the earth;

C F² F E⁷ F[#]m⁷(b⁵) E⁷/G[#] Am

glo - ri - fy thy name, glo - ri - fy thy name,

F G⁷ C CM⁷ F/C C

glo - ri - fy thy name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

ACTS 16:1-15

¹Paul went on also to Derbe and to Lystra, where there was a disciple named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer; but his father was a Greek. ²He was well spoken of by the believers in Lystra and Iconium. ³Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him; and he took him and had him circumcised because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. ⁴As they went from town to town, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem. ⁵So the churches were strengthened in the faith and increased in numbers daily.

⁶They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. ⁷When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; ⁸so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. ⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city

for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

We sit.

CHILDREN'S TIME

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.

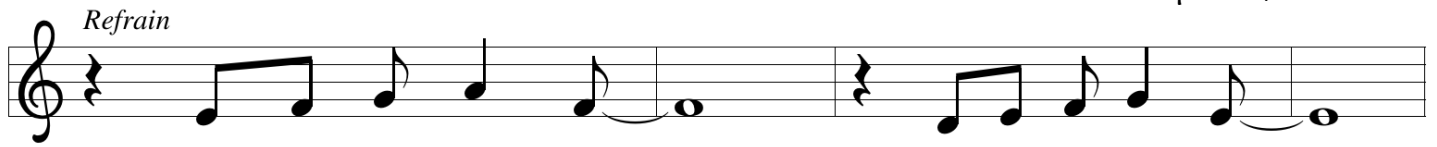
SERMON

We stand.

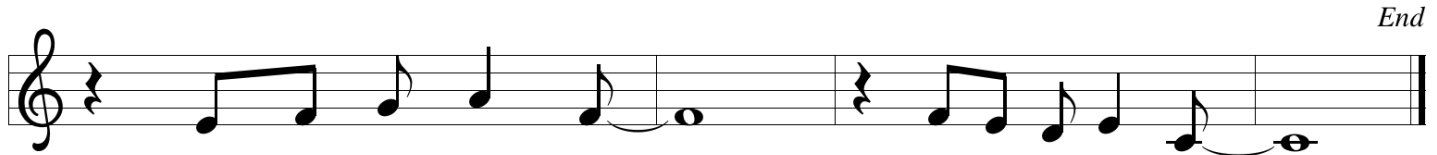
HYMN

Change My Heart, O God

Espinosa/CCLI #1565



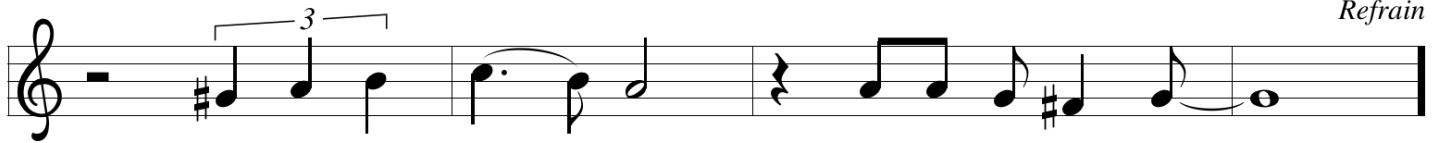
Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

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

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.
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.*

ANTHEM

Safe Within Your Arms

Hayes/OneLicense #23097

We stand.

OFFERTORY

Holy Spirit Rain Down

Sing twice

Fragar/CCLI #2405227



Ho - ly Spi - rit rain down, rain down; O
Com - fort - er and Friend, how we need Your touch a-gain; Ho - ly Spir - it
rain down, rain down; Let Your pow - er fall, let Your
voice be heard; Come and change our hearts as we stand on Your Word; Ho - ly
Spir - it, rain down.

OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

Risen One,

you call us to believe and bear fruit.

***May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.***

***Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine. 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.

We gather around these elements consecrated by Pastor Gina.

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

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

We sit.

COMMUNION

Please come forward using the center aisle 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. You may then return to your pews using the outside aisles. Please return to your pews for a time of quiet prayer and meditation.

MUSIC

Come to the Table

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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.

Jesus, Bread of life,

***we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.***

***As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world
with your own life.***

In your name we pray. Amen.

