

A SERVICE SONG, WORD, & TABLE
June 28, 2026

* Please rise in body or spirit.

WELCOME

PRELUDE Let Us Cheer the Weary Traveler Spiritual, arr. H.T. Burleigh
Marshal Hollingsworth, baritone

CALL TO WORSHIP

When our way seems unclear, and we are surrounded by loud and conflicting voices...
God will provide.

When we, like Abraham, are trying to be faithful and seem to have no good choices available to us...
God will provide.

When we, like Isaac, are led by those we trust into unjust and harmful situations...
God will provide.

Family in Christ, we gather today to worship God, who meets us in places of fear, confusion, and despair.

We gather to worship God, who provides a way toward abundant life when no way can be found. Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN For the Healing of the Nations UMH 428

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS Matthew 10:40-42

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM Hands Are Knockin' Kyle Pederson Chancel Choir/Brock Willard
and Amanda Porter, soloists; Jeff Cornelius, percussion

Translation: We open our minds, thanks be to God. We open our hearts, thanks be to God. We reach out our hands, thanks be to God.

HOMILY

MUSICAL RESPONSE Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service UMH 581

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Comforter, draw near,
for You have waited and watched,
as we have stumbled through the tasks of life.
Our ears have not been open to the sound of Your gentleness,
and so with frustration and anger,
we have turned on those we love and cherish
and brought hurt and division to life.
Our eyes have not noticed the beauty of our surroundings,
and in resentment of being restrained from living,
we have played our part in the changing pattern of creation,
forgetting to steward all You have made.
In prayer, we remember You invite us
to choose between the path of darkness and the path of light,
and laying our sorrow and failure on the ground,
we long for Your forgiveness to call us towards life with You.
We wait to be reshaped by the fire of Your Holy Spirit,
as new vigour spurs us to walk with You.**

Silence

God's gift of eternal life has been given in Jesus Christ, who offers us forgiveness from our sins and welcomes us to the way of holiness. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

REGATHERING HYMN Make Me a Servant TFWS 2176

INVITATION TO OFFERING & CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Faithful Provider, we bring our gifts with trembling hands and trusting hearts. Like Abraham on the mountain, we don't always understand the path ahead, but we believe in your promise: that you will provide. We offer these gifts, not as bargains or sacrifices to earn your love, but as signs of our trust in you. Use them, we pray, to bless others—to meet needs, to heal hurts, to build hope. And as you provide for the world through us, keep us faithful to your calling, even when the way is unclear. May our giving be our "Here I am," ready and willing to serve. In Christ's name, Amen.

OFFERTORY

(8:30) Dr. Daniel Cummings, piano

(11:00) The Journey Karen Marroli Chancel Choir

DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Sung responses by Karen Marroli

The Holy One be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the One who guides our life together.

It is our joy to offer gratitude and praise.

God, you never promised us that way would be clear. You have, however, created us in your image – the image of One who is Wisdom, who is Love, who is Courage. You breathed your life into us with the assurance that we have, within and around us, everything we need to be your faithful people. Though we sometimes act in disregard for your call on our collective life, still you show up with and for us, relentlessly. And so we join with all the saints who have gone before in gratitude for your abiding presence:

Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

Sacred is your presence and blessed is Christ with us.

Through the life of Jesus we saw an example of what it means to navigate an uncertain path, practice creative ministry, and face with courage and compassion all the barriers that work against your Spirit on the move.

Jesus lived and breathed a ministry rooted in your Love for all people. He prioritized the lives of those who are suffering and showed us what it looks like to be with and for one another, even under great distress. Though evil attempted to silence his proclamation of an all inclusive Kindom of God, not even death could keep Love from growing.

On the night in which he was arrested, he gathered among friends for a meal.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread and shared it with his disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is the cup of the new covenant. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of Christ with us, and in the assurance of your Love persistent, we offer our lives, our ministries, and our church in the service of your healing work as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Spirit on this community and these gifts. Make them a taste of your Kingdom through Christ with us, that we might leave the Table both nourished by your Love and still hungry for justice for all your people.

LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN IN YOUR HEART LANGUAGE)

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Amen, amen. Hosanna in the highest!

MUSIC AT COMMUNION Dr. Daniel Cummings

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP/ORDER OF FAREWELL FOR A PASTOR

* **SENDING HYMN** The Summons TFWS 2130

BENEDICTION

May God go with you, blessing you with divine provision, making paths where there were none before, and leading you into flourishing in the most impossible of places. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Dr. Daniel Cummings