

**Montevallo Presbyterian Church**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost | July 5, 2026**

Prelude      “Restoration” (arr. Larry Shackley)                      Cathy Shelton

Welcome and Invitation to Worship

Call to Worship                      (from Psalm 145)                      Liturgist, Casey Pilgrim

The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

**The Lord is good to all;**

he has compassion on all he has made.

**Lord; your faithful people extol you.**

They tell of the glory of your kingdom

**The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.**

Opening Prayer

Hymn #634

**“To God be the Glory”**

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

**Father, we ask Your forgiveness - we have sinned.**

**We look to the kingdom of man for our salvation.**

**We look to each other for our worthiness.**

**We look to our self-righteousness for our validations.**

**Help us to turn to Your face for grace.**

**Help us look to your Son for our salvation.**

**Help us seek true righteousness with You in this life.**

Assurance of God’s Forgiveness

Musical Response      “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now  
and ever shall be. Amen.***

The Peace

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading      Zachariah 9:9-10      (From *The Message*)

“Shout and cheer, Daughter Zion!  
Raise your voice, Daughter Jerusalem!  
Your king is coming!  
    a good king who makes all things right,  
    a humble king riding a donkey,  
    a mere colt of a donkey.  
I’ve had it with war—no more chariots in Ephraim,  
    no more war horses in Jerusalem,  
    no more swords and spears, bows and arrows.  
He will offer peace to the nations,  
    a peaceful rule worldwide,  
    from the four winds to the seven seas.

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Duet      “Take Up Your Cross, The Savior Said”  
    Eli Hollingsworth, Chip Lajeunesse

<sup>25-26</sup> Abruptly Jesus broke into prayer: “Thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth. You’ve concealed your ways from sophisticates and know-it-alls, but spelled them out clearly to ordinary people. Yes, Father, that’s the way you like to work.”

<sup>27</sup> Jesus resumed talking to the people, but now tenderly. “The Father has given me all these things to do and say. This is a unique Father-Son operation, coming out of Father and Son intimacies and knowledge. No one knows the Son the way the Father does, nor the Father the way the Son does. But I’m not keeping it to myself; I’m ready to go over it line by line with anyone willing to listen.

<sup>28-30</sup> “Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.”

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “Unforced Rhythms of Grace”

Hymn # 450 “Be Thou My Vision”

Announcements and Invitations to Discipleship

Prayers of the People

“Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you taught us to pray, and to offer our petitions to you in his name. Guide us by your Holy Spirit, that our prayers for others may serve your will and show your steadfast love; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Let us pray for the world:**

**God our creator, you made all things in your wisdom,  
and in your love you save us.**

**We pray for the whole creation.**

**Overthrow evil powers, right what is wrong,  
feed and satisfy those who thirst for justice,  
so that all your children may freely enjoy the earth you have made,  
and joyfully sing your praises; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.”**

Offering / Offertory      “America, the Beautiful”

Doxology                      “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.***

***Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!***

***Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.***

***Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

The Sacrament of Communion

The Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, our creator. You have given us life and second birth in your Spirit. Once we were no people, but now we are your people. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this as our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith.

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

According to his Commandment:

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming again.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,  
you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
We proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

As Christ our Savior taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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.**

### Breaking of The Bread

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.

### Communion of the People

Sisters and Brothers, these gifts from God are for the People of God. Come to the table.

*During the distribution of the elements, the people sing “Feed Us, Lord”.*

### Prayer after Communion

**Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### A Time for Children

“These Treasured Children”

**These treasured children present now  
are bound to us by sacred vow:  
with love, we make a heartfelt claim  
to welcome them in Jesus’ name.**

### Charge and Blessing

Postlude    **“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”**

**vv. 1, 2**

**I'm gonna live so (live so) God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, any time.**

**I'm gonna live so (live so) God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, any time.**

**I'm gonna work so (work so) God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, any time.**

**I'm gonna work so (work so) God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, any time.**