

# FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



JUNE 23, 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

*This Fragile Breath*

Agnew/CCLI #4173588

## 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

# Open Our Eyes, Lord

Sing twice

Cull/CCLI #1572



O - pen our eyes, Lord; we want to see

Je - sus, to reach out and touch

him, and say that we love him.

O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to

lis - ten. O - pen our eyes,

Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

## 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

Musical staff with chords: C, CM7, Dm7, G7, C. The melody consists of quarter notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5.

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

Musical staff with chords: C<sup>2</sup>/E, F, G<sup>7</sup>sus, G. The melody consists of quarter notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5.

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

Musical staff with chords: C, F<sup>2</sup>, F, E<sup>7</sup>, F<sup>#</sup>m<sup>7</sup>(b5), E<sup>7</sup>/G<sup>#</sup>, Am. The melody consists of quarter notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5.

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

Musical staff with chords: F, G<sup>7</sup>, C, CM<sup>7</sup>, F/C, C. The melody consists of quarter notes: C4, D4, E4, F4, G4, A4, B4, C5.

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*We pray together.*

*O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

*We sit.*

# THE WORD

## ACTS 9:1-22

<sup>1</sup>Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup>He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." <sup>7</sup>The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup>Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup>Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup>The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup>and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup>But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup>and here he has authority from the chief priests

to bind all who invoke your name." <sup>15</sup>But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup>I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."

<sup>17</sup>So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>18</sup>And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup>and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, <sup>20</sup>and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

<sup>21</sup>All who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?"

<sup>22</sup>Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

The word of God for the People of God.

***Thanks be to God.***

*We sit.*

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

*knowing voices*

# 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

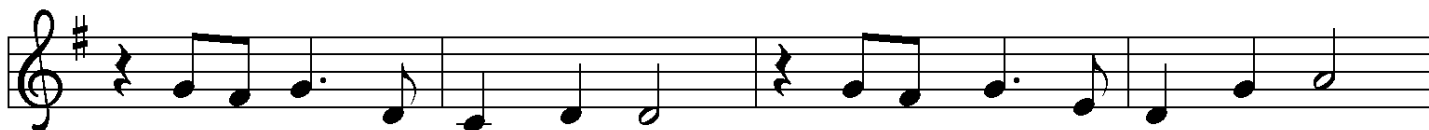
*calling of Paul (Saul)*

*We stand.*

## HYMN

*Here I Am, Lord*

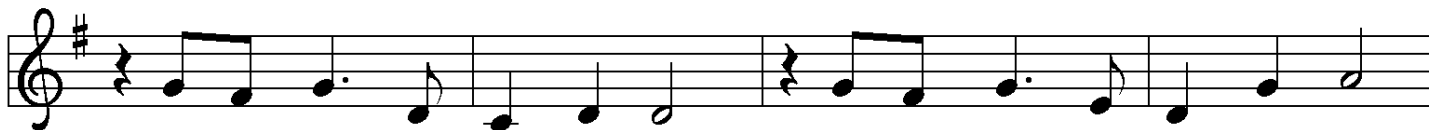
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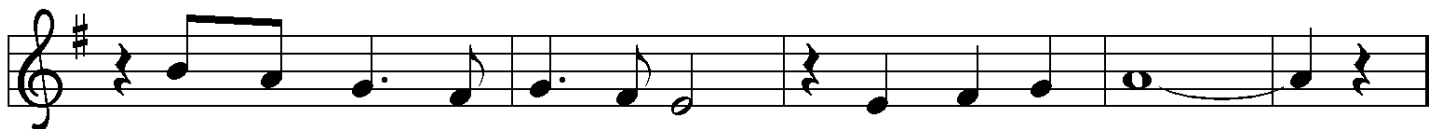
1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



*Refrain*



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you  
 call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you  
 lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

## **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](http://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

*For Such a Time as This*

Watson/CCLI #251368

*We stand.*

## OFFERTORY

*Holy Spirit Rain Down*

*Sing twice*

Fragar/CCLI #2405227

Ho - ly Spi - rit rain down, rain down; O

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The time signature is 4/4. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4 and Bb4. A repeat sign follows, with a first ending bracket over a quarter note G4. The second ending bracket covers a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, and a quarter note E4. The piece concludes with a quarter note D4.

