

June 21, 2026  
4th Sunday after Pentecost



**Leading Worship Today:**

**Pastor:** Brian Entz

**Lay Leader:** Larry Janski

**Accompanist:** Ralph Johansen

*Please read along with all **Bold** text  
All are invited to stand when there is an \**

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PRELUDE

Berceuse

Louis Vierne

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*I live my life in widening circles  
that reach out across the world.  
I may not complete this last one  
but I give myself to it.*

*I circle around God, around the primordial tower.  
I've been circling for thousands of years  
and I still don't know: am I a falcon,  
a storm, or a great song?  
-Rainer Maria Rilke*

GATHERING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 86

Be gracious to me, O Lord,

**for to you do I cry all day long.**

Gladden the soul of your servant,

**for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,

**abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.**

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;

**listen to my cry of supplication.**

\*OPENING HYMN

#401 Here in This Place

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The psalmist pleads, "Be mindful of your mercy, O God, and of your steadfast love." Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess the wrong we have done and the good we have left undone.

**Holy and merciful God, Source and Creator of all, we acknowledge you as the center and summit of life. We confess that too often we center ourselves; our fears, desires, worries, comforts. Too often we place another person or idea ahead of you, offering to them the attention, worship, and priority that only you are due. We confess that too often we relate to others through selfishness, fear, and apathy instead of compassion, humility, and love. Forgive us, O God, and give us a spirit of repentance that we might once again take up the way of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

*As water is poured into the font remember your baptism and that in these waters your sins are forgiven and you are named as one of God's beloved and joined to Christ forever.*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Receive the Good News: God in Christ Jesus tells us that our identity is not guilty, shameful, or sinner, rather it is beloved in whom God is pleased, precious child, and divine image bearer.

Friends in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free!

**Alleluia, Amen!**

**\*RESPONSE**

#581 The 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.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Therefore, since we have been made righteous through Christ's faithfulness, we have peace with God. Let us also share peace with one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*The people may exchange with their neighbors, by words or gesture, signs of peace and reconciliation.*

**WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Open our hearts, minds, and spirits, O God, to your word read and proclaimed as we open the scriptures once again. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh. Amen.

**FIRST READING**

Gen. 21:8-21

8 The child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. 9 But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac.[a] 10 So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac."

11 The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son.

12 But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you.

13 As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.”

14 So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

15 When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. 16 Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, “Do not let me look on the death of the child.” And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. 17 And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. 18 Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.” 19 Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

20 God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. 21 He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

Rom. 6:1-11

6 What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? 2 By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? 3 Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For whoever has died is freed[a] from sin. 8 But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10 The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN

#738 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

## THIRD READING

Matt. 10:24-39

24 “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; 25 it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

26 “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. 27 What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. 28 Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell.[a] 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. 30 And even the hairs of your head are all counted. 31 So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

32 “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, 33 but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

34 “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

35 For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,

and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,

36 and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

37 “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, 38 and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Rev. Brian Entz

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY

Andante Religioso

Felix Mendelssohn



*“Let us present ourselves to God  
as those who have been delivered from death to life.”  
To contribute to our mission and ministry online, please scan the QR code.*

\*DOXOLOGY

#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.**

\*OFFERING PRAYER

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. But why are you called a Christian?

**A. Because by faith I am a member of Christ  
and so I share in his anointing.**

**I am anointed**

**to confess his name,**

**to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks,**

**to strive with a free conscience against sin and the devil**

**in this life,**

**and afterward to reign with Christ**

**over all creation**

**for eternity.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of peace, we come before you giving thanks for the gift of this day and for the life and promise you offer the world. In the face of Jesus Christ and the movement of your Holy Spirit, your wondrous will is revealed.

Holy God, **transform this world.**

For peace in the world, between people and between nations; especially in Ukraine and Russia, Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, Iran, the United States, Sudan, and the Democratic Republic of Congo.  
Holy God, **transform this world.**

For your beautiful and diverse creation, that humanity may learn to live in harmony with all your creatures, placing care for what you have made above capitalizing from it.  
Holy God, **transform this world.**

For people who don't have enough: for those without homes, for those without food and water, for those without access to education and healthcare, for those without community and family.  
Holy God, **transform this world.**

For those in need of healing and those in recovery. Especially...  
Holy God, **transform this world.**

For those in grief and mourning. Especially...  
Holy God, **transform this world.**

For those seeking justice and an end to violence and oppression. Especially those seeking solutions to the gun violence in our country and justice for our immigrant neighbors.  
Holy God, **transform this world.**

For those seeking meaning, truth, and beauty in life. May they find in you the source and summit of all that was, is, and is to come.  
Holy God, **transform this world.**

For your Church in all its forms across the world, that we may proclaim your glory, show your love, and enact your kingdom.  
Holy God, **transform this world.**

For all other concerns and needs in our lives and in our world...  
Holy God, **transform this world.**

Holy One, as you are well pleased with Christ, help us to live in a way that will be pleasing to you. As you have called us to listen to Christ, help us to always heed his word and seek his will. These things we pray in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son, who taught 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 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.**

## SENDING

\*CLOSING HYMN

#727 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

David German

### *Loving all People, Living our Faith, and Following Jesus*

## WORSHIP NOTES

The Call to Worship is taken from Psalm 86 (NRSVUE).

