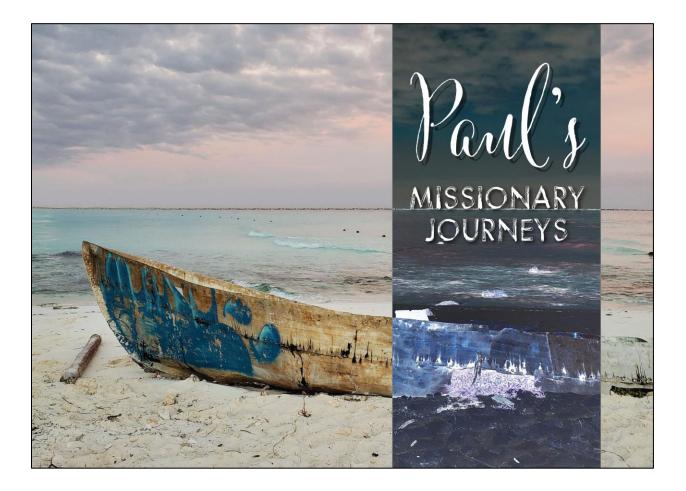
# Sixth Sunday After Pentecost



# JUNE 30, 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

Our Great God

Ortega, Powell/CCLI #3493094

# 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.

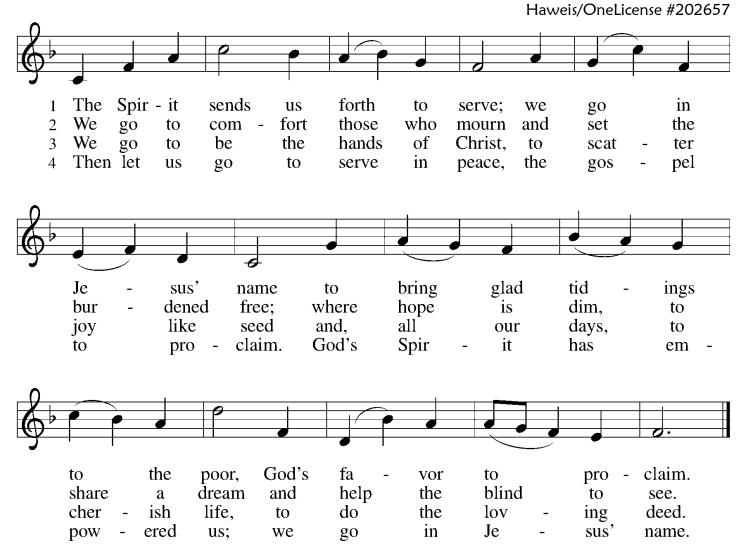
#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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 The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



#### 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 CM<sup>7</sup> $Dm^7$ $G^7$ C C 1 Fa - ther, Je - sus, we 2 love wor-ship and you, we a dore you, 3 Spir - it, G<sup>7</sup>sus $C^2/E$ F G Θ glo ri - fy all thy name in the earth; $F #m^{7(\flat 5)} E^7/G #$ $E^7$ $F^2$ F C Am 0 0 glo ri - fy thy name, glo ri - fy thy name, $G^7$ CM<sup>7</sup> F/C C F C 0 0 ri - fy thy glo in all name the earth.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. We sit.

# THE WORD

# Астя 13:1-5, 9-15

<sup>1</sup>Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the ruler, and Saul. <sup>2</sup>While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." <sup>3</sup>Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. <sup>4</sup>So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia; and from there they sailed to Cyprus. <sup>5</sup>When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John also to assist them.

<sup>9</sup>Saul, also known as Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him <sup>10</sup>and said, "You son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, full of all deceit and villainy, will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord? <sup>11</sup>And now listen — the hand of the Lord is against you, and you will be blind for a while, unable to see the sun." Immediately mist and darkness came over him, and he went about groping for someone to lead him by the hand. <sup>12</sup>When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, for he was astonished at the teaching about the Lord.

<sup>13</sup>Then Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. John, however, left them and returned to Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup>but they went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. <sup>15</sup>After the reading of the law and the prophets, the officials of the synagogue sent them a message, saying, "Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, give it."

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

We sit. CHILDREN'S TIME

traveling with your friends

#### **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

Paul on the move

We stand. HYMN Go, My Children with My Blessing Welsh Traditional/OneLicense #110843 θ my chil - dren, "Go, with my bless-ing, 1 nev er a - lone. "Go, 2 my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, and at peace pure. 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos to me. er θ Wak - ing, sleep - ing, Ι am with you, you own. are my I love you, Here you learned how much what Ι can cure. Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy ful and free. -I have made you mine for - ev - er. my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er In Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry. Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you. θ my chil-dren, my bless-ing, Go. with own." you are my Go, my chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure." and nour-ished, joy Go. my chil-dren, fed ful and free."

