



## ***FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***

June 21, 2026

10:00 am

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\*please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.

Liturgist for today's worship is Joe Hunnings.

Thanks to Killion Webster and Aran Garnett-Deakin for special music today.

### **GATHERING MUSIC**

### **WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

*This is the day that the Lord has made.*

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP\***

*Be strong, do not fear!*

**For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.**

*Let us worship the One who hears those who cry in the wilderness and who comes to rescue;*

**Let us praise and lift up God's merciful name.**

**HYMN\***

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

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PRAYER OF PRAISE\*

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

**God of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac, God of Hagar and Ishmael, who gave us your Son, Jesus Christ the crucified, send your Holy Spirit to help us confess and truly repent of our sins. We turn against one another; we fail to care for the weak and poor among us. We pay no heed to the cries of the powerless; we seek our own advantage. Your Son emptied himself upon a Roman cross and revealed your eternal, self-giving love. Forgive us, merciful God. Wipe sin from our lives and let us find ourselves wholly in Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

**[silence]**

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.  
Lord have mercy. Kyrie Eleison. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE\*  
RESPONSE TO PARDON

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**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

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

## A TIME WITH CHILDREN

GOSPEL – Matthew 10:24-39

OFFERING OF MUSIC      Aran Garnett-Deakin, Killion Webster  
*“I Will Arise”*

OLD TESTAMENT – Genesis 21:8-21

SERMON      *“From Pain to Promise”*      Dr. Linda Dickerson

## SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE

**We believe that we have been created to relate to God and each other in freedom and responsibility. We may misuse our freedom and deny our responsibility by trying to live without God and other people, or against God and other people. Yet we are still bound to them for our life and well-being, and intended for free and responsible fellowship with them. Since every human being is made for communion with God and others, we must treat no one with contempt.**

## PRAYERS /BLESSING FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Our help is in the name of the Lord,*  
**Maker of heaven and earth.**

*Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,*  
**Looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.**

BLESSING:

*As you embark on this journey towards the 227<sup>th</sup>*

*General Assembly:*

*May the Spirit disrupt your assumptions*

**And spark prophetic imagination.**

*May Christ Jesus accompany you as a healer in times of pain*

**And a joyful partner in times of celebration.**

*May God continue to call you into the wholeness of who you have been created to be,*

**The wholeness of Christ's church lived in community,**

**And the wholeness of God's kin-dom**

**Where all are free through peace. Amen.**

HYMN\*      *"Lift Every Voice and Sing"*      339

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION\*

CHORAL RESPONSE\*      295, v. 3

**Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;**

**the nights of tears give way to joyous day.**

**As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.**

**Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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LEMONADE ON THE LAWN – All are welcome!