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.*

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 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

*We All Are One in Mission*

Finnish Folktune/OneLicense #58549

## 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

*God of This City*

Boyd/CCLI #5037070

You're the God of this city, You're the King of these people  
You're the Lord of this nation, You are

You're the light in this darkness, You're the hope to the hopeless  
You're the peace to the restless, You are

There is no one like our God, There is no one like our God  
Greater things have yet to come  
Greater things are still to be done in this city

Greater things have yet to come  
And greater things are still to be done in this city

You're the God of this city, You're the King of these people  
You're the Lord of this nation, You are

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And greater things are still to be done here

There is no one like our God, There is no one like you, God  
For greater things have yet to come  
And greater things are still to be done in this city  
Greater things have yet to come  
And greater things are still to be done

We believe, we believe in you, God,  
Greater things have yet to come  
Greater things are still to be done in this city  
Greater things have yet to come  
Greater things are still to be done here  
Greater things, still to be done here

*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.  
— A — men, a —  
-men, a — men. A — men, a —  
-men, a — men. D.C. || D.S. |  
-men, a — men. — men.

## 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.*



# TITHES AND OFFERINGS

06/16/2024

In Person 80 + Live Stream Worship 103 = 183

|                      |          |            |
|----------------------|----------|------------|
| Current & Benevolent | Received | \$7,289.06 |
| Building Fund        | Received | \$394.00   |
| Building Improvement | Received | \$2,005.00 |

## Honorariums and Memorials:

In Memory of James “Buzzy” Mathias by Gloria Mathias  
Please see insert for omitted Father’s Day Dedications.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of our anniversary on June 25<sup>th</sup> by Danny Scott.



He-Brews Supper Club will meet July 13<sup>th</sup>  
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. 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>.

# SERVING IN WORSHIP

|                     | Today           | Next Sunday     |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Ushers:             | Herb Bucknam    | Frankie Jackson |
|                     | Teddy Koon      | Melanie Jackson |
| Crucifer:           | Sydney Bucknam  | Josh Koon       |
| Acolyte:            | Cameron Bucknam | Avery Rawls     |
| Lector:             | Wynne Price     | Josh Koon       |
| Communion<br>Assts: | Sydney Bucknam  | Josh Koon       |
|                     | Cameron Bucknam | Mary Koon       |
|                     | Wynne Price     | David Marsh     |
|                     | Mary Price      | Scottie Marsh   |
|                     | Kathy Cooper    | Mike Rawl       |
| Nursery:            | Alyson Price    | Charlene Corley |
|                     | Brittany Allen  | DJ Plummer      |
| Flowers:            | Danny Scott     | Danny Scott     |

## SERVING IN JUNE

COUNCIL MEMBER LOCK-UP: Danny Scott

ALTAR GUILD: Mary Frances Sease, Diane Boulware

TABULATORS: Ronnie Fulmer, Mary Price

USHERS: Marion Leaphart, Susan Busby, Dennis Thurman

AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM: 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

Joel Price, Sr.

Chris Carroll

Mary Frances Sease.

Easton Donaldson

Jim Whitaker

## ***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*

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

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|---|---|
| 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, June 23<sup>rd</sup>

9:00 am Worship  
10:30 am Sunday School  
5:30 pm VBS Meal ~ Class Begins at 6:15

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

5:30 pm VBS Meal ~ Class Begins at 6:15

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

5:30 pm VBS Meal ~ Class Begins at 6:15  
6:00 pm GR: Grief Group

### Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Food Pantry  
(David & Debra Butts, Andrea Bowers)  
5:30 pm VBS Meal ~ Class Begins at 6:15

### Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>

5:30 pm VBS Meal ~ Class Begins at 6:15

### Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Food Pantry (The Stevens)