

A SERVICE SONG, WORD, & TABLE
June 14, 2026

* Please rise in body or spirit.

WELCOME

PRELUDE All That I Am William Hine Good News

CALL TO WORSHIP

God meets us in surprising yet ordinary places—under a tree, in the smile of a stranger, in a refreshing breeze that comes at just the right time.

God, open our hearts to notice your presence all around us.

God speaks to us in surprising yet ordinary ways—in a well-placed word from a friend, in a prayer that comes at just the right time, in a song that resonates through our entire being.

God, open our minds to recognize your voice all around us.

God fulfills God's promises in surprising yet ordinary ways—in an unexpected act of kindness, in providing just what we need at just the right time, in sending someone to listen when we feel alone.

God, open our hands to receive your blessings all around us.

Beloved, in the surprising and ordinary ways that God shows up among us, may we meet God and our neighbors with open hearts, minds, and hands, ready to encounter God's miraculous work.

God, open our lives to receive your blessings, that we may share together in the joy, wonder, and laughter of God's miraculous works all around us.

HYMN Now Thank We All Our God UMH 102

A READING FROM THE TORAH Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)

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

Thanks be to God!

(11:00) ANTHEM New Born Again arr. Ralph Long Chancel Choir

HOMILY

MUSICAL RESPONSE Blessed Assurance (vs 1,3) UMH 369

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you reached into Abraham and Sarah's lives
and asked them to dream the impossible dream—
that you would transform what appears to have been
a barren and lifeless situation
into one overflowing with promise and hope—
and, through faith in you, they believed your promises.

**Forgive us, O God,
if we never get beyond thinking of your call on our lives
as an impossible dream or even as an unwelcome interruption.**

Faithful God,
the apostle Paul emphasizes Abraham's complete trust and faith
in your promises
and how he grew ever stronger in faith,
fully convinced of your ability to fulfil what had been promised.

**Forgive us, O God,
when we find it hard even to hear your promises
above commercial assurances of transformation—
promises tempting us to trust the newest
and trendiest product to realise our dreams.**

Merciful God,
Jesus revealed the great depth of your love
in his determination to defeat evil
even when this meant giving up his own life.

**Forgive us, O God,
when we allow the power of evil to flourish
because we fear that taking up one's cross
would be just too costly an exercise.**

Silent reflection on these words

Gracious and loving God, forgive our lack of trust in you;
Have mercy on us and forgive us.
Help us when we hesitate,

and strengthen us when we are weak

Breathe your Spirit afresh into our hearts and minds—our lives—
so that we have the courage to follow Jesus wherever he takes us.

Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

REGATHERING HYMN
2235-b

We Are Marching in the Light of God TFWS

INVITATION TO OFFERING & CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Joyful Giver of Miracles, we come to you with hearts open to the unexpected, for you are the God who surprises us with joy, even in seasons of waiting and even through our disbelief. You meet us in the ordinariness of welcome, and you plant seeds of laughter that bloom into life. As Abraham and Sarah offered their hospitality and received the promise of new life, so we offer our gifts in trust and gratitude. Bless these gifts, O God, that they may bear witness to your goodness and extend joy, hope, and welcome to the world you so love. May our giving be a reflection of our faith, and may our faith be full of laughter. In the name of the one who brings life out of impossibility, Amen.

OFFERTORY Beautiful City Stephen Schwartz Brock Willard, tenor

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 to God.

Let us give thanks to God, in whose image we are made.

To the Creator of all, we give thanks and praise.

Divine Protector, Defender of Life, your love for this world is everlasting. As oceans burn and species go extinct, our children are made vulnerable at school and our neighbors are denied at our borders, there is so much reason to despair. But you, O God, refuse to abandon us to destruction. Christ takes on flesh. In the midst of struggle, you are glimpses of hope, encounters

of freedom, tastes of what satisfies when so much leaves empty. In these incarnate moments, we sense the closeness of your Kindom.

**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!**

You, O God, reorder the world into right-relationship.
You lift high those made low.
You humble the arrogant.
You hear the earth groaning under capitalism and consumption
and your fire burns in the hearts of your prophets.
With this hope and assurance, we turn to the witness of Jesus whose teachings reveal the way to liberation. We seek his wisdom. We practice his courage. We remember his radical commitment to love.
On the night of his arrest, Jesus shared a meal with his companions.
He took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to his disciples and said:
“This is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”
After the meal, he took the cup, blessed it, and shared it saying:
“This cup that is poured out is the new covenant.”
In remembrance of the love that saves us,
we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

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

May the Spirit come and settle upon these gifts. Making this bread and this cup be for us a Holy Encounter. Reminding us that Christ is with us. That Resurrection is a promise granted to us. That the Kindom is always closer than we can imagine.
May we be nourished, that we might nourish others.

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

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BENEDICTION

Go now, in the blessing of God who meets us where we are and surprises us with new life where none seemed possible. May we be a people who embody God's miracle called laughter as we work for the flourishing of all creation as the family of God. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Dr. Daniel Cummings