

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

of Wausau, Wisconsin

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 2026

GATHERING

** Please rise in body or spirit where indicated.
Text in **bold type** is to be spoken or sung in unison*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prayer

Michael Larkin

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us sing of God's steadfast love forever;

With my mouth I will proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations.

Let us declare that God's steadfast love is established forever;

God's faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

*OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, you welcome us all. Your loving-kindness is a gift to all who receive it.

Teach us your ways, reveal your promises, and let your Holy Spirit rest upon us,

that we might welcome others as you welcome us, in the name of Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN

O Lord, You Are Our God and King

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1 O Lord, you are my God and King,
and I will ever bless your name;
I will extol you every day,
and evermore your praise proclaim.
You, Lord, are greatly to be praised;
your greatness is beyond our thought;
all generations shall tell forth
the mighty wonders you have wrought.

2 How rich in grace are you, O Lord,
full of compassion, merciful,
your anger always slow to rise;
your steadfast love you show to all,
for you are good in all your ways;
your creatures know your constant care.
To all your works your love extends;
all souls your tender mercies share.

3 Your works will give you thanks, O Lord;
your saints your mighty acts will show,
till all the peoples of the earth
your kingdom, power, glory know.
Eternal is your kingdom, Lord,

forever strong, forever sure;
while generations rise and die,
your high dominion will endure.

CALL TO CONFESSION

As we try to grow toward righteousness, we present ourselves to God in a spirit of honesty, naming where we still obey sin and death instead of goodness and life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who provides our every need, you have given us countless gifts. You have welcomed us for all of who we are. You have showered us with steadfast love. You have freely given us eternal life in Christ Jesus. We do not deserve these gifts. We take them and squander them. We continue to trust ourselves more than we trust you. We fail to embrace others as you have embraced us.

Accept our confession. Be our glory and our strength for the days to come, our strength, shield, and deliverer.

Please continue in silent reflection and your personal prayer of confession.

SUNG RESPONSE

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

286, v. 2

**Breathe on me, Breath of God; until my heart is pure,
Until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Part of God's provision for all of us is a well of forgiveness that never runs dry.

Thanks be to God!

May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

SUNG RESPONSE

You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!

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**You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy, Holy, Holy One, guide us by the Spirit of truth to hear the Word of life you speak, and to give all glory, honor, and praise to your threefold name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 13, OT p. 494

¹ How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

² How long must I bear pain in my soul

and have sorrow in my heart all day long?

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

³ Consider and answer me, O Lord my God!

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,

⁴ and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed";
my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

⁵ But I trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

⁶ I will sing to the Lord
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Breath of God

arr. Jason W. Krug

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 22:1-14, OT p. 17

²² After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ² He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." ⁶ Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together. ⁷ Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸ Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." And the two of them walked on together.

⁹ When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹² He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide," as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

MESSAGE

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN

How Long, O Lord

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¹ How long, O Lord, will you forget
an answer to my prayer?
No tokens of your love I see;
your face is turned away from me;
I wrestle with despair!

² How long, O Lord, will you forsake
and leave me in this way?
When will you come to my relief?
My heart is overwhelmed with grief,

by evil night and day!

3 How long, O Lord? But you forgive
with mercy from above.
I find that all your ways are just;
I learn to praise you and to trust
in your unfailing love!

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from A Brief Statement of Faith

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. God has given us life and resources for it, so let us give in return.

OFFERTORY

You are invited to use the time of offering to reflect on how you show your gratitude to God, whether through acts of service or through sharing of resources. Offering plates are available at the doors to leave a gift before or immediately after the service, or you may give online at www.firstpreswausau.org or through your Realm login.

***SUNG RESPONSE**

Spirit, Open My Heart

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**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love, may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Voice in the wilderness, Lamb upon the tree, Wind carrying the Word of salvation to the world—you who are the One in Three, thank you for calling us by name, for providing for our needs, for freeing us to live in union with Christ. We offer to you what you have given to us in joy with love for the common good. Bless gifts, givers, and receivers so that we can give you our richest praise in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING OUT

***HYMN**

This Is My Song

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1 This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

2 My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations:
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Heartsounds

David Lanz

Following worship, all are invited to the Parlor for a time of refreshment and fellowship.

Thank you to those who helped us with worship today:

Rev. Rachel A. Wann, senior pastor
Katherine Wright, liturgist
Kim Reisinger, guest pianist
Mary Anderson, Susie Pichotta, Katherine Wright, Shauna Zell, handbells
Chuck Schlitz, minute for mission
Rick Builer, sound and video
Bethel Team, hospitality
Steve Martinson, doorkeeper
Mary Anderson, bulletin assembly