THE SENDING

BLESSING


The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us,
and journeys with us
† be upon you now and forever. *Amen.*

HYMN


Take My Life, That I May Be

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Refrain/Estribillo



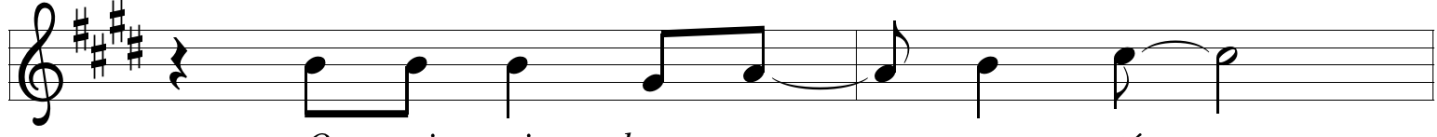
To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;



To stanzas | *Last time*
y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



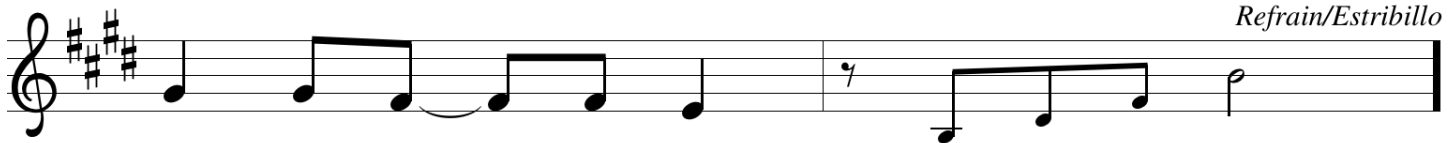
1 *Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té*
1 Take my hands and let them move
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
3 Take my voice and let me sing
4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;
 at the im - pulse of thy love;
 not a mite would I with - hold;
 al - ways, on - ly for my King;
 it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
 take my feet and let them be swift and
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
 take my lips and let them be filled with
 take my heart, it is thine own; it shall



Refrain/Estrillo

pul - so de tu a - mor.
 beau - ti - ful for thee.
 pow'r as thou shalt choose.
 mes - sag - es from thee.
 be thy roy - al throne.

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

SENDING

The Blessing

Brown, Carnes, Jobe, Furtick/CCLI #7147007



The Lord bless you _ and keep you,



make his face shine _ up - on _ you and be gra - cious _ to you.

The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

Amen, amen.

Amen, amen.

Amen, amen.

Amen, amen.

D.C. || D.S.

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 given to the glory of God and in honor of Eric's Dad, Chris Carroll, and my dad in heaven, David F Stevenson Jr. birthdays by Laura Carroll.



Pastor Gina will be on vacation through July 8th
Should you need pastoral care, please contact your
Council Member – Care group leader



He-Brews Supper Club July 13th

If you are interested in the opportunity to share a meal together with fellow disciples of Mt Hermon, please sign up in the breezeway or with the online link on the church website.

Deadline to sign up is July 7th.

No Lutheran Men & Women Meeting in July
as we celebrate for July 4th! Mark your calendars for
our next meeting August 12th!



OneBody Lunch

Bring your favorite dish to share after our midweek worship service, July 10th at 12:05 in the fellowship hall.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

06/30/2024

In Person 80 + Live Stream Worship 102 = 182

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$1,619.50
Building Fund	Received	\$140.00
Building Improvement	Received	\$95.00

Honorariums and Memorials:

n/a

SERVING IN WORSHIP

	Today	Next Sunday
Ushers:	Blake & Jack Allen	Randy Clark
	Jeff Price	Ronnie Fulmer
Crucifer:	Hayden Eargle	Quentin Kinard
Acolyte:	Mackenzie Burns	Walker Kinard
Lector:	Elyse Kinard	Jennifer Miller
Communion Assts:	Hayden Eargle	Quentin Kinard
	Mackenzie Burns	Walker Kinard
	Elyse Kinard	Jennifer Miller
	Kay Bryant Larry Amick	Arron Kinard
	Joel Price, Sr. Daryl Leigh Anthony	Susan Busby
Nursery:	Leah Rawl	Noah Swygert
	Brittany Allen	Cassie Swygert
Flowers:	Laura Carroll	Diane Boulware

SERVING IN JULY

COUNCIL MEMBER LOCK-UP: Jerry Price

ALTAR GUILD: Jennifer Price & Angie Hydrick

TABULATORS: Ann Addy, Mary Frances Sease

USHERS: Marion Leaphart, Susan Busby, Dennis Thurman

AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM: Brandon Donaldson, Marie Gardner

