

June 21, 2026 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

**ORDER FOR WORSHIP**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Moment for Mission** – One Prisoner, One Parish

**Preparation for Worship / Breath Prayer**

**GATHERING**

**Prelude**

**Presentation of Gifts**

**Responsive Call to Worship**

Not one sparrow will fall to the ground  
apart from their Creator.

**God tells us we are of more value  
than many sparrows.**

God knows us and loves us.  
Even the hairs of our head are all counted.

**We praise you, O God!  
Grateful are we for your love and care!**

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Opening Hymn No. 450 – *Be Thou My Vision***

**1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.**

**3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**4 High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

**Children's Song – *Where Children Belong***

**This, this is where children belong,  
welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.  
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song:  
this is where children belong.**

**Children's Moments**

**Children's Prayer**

Generous God,  
**Generous God,**  
everything we have comes from you.  
**everything we have comes from you.**  
Put your giving spirit in us  
**Put your giving spirit in us**  
so that we may see the needs of others  
**so that we may see the needs of others**  
and share generously.  
**and share generously.**  
Amen.  
**Amen.**

**CONFESSING**

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

You send us,  
God of the Great Commission,  
but we hedge and hesitate.  
Forgive our fear and our excuses.  
We are witnesses of your grace and glory  
but allow others to silence our praise.  
We imprison ourselves with doubt and shame  
and fail to shine your light for all to see.  
Forgive our fears. Free our testimony.  
Help us be your faithful disciples. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Response No. 447 – *We Are Forgiven***

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

As forgiven people, let us share the peace of Christ.  
Peace be with you.

**And also, with you.**  
Let us share this peace with one another.

## LEARNING

**Anthem** – *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry* – John Ylvisaker, arr.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Lesson** – *Genesis 21:8-21 – Hagar and Ishmail Sent Away*

**Sermon**

## RESPONDING

**\*Hymn of Response No. 49** – *The God of Abraham Praise*

**1** The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,  
the Ancient of Eternal Days, the God of love!

The Lord, the great I am, by earth and heaven confessed,  
we bow before your holy name, forever blest.

**2** Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will.  
In prophet's word you spoke of old and you speak still.  
Established is your law, and changeless it shall stand,  
deep writ upon the human heart by your strong hand.

**3** Your goodly land we seek, with peace and plenty blest,  
a land of sacred liberty and Sabbath rest.  
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,  
and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.

**4** You have eternal life implanted in the soul;  
your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.  
We praise you, living God! We praise your holy name:  
the first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.  
In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image,  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.  
Ignoring God's commandments,  
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.  
In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah  
chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.  
Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel  
from the house of bondage.  
Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.

## Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

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 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.

### Offering

### Offertory

*\*Doxology No. 606 – Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### \*Prayer of Dedication

Take our hearts, our hands,  
our gifts, Holy God.  
Mold us, shape us, send us,  
so that we might be your body  
in the world you so love. Amen.

## SENDING

*\*Sending Hymn No. 39 – Great is Thy Faithfulness*  
1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator.  
there is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

**3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

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