All other liturgy comes/is adapted from the Book of Common Worship (2018) or is written in house.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Summer Book Study:** Inspired by Project Regeneration, the Faith Formation Committee has chosen *Field Notes for the Wilderness Practices for an Evolving Faith* by Sarah Bessey for a congregational book study. This study is open to any and everyone.

*“In this groundbreaking and nurturing book, Bessey has given us a table for our questions, a shepherd for our curiosity, tools to cultivate what we crave, and a blessing for what was—even as we leave it behind.”*

**Date:** Discussion groups will be in-person and on Zoom **August 9 (chapters 1-8) and September 13 (chapters 9-17)**. Watch for more details to follow on the discussion groups.

**Cost:** We will be purchasing books through Buffalo Books & Coffee for \$15 per book. Sign up outside the office by **Sunday, June 21st**.

**Women’s Retreat “Weekend with an Immersive God”:** Join the women of the church for a peaceful weekend of faith, fellowship, reflection, and beautiful outdoor surroundings. Come away for a refreshing time to reconnect, rest, and be immersed in God’s presence.

**Date:** Sept. 25-27

**Place:** Clearwater Forest, Deerwood, MN

**Cost:** \$160.00 plus meals

**August 1:** Deposit of \$100.00

**September 1:** Remainder of the cost

*For information on scholarships contact Pastor Brian.*

**Immigration Aid Collection:** There is a bin outside the Fellowship Hall for donations of bath and body soap, dish soap, and laundry detergent. Our immigrant neighbors are still in need of our help, let us keep loving our neighbors!

<b>Today June 21</b>	9:30am: Worship 10:30am: Coffee & Fellowship
<b>Tuesday June 23</b>	9:00am: Crafty Ladies 9:00am: Guy's Breakfast
<b>Thursday June 25</b>	7:30am: People of Faith via Zoom 10:00am: Women of Faith 5:30pm: Racial Justice Reading Group 7:30pm: Communications Meeting
<b>Sunday June 28</b>	9:30am: Worship 10:30am: Coffee & Fellowship

## ***How Can We Pray for You?***

***Scan the QR code to submit prayer requests:***



Along with the blue prayer request cards found in the pews you can also submit prayer requests on the BPC website. Scan this QR Code with your smartphone to be taken directly to the prayer request form. All prayer requests go directly to Pastor Brian.

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### **BPC Prayer List:**

- Rich Dahl
- Christy Wood
- Mary Gillis, fighting cancer
- Dennis Stanley, fighting cancer
- The Family of Marquetta Shupe
- Anne Marie Wille, Bonnie Morek's daughter
- Dennis Sletten, friend of Diane
- Sherry Sletten, friend of Diane
- Lois Lindstrom
- Madree
- Jim, Elaine Thole's brother, following a diagnosis
- Donna, a friend of Lana Kopplin, who has cancer
- Jonathon, a friend of Barb & Larry Janski
- Shannon, Virginia's former daughter-in-law
- Erva Hance
- Barb and Tom Stone
- Rochelle Tandrian, Angela's daughter
- Jodi & the family of Jim Underwood, Lanny & Shirley's son-in-law

- Brittany Daniels
- John and Charlotte Collins
- Cassie & Bryce Taylor, grandson of Lanny and Shirley Taylor
- Louise Markve
- Don Eddy
- Joseph Wille, Bonnie Morek's grandson
- Family of Rev. Kerry Carson
- Windi Willette
- Tony
- Allen, father of Jennifer Glauvitz
- Fred, brother of Arnold Leas
- The Grady Family (friends of Theresa) upon the loss of their father

# Here in This Place

## Gather Us In

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,  
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

# 738 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee  
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move  
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience, still with thee  
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray

in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;  
 by some clear, win - ning word of love;  
 in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,  
 far down the fu - ture's broad - ening way;

tell me thy se - cret; help me bear the  
 teach me the way - ward feet to stay, and  
 in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in  
 in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with

strain of toil, the fret of care.  
 guide them in the home - ward way.  
 trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.  
 thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

In honestly admitting the limits of human ability, this prayerful hymn does not seek a sense of God's presence for self-comfort but for strength and companionship in pursuing the tasks that God sets before us. The author specifically chose this tune to accompany his words.

# Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727

## The Servant Song



1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me  
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -  
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the  
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you  
 5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall



be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the  
 geth - er on the road. We are here to help each  
 night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out  
 laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and  
 find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -



grace to let you be my ser - vant too.  
 oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.  
 to you, speak the peace you long to hear.  
 sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
 geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.  
 (repeat stanza 1)

The opening and closing stanza expresses the essence of this folk-style song about the mutuality of servant ministry: those who serve must also be willing to be served. This is what Christ intended when he commanded the disciples to "wash one another's feet" (John 13:14).