

MT. LEBANON EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
COMMUNION SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
Sunday, September 6, 2026

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Majesty" (Here I Am) Gerrard

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The LORD is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

People: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?

Leader: We can face every circumstance through Christ who gives us strength.

People: We will not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD our God is with us wherever we go.

Leader: Therefore, we will not be anxious, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, we will bring our requests to God.

People: God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-control.

Leader: In our weakness, Christ meets us. In our anxieties, His presence anchors us.

People: And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

All: Thanks be to God! Let us worship God together.

OPENING HYMN "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" #151

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and merciful God, You call us to be strong and courageous, but too often we allow fear to enter our prayers and worry to rule our hearts. You promise to be with us wherever we go, yet we sometimes choose to face life on our own. Forgive us when we trust in our own strength instead of Yours. Forgive us when anxiety overwhelms us and discouragement weakens our faith. Forgive us from looking for peace in the world rather than from You. Renew our faith, O Lord. Give us courage to follow where You lead, to trust You in every circumstance, and the ability to rest in Your unfailing presence. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.

People: As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgression from us.

Leader: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE "You Are My All in All" #583

CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

TIME FOR GREETING

GLORIA PATRI "Glory Be to the Father" #813

SCRIPTURE READING Joshua 1:1-9
Philippians 4: 6-9, 11b -13

SERMON "Living with Fortitude" Rev. Cinda Isler

PASTORAL PRAYER

CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day, He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there, He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Be Strong in the Lord"

Tom Fettke

DOXOLOGY

#815

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host . Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & 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.

CLOSING HYMN

"Peace Like a River"

#750

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Praise to the Lord"

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