

# JUNE 16, 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

Isaiah 6 Agnew/CCLI #4463126

# 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 the 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 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty

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### 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** 

Augsburg Fortress #SB153820



#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

We pray together.

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your *power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. We sit.* 

# THE WORD

### PROVERBS 8:1-4, 22-31

A reading from Proverbs.

<sup>1</sup> Does not wisdom call,

and does not understanding raise her voice?

<sup>2</sup> On the heights, beside the way,

at the crossroads she takes her stand;

<sup>3</sup> beside the gates in front of the town,

at the entrance of the portals she cries out:

<sup>4</sup> "To you, O people, I call,

and my cry is to all that live.

<sup>22</sup> The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.

<sup>23</sup> Ages ago I was set up,

at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

- <sup>24</sup> When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.
- <sup>25</sup> Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—
- <sup>26</sup> when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil.

<sup>27</sup> When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
<sup>28</sup> when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep,
<sup>29</sup> when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
<sup>30</sup> then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,
<sup>31</sup> rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race."

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

#### PSALM 8

*We read responsively.* <sup>1</sup> O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

<sup>2</sup> you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;

*you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.* 

<sup>3</sup> When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

<sup>4</sup> what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them? <sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

#### <sup>6</sup> You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:

<sup>7</sup> all flocks and cattle,

even the wild beasts of the field,

<sup>8</sup> the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

<sup>9</sup> O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

### **ROMANS 5:1-5**

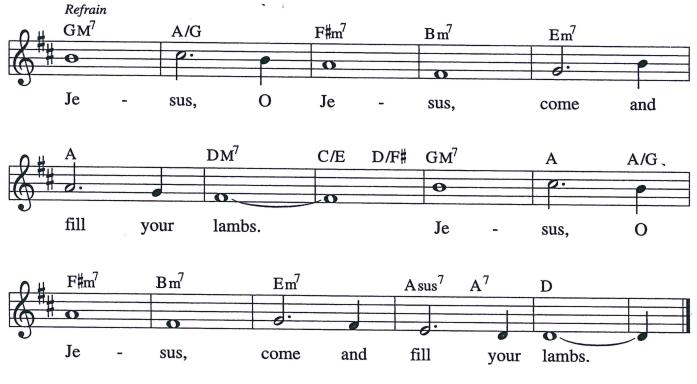
A reading from Romans.

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, 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.

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

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Spirit Song Wimber/CCLI# 27824



We stand.

### HOLY GOSPEL: John 16:12-15 The holy gospel according to St. John the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] <sup>12</sup> "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

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

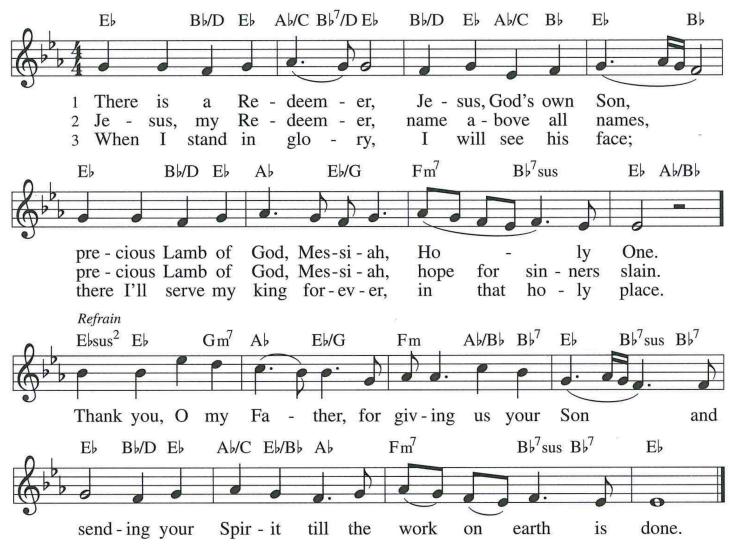
#### God's love

We stand.

#### Hymn

#### There Is a Redeemer

Green/CCLI #11483



### **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

OFFERTORY

We stand.

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Holy Spirit Rain Down

Rodgers, Wyse/CCLI #106879

#### Frager/CCLI 2405227 0 Ho - ly Spi - rit rain down, rain down; Com - fort - er and Friend, how we need Your touch a-gain; Ho - ly Spir - it down; Let Your pow - er fall, let Your rain down, rain stand on Your Word; be heard; Come and change our hearts Ho - ly voice as we



#### **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. You reveal your glory as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, One Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory.

