

June 14, 2026
3rd Sunday after Pentecost



Leading Worship Today:

Pastor: Brian Entz

Lay Leader: Chuck Klaassen

Accompanist: Ralph Johansen

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

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"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." -Matthew 11:28-30

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. -John 20:21-22

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 116

O God, I am your servant;

I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;

you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving

and call upon your holy Name.

I will fulfill my vows to you

in the presence of all your people,

In the courts of God's house,

in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Alleluia!

*OPENING HYMN

#634 To God Be the Glory

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all and teaching us to renounce what is evil in this world. Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**

Friends remember that we are loved by God, whose mercy is abundant, and in Jesus God's mercy is given to us. Therefore, in the name of Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

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 and still our minds, O God, so that as your word is read and proclaimed we might renew our commitment as your followers today. Amen.

FIRST READING

Gen. 18:1-15

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said."⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” ¹⁰Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?”¹³The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.”¹⁵But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid. He said, “Yes, you did laugh.”p

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Rom. 5:1-8

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

#451 Open My Eyes, That I May See

THIRD READING

Matt. 9:35-10:14

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

10 Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’⁸ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. ⁹ Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰ no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food. ¹¹ Whatever town or village you enter,

find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹²As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

The Work of the People

Rev. Brian Entz

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY



*“Let us present ourselves to God
as those who have been delivered from death to life.”
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*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 Confession of Belhar

We believe

-that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ;

-that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells;

-that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world;

-that the credibility of this message is seriously affected and its beneficial work obstructed when it is proclaimed in a land which professes to be Christian, but in which the enforced separation of people on a racial basis promotes and perpetuates alienation, hatred and enmity;

-that any teaching which attempts to legitimate such forced separation by appeal to the gospel, and is not prepared to venture on the road of obedience and reconciliation, but rather, out of prejudice, fear, selfishness and unbelief, denies in advance the reconciling power of the gospel, must be considered ideology and false doctrine.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of all compassion, hear now our prayers for the world you created and love.

We pray for your Church throughout the world, for the Presbyterian Church USA, for the churches of Buffalo, and for this congregation. Continue your sanctifying work in us, by the power of your Spirit, and lead us to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ to those in need.

We pray for our country and its leaders; may they govern with justice, wisdom, humility, and peace, uplifting the dignity of each and every person, and respecting the solemn responsibility they carry.

We pray for the world; especially for Ukraine and Russia, Palestine, Lebanon, Israel, Iran, and the US, Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, and all areas in the midst of war, disaster, and distress.

We pray for your good creation; for all areas experiencing extremes of nature. Bring rain, warmth, cold, sun, and shade to all places in need of their nourishment.

We pray for those who are in need of your healing mercies. We pray especially for...

We pray for those who hunger and thirst, for those with no place to call home, for those with no community of support and companionship. Meet their needs, O God of provision, and where possible enable us to give of our bounty for their sake.

We pray for those in grief, may they find comfort in the promise that in Jesus death has lost its sting. We especially pray for...

We pray for those suffering from stress, anxiety, and loneliness; may they find relief in the loving presence of your Spirit.

We pray for all those who are spiritually hungry, for those who feel far from you, for those who seek your presence. Make yourself known to them, that they may know you in faith and love.

We pray for all people and situations that have gone unnamed; those held close in the quiet of our hearts and those known only to you...

We pray that you would deepen our faith and strengthen our commitment to you and the reign of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Holy One our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people and use us where possible to be the answer to the prayers of your people. In your great mercy, look with compassion on us and all who turn to you for help, for you are gracious, O lover of souls. To you we give glory, O blessed Trinity, now and forever, through Jesus Christ 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

#726 Will You Come and Follow Me

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Loving all People, Living our Faith, and Following Jesus

WORSHIP NOTES

The Call to Worship is taken from The Saint Helena Psalter, © 2004 The Order of Saint Helena.

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meal Kit Building: Join us as we work together to bring food to our neighbors. Ways you can donate:

- **Food:** Sign up to buy specific food for the meal kits (indicate on sign up sheet how many items you will bring)
- **Date / Time:** Help fill Meal Kits on **June 19th from 9am - 11am.**
- **Money:** For kit supplies - Place donations in the slot in the BPC office door (cash or checks to Neighbors Feeding Neighbors)

Please have all donated items to BPC by June 18th

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!

Today June 14	9:30am: Worship 10:30am: Coffee & Fellowship
Monday June 15	5:00pm: Deacons Meeting
Tuesday June 16	9:00am: Crafty Ladies 9:00am: Guy's Breakfast 6:30pm: Session Meeting
Thursday June 18	7:30am: People of Faith via Zoom 10:00am: Women of Faith 5:30pm: Racial Justice Reading Group
Friday June 19	9:00am: Meal Kit Building
Sunday June 21	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 Marquietta 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

ADORATION

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1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
 2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
 and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
 but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
 our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

Open My Eyes, That I May See 451

1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou hast for me.
 2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send - est clear.
 3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where.

Place in my hands the won - der - ful key that shall un - clasp and
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery - thing false will
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare love with thy chil - dren

set me free. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy
 dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy
 thus to share. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy

will to see. O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 will to see. O - pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 will to see. O - pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!

The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus)(A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.