

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*6th Sunday after Pentecost
Immigration Sunday*

July 5, 2026

Eleven O'Clock

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
Liturgist: Bill Gast

PRELUDE:

CHIMING THE HOUR

GREETINGS Psalm 118 says: **This is the Day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! Good morning and welcome. It is so nice to see all of you here this morning. Visitors, please sign the attendance registers located in each row.**

Please stand, in body or spirit, and join me in our Call to Worship and remain standing through the the Assurance of Pardon

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsively)

Leader: **Rejoice in the Lord, always,**

People: **and again I say rejoice.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer

***OPENING PRAYER** Lord, open our eyes that we may see the witness of Your love in this world. Prepare us with open hearts to hear Your word and embrace it in our lives. Be for us an endless fountain of goodness and love. Amen.

Our first hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 338 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" MATERNA

***CALL TO CONFESSION** If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves. Let us confess our sins before Almighty God. **Let us pray together**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful Father, hear our heartfelt confession today. We express our love for You, but sometimes hide that love from others in the workplace. We long to be the beacon on a hill, but find ourselves putting a basket over our light. Forgive us when we fail to shine and show the world Your love. Give us the strength to shine forth in a world full of temptation and sorrow. Let us be a beacon of hope and love, reflecting the joy we have received through Christ. (Say – "Please pray silently," and after about 20 seconds, say, Amen) In Jesus' name, Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: **Believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

People: **Thanks be to God!**

You may be seated

A TIME FOR YOUTH at this time would our youth please come forward.

Please bow your heads for our Prayer for Illumination

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Open our hearts that we may hear the truth of Your word for a modern world. May Your words embed themselves in our hearts, souls. Minds, and every cell of our being. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 145:8-14 please read it responsively with me.

Leader: **The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

People: **The Lord is good to all, and His compassion is over all that He has made.**

Leader: **All Your works shall give thanks to You, O Lord, and all Your faithful shall bless You.**

People: **They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, and tell of Your power, to make known to all people Your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom.**

Leader: **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all His words, and gracious in all His deeds.**

People: **The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.**

Leader: **The Word of the Lord.**

People: **Thanks be to God!**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON **Our Old Testament Lesson comes from Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 20-21 of the Old Testament**

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

So he said, "I am Abraham's servant. The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old, and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites in whose land I live, but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'

"I came today to the spring and said, 'O LORD, God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" --let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.'

"Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder, and she went down to the spring and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

And they called Rebekah and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes."

Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man, and the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field, and, looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The choir will now sing the Anthem:

ANTHEM: “Come, Come Unto Me” arr. Dosso

GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 9-10 of the New Testament

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

"But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

"For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Janet Boyanton

Those who are able, please stand and join with me in singing:

***HYMN** No. 188 “*Jesus Loves Me!*” JESUS LOVES ME

Please join me in Affirmation of Faith as it is printed in your bulletin.

***AFFIRMATION** The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 581 “*Glory Be to the Father*” GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, amen.

You may be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS It is time for announcements, does anybody have an announcement they would like to make?

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY And now it is time for our Prayer Concerns and Celebrations. Does anybody have anything they would like to share?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY:

***RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 606 “*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*”

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Let us come to God with our prayer of Thanksgiving

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

God of creation, we thank You for the good gifts You have given us. We are grateful for the gift of friends, food, shelter, safety, and life itself. All good things come from You. It is with grateful hearts that we return a portion of those gifts for Your work in this world. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

Our last Hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 418 “*Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*” SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE:**

Hymn No. 80 *"You Shall Go Out with Joy"* THE TREES OF THE FIELD

**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their
hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***POSTLUDE:**

***Those who are able may stand.**

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY – 10:00 AM Art Group

NEXT SUNDAY –

09:45 AM Choir Practice

10:15 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Thomas Alexander – please continue to pray

Jim Glander

The church and nation of Ukraine

DeSoto Food Pantry

Chikezie is very weak

Christians in Pakistan

Joan Christy – continued prayers

Delores Gast is suffering with bleeding on the brain which causes her to have T.I.A.'s.

Mireille Epie was in an accident, and she is also dealing with the death of her Grandmother. Please keep her family in your prayers.