### 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.

#### **M**USIC

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.* 

#### Hymn

Good. Good Father

Brown/CCLI #7036612

#### Verse 1

I've heard a thousand stories Of what they think you're like But I've heard the tender whisper Of love in the dead of night and You tell me that You're pleased And that I'm never alone You're a Good, Good Father It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are And I'm loved by You It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am

#### Verse 2

I've seen many searching for answers Far and wide But I know we're all searching for answers Only You provide Because You know just what we need Before we say a word You're a Good, Good Father It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are And I'm loved by You It's who I am, It's who I am, It's who I am

You are perfect in all of Your ways You are perfect in all of Your ways You are perfect in all of Your ways to us You are perfect in all of Your ways You are perfect in all of Your ways You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

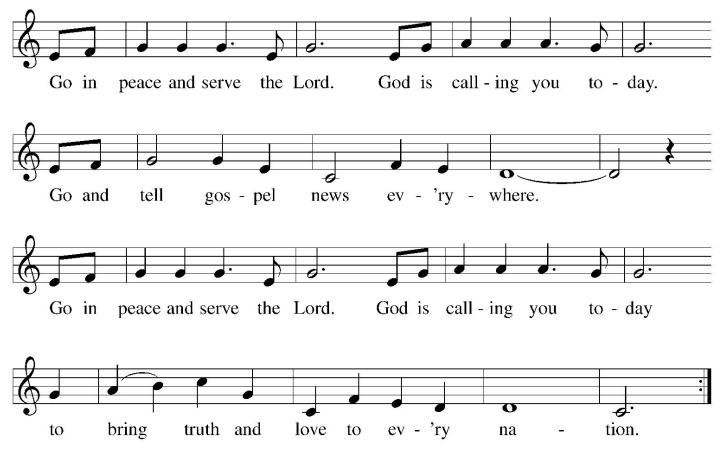
#### Verse 3

Love so undeniable I, I can hardly speak Peace so unexplainable I, I can hardly think As You call me deeper still, As You call me deeper still As You call me deeper still, Into love, love, love You're a Good, Good Father It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are And I'm loved by You It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am



### As the cross passes your pew, turn and face the entrance of the sanctuary. **Sending** Go in Peace and Serve the Lord

Hanson| CCLI #791253



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 Fran Bouknight, my wife and best friend, on our 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary by Ricky Bouknight. And in memory of Karl Bouknight on Father's day by the Bouknight Family.



#### **TITHES AND OFFERINGS** 06/08/2025 9:00 worship 85 + live stream 121 = 200 Sunday School=

Current & Benevolent	<b>Received</b>	<mark>\$4,511.93</mark>
Building Fund	<b>Received</b>	<mark>\$1,955.00</mark>
Building Improvement	<b>Received</b>	<mark>\$505.00</mark>

#### HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In memory of **Francis Eargle** by Perry & Trudy Bouknight, Herb Bucknam, Mary & Earl Sease, Danny & Jenny Scott, Ronnie & Debbie Fulmer, The Earl Eargle Family (Eva Keisler Eargle, Rex & Michelle Eargle, Greta & Rob Watkins, Eva Kat Eargle and Megan, Katie & Laura)

In memory of **Bobby Carver** by Herb Bucknam.

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# Serving in Worship

	Today	Next Sunday
Ushers:	Wayne Eargle	Joey Koon
	Ronnie Fulmer	Teddy Koon
Crucifer:	Connor Eargle	n/a
Acolyte:	Hayden Eargle	n/a
Lector:	Angie Hydrick	Joey Koon
Communion Assts:	Connor Eargle	Sam Koon
	Angie Hydrick	Mary Koon
	Daryl Leigh Anthony	Dylan Whitaker
	Debbie Fulmer	Angie Hydrick
	Sheila Eargle	Jennifer Miller
Audio:	Arron Kinard	n/a
Video:	Quentin Kinard	n/a
Nursery:	Robin Machajewski	Charlene Corley
	Brittany Allen	DJ Plummer
Flowers:	Ricky Bouknight	Sherwood Garrett

### Serving In June

<u>COUNCIL REP:</u> Al Stevens <u>ALTAR GUILD:</u> Mary Frances Sease, Diane Boulware <u>TABULATORS:</u> Ronnie Fulmer, Mary Price

# **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 Joye Haygood Jim Whitaker Debbie Duval Dennis Thurman Wynne Price Michelle Gantt Mary Frances Sease

#### 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 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

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

*sister-in-law of Sheila Starkey* Singley & Parisano families,

*friends of Sam & Kathy Cooper* Nicki Davis,

*neighbor of David & Debra Butts* Joy Jordan,

friend of Michelle Gantt

# **NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS**

#### Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>

10:00 am OUTDOOR Worship 11:30 am CR: Worship Team

#### Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>

5:30 pm Meal 6:30 pm VBS

#### Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>

5:30 pm Meal 6:30 pm VBS

#### Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Food Pantry (David & Debra Butts, Rick & Debbie Duval)
5:30 pm Meal
6:30 pm VBS

#### Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>

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

An Invitation from the Outreach Team:





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#### **CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS**

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

### **THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

#### Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Worship10:30 am Sunday School11:30 am CR: Teach Team

Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>

6:00 pm GR: Grief Support

#### Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Food Pantry (Diane Boulware, Mary Frances Sease, Mary Price)

#### Saturday, June 21st

9:00 am Food Pantry (Swygerts & Carrolls)

