

WE GATHER IN CHRIST’S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC Praeludium and Fuga in C Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CENTERING SILENCE The Rev. Dr. James Butler

* UNISON INTROIT (Hymn 305, v. 1)
Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ our Lord has led us through the ages long.
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord.

* OPENING RESPONSES Evan Greif
Jesus calls us here to meet him, through word and song and prayer.
Jesus calls us to receive him—Word of Life and Lord of All.
Jesus calls us to each other, for in him there are no divides.
Where charity and love abide, God will be there.

* HYMN 35 “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” LOBE DEN HERREN

* ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Brothers and sisters, God is with us!
We are not alone!

CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT REFLECTION

UNISON CONFESSION
Before God, and with Christ’s followers, we confess our brokenness, and the ways we wound our lives and the life of the world that God so loves. We have not loved the Lord our God with all our heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as we love ourselves. We have not forgiven as we have been forgiven. With God’s pardon and the Spirit’s strength, may we walk with Jesus, our Way, our Truth, and our Life, now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 341, v. 1)
O God, show mercy to us, and bless us with your grace.
And cause us to shine upon us the brightness of your face.
So that your way most holy on earth may soon be known.
And unto every people your saving grace be shown.
Let all the people praise you; let all the nations sing.
In every land let praises and songs of gladness ring.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON Genesis 22:1-14 (Pew Bible, O.T. p.17)

ANTHEM I Am Just A Little Child Ruth Artman
Summer Choir
Kimberly Hook, flute; Cynthia Holzheimer, piano
I am just a little child, just a little lamb, so mild. As I kneel alone to pray, come into my heart to stay. Father above me, hear me and love me. Bless my mother, father too, bless all people kind and true. Bless my life and let it be full of beauty just for Thee. I am just a little child.

* GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 10:34-42 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.11)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

DEPARTING SONG (Hymn 468, v. 1 and 3)
In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified. In my life, Lord, be glorified today.
In your church, Lord, be glorified; be glorified. In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

SERMON “Priority No. 1” Dr. Butler
“Those who love father or mother more than me are not worthy of me.”

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

* HYMN 720 “Jesus Calls Us” GALILEE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

OFFERTORY *Faith of Our Fathers* arr. Charles Callahan
Kathy Sands, piano

* DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)
*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

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* HYMN 44 “Like a Mother Who Has Bourne Us” AUSTIN

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* DEPARTING MUSIC *Praise the Lord the Mighty King of Glory* Johann G. Walther
The people are welcome to depart or remain seated while the Departing Music is played.

Our Mission

To extend the gracious welcome of God in Jesus Christ through worship,
service and spiritual growth in a supportive community of faith.

Staff

- The Rev. Dr. James Butler, Pastor
- Aliyah Kennedy, Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry
- Dr. Kaori Hongo, Minister of Music
- The Rev’s Dr. Steve and Dr. Cinda Gorman, Parish Associates
- Sara Gresh, Secretary and Financial Secretary
- Kimberly Hook, Childcare Provider and Evening Receptionist
- Carolyn Fordosi, Housekeeper
- Scott Schreibman, Maintenance Custodian
- Margaret Limkemann, Minister of Music Emerita



SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
June 21, 2026
10 a.m.
