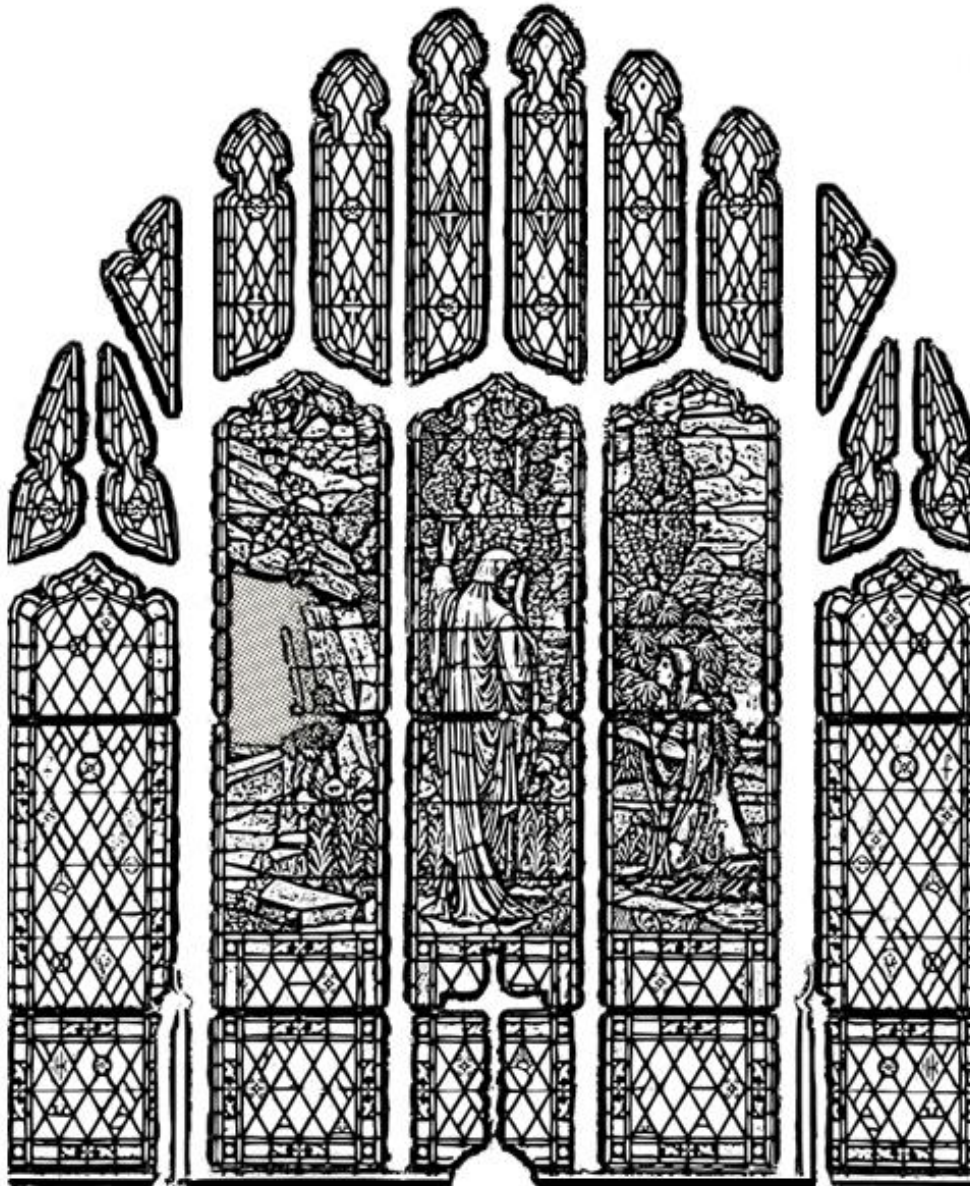


# MT. LEBANON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Sunday, June 7, 2026, 8:30AM & 10:45AM

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The Second Sunday after Pentecost

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**Sunday, June 7, 2026 – The Second Sunday after Pentecost - add choral valediction  
(Lutkin)**

*God told Abraham to head out for parts unknown. With little more than a promise, Abraham leaves everything behind. When God calls us, we must be prepared to be swept off to God knows where. Like Abraham, we may not have a map or a good set of directions, but faith means trusting God and moving forward through uncertainty.*

*\*Indicates an invitation to stand in spirit or posture, as able.*

**The Prelude**                      *Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten* (BWV 642)                      JS Bach (1685-1750)

**The Introit (10:45)**                      *The Promised Land*                      THE SACRED HARP (1991), #128

**\*Opening Hymn**                      **“If thou but suffer God to guide thee”**                      **UMH 142**

**\*The Greeting & Call to Worship**

∇ The Lord be with you.

℞ **And also with you.**

∇ Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you.”

℞ **“I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.”**

∇ Praise the Lord!