## 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

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it,

Tell the Good News

Barlett/OneLicense #661101

#### We stand. Holy Spirit Rain Down **O**FFERTORY Sing twice Frager/CCLI #2405227 Ho - ly Spi - rit 0 rain down, rain down; Com - fort - er and Friend, how we need Your touch Ho - ly Spir - it a-gain; 28 rain down, rain down; Let Your pow - er fall, let Your voice be heard; Come and change our hearts stand on Your Word; as we Ho - ly

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.* 

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.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed...

As often as we drink of this cup and eat of this bread, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again and we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

In the mystery of this fruit of the vine and wheat of the field becoming your body and blood, we pray for your presence to come among us and give us this bread of life. *Come, Lord Jesus.* 

Holy God, we long for your presence to remain powerful and strong among your people. Continue to gather your people to eat and drink of this meal. *Come, Holy Spirit.* 

Through Christ, 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

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 challis 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

I Received the Living God

Anonymous/OneLicense #87225

#### 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

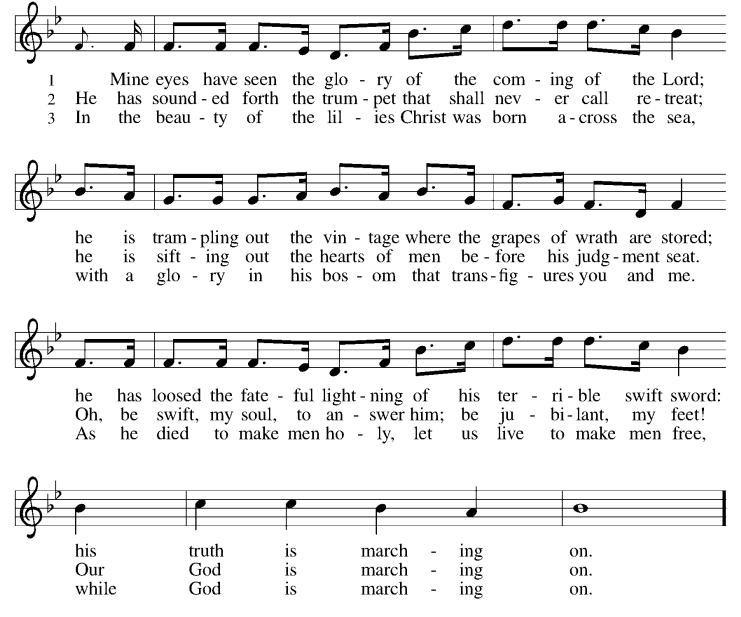
#### Blessing

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

Hymn

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

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As the cross passes your pew, turn and face the entrance of the sanctuary. **SENDING** *The Blessing* 

Brown, Carnes, Jobe, Furtick/CCLI #7147007



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 memory of Clarice Scott by Danny Scott.



<u>He-Brews Supper Club</u> <u>July 13th</u> 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 7<sup>th</sup>.

# Church Personnel Chair Needed!

The executive team is looking for someone to chair the personnel team. If you are interested, please contact Frankie Jackson or Danny Scott regarding details. Please contact them by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### TITHES AND OFFERINGS 06/23/2024 In Person 101 + Live Stream Worship 97 = 198

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$3,865.06
Building Fund	Received	\$395.00
Building Improvement	Received	\$135.00

Honorariums and Memorials: n/a



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## SERVING IN WORSHIP

	Today	Next Sunday	
Ushers:	Frankie Jackson	Blake & Jack Allen	
	Melanie Jackson	Jeff Price	
Crucifer:	Josh Koon	Hayden Eargle	
Acolyte:	Avery Rawl	Dylan Whitaker	
Lector:	Josh Koon	Jennifer Miller	
Communion Assts:	Josh Koon	Hayden Eargle	
	Mary Koon	Dylan Whitaker	
	Mary Price	Jennifer Miller	
	Wynne Price	Kay Bryant Larry Amick	
	Mike Rawl	Joel Price, Sr. Daryl Leigh Anthony	
Nursery:	Charlene Corley	Leah Rawl	
	DJ Plummer	Brittany Allen	
Flowers:	Danny Scott	OPEN	

## SERVING IN JUNE

<u>COUNCIL MEMBER LOCK-UP:</u> Danny Scott <u>ALTAR GUILD:</u> Mary Frances Sease, Diane Boulware <u>TABULATORS:</u> Ronnie Fulmer, Mary Price <u>USHERS:</u> Marion Leaphart, Susan Busby, Dennis Thurman <u>AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM</u>: Arron Kinard, Quentin Kinard

## 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 Jim Whitaker Mary Frances Sease

#### 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 Oswalt, 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

Please note that this prayer list has been updated. If you wish to add someone back to this list, please send an email to office@WeAreMtHermon.com



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#### **CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS**

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

# THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, June 30th

9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School

Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:00 pm GR: Grief Group

Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:00 am Food Pantry (Fran Bouknight, Angie Hydrick, Sherwood Garrett)

Thursday, July 4th ~ Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July

Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Food Pantry (The Corleys)



Pastor Gina will be on vacation after worship today through July 8<sup>th</sup> Should you need pastoral care, please contact your Council Member – Care group leader