MT HERMON PRAYS

Continual Prayers

Patricia Bachman, *Asbury Arms*

Alberta Berry, *home*

Lauvenia Butts, *Lakeside Place*

Bobby & Doris Carver, *Presby Home*

Shirley Cooper, *Lexington Medical*

Georgianna Gray, *home*

James Hallman, *Lakeside Place*

Marie Kleckley, *Lex Ext Care*

Dot Mathias, *home*

Gloria Mathias, *home*

Tom Roof, *home*

Gene & Jane Sexton, *Phoenix Asst Living*

Jean Shealy, *Lakeside Place*

Cyndi Thurman, *home*

Linda Waters-Hamilton, *home*

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Bonnie Bouknight

Chris Carroll

Mary Frances Sease

Jim Whitaker

*Hayes Wingard

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Prayers

Paula Miller, *friend of Brittany Allen*

Wayne Kneece, *uncle of Michelle Gantt*

Derwin Rish, *friend of Michelle Gantt*

Jody & Libby Ortmann,

friends of Fran & Ricky Bouknight

Roger Spires, *friend of Chris Carroll*

Quentin Oswald, *Angie Hydrick's nephew (Iraq)*

Phil Dennis, *brother of Lavonne Roof*

Sandra Watson, *aunt of Courtney Bucknam*

Joyce & Doug Gilbert,

coworkers of Courtney Bucknam

Sarah Harmon, *friend of Courtney Bucknam*

Hannah Pierce, *friend of Jaquelyn Haulik*

Nancy Lail-Hulon & Family,

friends of Debra & Dave Butts

Cindy Maples, *mother of Jennifer Miller*

Wes Hopkins, *nephew of Jennifer Miller*

Will Pickett, *friend of Jennifer Miller*

Paul Garner, *friend of Robert Haygood*

Mrs. William L. Coleman Jr (Carolyn),

friends of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart

Jaimie Womack, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*

Cynthia Mallard,

friend of Sheila Starkey & Beth Jordan

Blase Rhine,

grandson of Frank & Bonnie Bouknight

Cynthia Rabon, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*

Connie Furtick, *friend of Kim Fulmer*

Josh Jackson, *friend of Joel Price, Jr.*

Brannon Yonce, *friend of Michelle Gantt*

Katy Madigan, *friend of Marie Carroll*

Billy Huckabee, *friend of Danny Scott*

Jamie Spell, *friend of David Marsh*

Louise Cooper, *friend of Kelli Mills*

Dawn McIlwain-Merck, *friend of Robin Ellisor*

John Catoe, *family of the Ellisors*

Jillian Stover, *friend of Erin Rose*

Debbie Dearman, *neighbor of Kathy Cooper*

Lillian Chimeal, *friend of Jacqueline Hawlik*

Iris Wellborn, *sister of Earl Sease*

Caroline Hair, *cousin of Fran Bouknight*

Betty Morris, *mother of Keith Morris*

Lynn Pearson, *mother of Emily Morris*

Mrs. Cruz, *teacher of Abbey Carroll*

Trea Ocheltree, *teen in car accident*

Stetson Cooper,

grandson of Dan & Shirley Cooper

Carla Thompson, *friend of Dion & Pastor Gina*

Jeslyn, *friend of Scarlett Bryant*

Tom Shaul, *friend of the Kinard Family*

Joyce Davis, *grandmother of Jaquelyn Hawlik*

*Lucas, *friend of Hayes Wingard*

*Ashley Liimatainen, *niece of Sheila Starkey*

Please note that this prayer list has been updated.

If you wish to add someone back to this list,

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CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

Frankie Jackson, <i>President</i>	Terry Swygert, <i>Vice President</i>
Sheila Eargle, <i>Secretary</i>	Frank Bouknight, <i>Treasurer</i>
Annette Price/Karen Nicholson, <i>Financial Secretary</i>	Ricky Bouknight & Terry Swygert, <i>Sextons</i>

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, July 7th

9:00 am Worship
10:30 am Sunday School

Monday, July 8th

5:30 pm CR: Care Team

Tuesday, July 9th

5:00 pm Executive Team
6:00 pm GR: Grief Group
6:00 pm Life Group at The Jackson's

Wednesday, July 10th

9:00 am Food Pantry
(Ann Addy, Ann Bouknight, Sharon O'Keefe)
12:05 pm FH: OneBody Worship
6:00 pm Handbells

Saturday, July 13th

9:00 am Food Pantry (The Kinards)
6:00 pm He-Brews Dinner