℞ **May we be a blessing, Lord.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

*Said by all, with one voice.*

**Intimate Friend, weave your holy journey into our hearts and steps.**

**Let your story illumine our path, so as we face fears and betrayals,**

**we may still walk toward your promise.**

**May your words be our guide. Amen.**

**\*Silent Prayer**

**Draw the circle, draw the circle wide,  
draw the circle, draw the circle wide,  
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide. (*sung twice*)**

**Draw the circle, draw it wider still  
Let this be our song: no one stands a lone  
Standing side by side, draw the circle, draw the circle wide.**

### **A Message for Young Disciples (10:45 am)**

*As the young disciples gather at the front of the church, all sing:*

**This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.  
Water, God's word, bread and cup, prayer and song: This is where children belong.**

*The young disciples (school-age children) then depart the sanctuary for Kids Praise. Teachers will lead them back to the sanctuary prior to the conclusion of the service. Nursery is available for younger children; please see an usher for directions.*

### **The First Lesson**

### **A Reading from Genesis**

**GEN. 12:1-9**

The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. The Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord. Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

**Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
People: Thanks be to God.**

\*The Second Lesson

A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

MT. 9:9-13, 18-26

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, "My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live." Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples. Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed." Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed at that moment.

When Jesus entered the synagogue leader's house and saw the noisy crowd and people playing pipes, he said, "Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him. After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. News of this spread through all that region.

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**The Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

*Said by all, with one voice.*

**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, the power, and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

## **\*The Sign of Peace**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*The people are now invited to share signs of peace with their fellow members of Christ's body.  
Extended conversation would ideally and most appropriately be reserved until the end of the service.*

## **Announcements**

### ***At the Offertory***

**The Offertory Hymn (8:30 am)**

**"Close to Thee"**

**UMH 407**

The Anthem (10:45 am)

*Wake up, Church!*

P. Choplin

## **\*The Doxology & Prayer of Dedication**

**UMH 94**

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

### **\*The Great Thanksgiving**

**This morning's communion setting is by Mark Miller,  
found in *The Faith We Sing*, Page 2257**

∇ The Lord be with you.

℞ **And also with you.**

∇ Lift up your hearts.

℞ **We lift them up to the Lord.**

∇ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

℞ **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The pastor continues in prayer, and concludes with the following words:*

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory:**

**Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the one who comes**

**in the name of the Lord:**

**Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.**

**Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

*The pastor continues in prayer, and concludes with the following words:*

... all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

**Amen! Amen! Amen!**

**Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

## Giving of the Bread & Cup

### Hymn during Communion

### "The Summons"

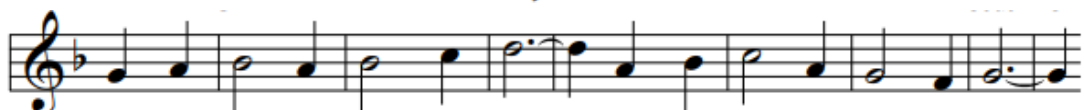
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- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?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



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.



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.



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.

## Prayer following Communion

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
You have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your son our savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of his body and blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage to love and serve You  
with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### \*The Sending Hymn

"Marching to Zion"

UMH 733

*Sung in procession*

### \*The Dismissal

☩. Let us bless the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God.

### \*The Benediction

#### \*The Choral Valediction

*The Lord bless you and keep you*

Peter Lutkin (1858-1931)

#### The Postlude

*Epilogue*

Norman Gilbert (1912-1975)

*The people remain in place until the altar party has retired.*

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## Prayer Concerns

**Clark Remington**, recently hospitalized.

**Fred Leasure**, recovering from a surgical procedure received this week.

**Gayle Radnich**, who received a recent diagnosis of a health condition.

**Chris Dooley**, relative of Louanne Baily, and his family, as he undergoes treatment for cancer.

**David Barber**, son of Gloria Barber, suffering from cancer and recovering from a recent stroke.

**Gary Henry**, undergoing cancer treatment.

**Norma Buhrman**, enduring serious illness.

For those serving their country or community as first responders or in the armed forces, especially:

SPC Russell Dale - CPT Shaun Hay - LTC Azizi Wesmiller - LTC Matthew Wesmiller

2LT Keith Cable - LTC Zachary Allen Finch - CPL Wyatt Hoover

*We pray for victims of violence in our nation and around the world.*

*This week, we remember and pray for Christ's body throughout the world, especially remembering this week the church in Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, and Eswatini. (Prayer Cycle of the World Council of Churches).*

*Leaders in Worship this Morning*

SAMANTHA BAKER AND AGNES ALEXANDER, ACOLYTES

GLEN CONNELL. CROSS BEARER

JOETA D'ESTE (8:30AM) AND LIZZIE DILLER (10:45AM), LECTORS

THE CHOIR OF THE MT. LEBANON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MR. A. MITCHELL V. STECKER, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & ORGANIST

THE REV'D THOMAS Q. STRANDBURG, SENIOR PASTOR

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*The altar flowers this morning given by  
Kirby Dilworth  
to the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
John Robert Middleton.*

*To provide flowers for a future service of worship, please call the church office  
at 412-531-7131, or use the form linked through the QR code below.*

