

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2026

Welcome



Gathering Music

"Wherever You May Go" (MV # 216)



Announcements

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday, Happy Birthday
We Love You
Happy Birthday and may all your dreams come true
When you blow out your candles,
One remains aglow
Its the love-light in your eyes
Where e'er you go



Light the Christ Candle

Lighting a single candle symbolising Christ as the light of the world has become a treasured tradition in our congregation, just as in many others. We light the candle, symbolising hope in our chaotic world. Amen.



A still life scene featuring a white table in the foreground. On the table, there is a white candle with a purple and blue patterned base, a small potted cactus in an orange pot, and a small white object. In the background, a window with wooden frames is visible, showing a view of a building. The scene is lit with warm, natural light.

Prelude

“O Love That will Not Let Me Go”

Call to Worship

Brothers and Sisters, take time to smell the flowers, to roll down a grassy hill, to make a dandelion necklace and bask in the warmth of our God. We gather to rest in God.

We slow down the pace of our life, take a deep breath, share a cup of coffee with a friend and bask in the warmth of our God. We gather to rest in God.

Enter this sacred space, wait for the Spirit to stir, feel Christ lift your burdens and bask in the warmth of our God. We gather to rest in God. **Amen.**

1 Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
come to my heart today.
Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.



2 Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
fill me with love today.

Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.



3 Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
Answer my prayer today.
Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.



Prayer of Confession

God of new life, we come to this time and place, feeling raw and vulnerable. We know that too often we forget about your constant love; we look for love in all the wrong places, and we put our trust and life in all the wrong things. And yet, we continue to come, bearing the hope of transformation that is only possible in and through you. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Through the sound of water, we hear vibrancy.
Through the touch of water, we feel calm.
Through the taste of water, we experience
refreshment.

**God's living waters are ever-present in our lives,
offering constant love through vibrant, calm, and
refreshing encounters. God is a God of
abundance and relationship. And for that we
rejoice ! Amen.**

Time with the Young People
with Rev. Yun-Hee

Children Song (VU # 958)
"Halle, Halle, Halle" led by Jan

Children Song (VU#958)

“Halle, Halle, Halle”

led by Jan

**Halle, halle, Hallelujah !
Halle, halle, Hallelujah !
Halle, halle, Hallelujah !
Hallelujah Hallelujah !**



We Share Our Gifts

Musical Offering VU # 540

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully



Offering Prayer

God, we offer these gifts to you now, as a symbol of all that we are and all that we have. May these gifts of money, and the varied gifts that each of us offers – gifts of time, talent, energy, and love – continue to empower the work of the Church, your people, in the world. Amen.

The Scriptures

read by Al.

First Reading

Genesis 24:34 – 51

So he said, “I am Abraham’s servant. The LORD has blessed my master abundantly, and he has become wealthy. He has given him sheep and cattle, silver and gold, male and female servants, and camels and donkeys. My master’s wife Sarah has borne him a son in her old age, and he has given him everything he owns. And my master made me swear an oath, and said, ‘You must not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live, but go to my father’s family and to my own clan, and get a wife for my son.’”

“Then I asked my master, ‘What if the woman will not come back with me ?’

“He replied, ‘The LORD, before whom I have walked faithfully, will send his angel with you and make your journey a success, so that you can get a wife for my son from my own clan and from my father’s family. You will be released from my oath if, when you go to my clan, they refuse to give her to you - then you will be released from my oath.’

“When I came to the spring today, I said, ‘LORD, God of my master Abraham, if you will, please grant success to the journey on which I have come. See, I am standing beside this spring. If a young woman comes out to draw water and I say to her, “Please let me drink a little water from your jar,” and if she says to me, “Drink, and I’ll draw water for your camels too,” let her be the one the LORD has chosen for my master’s son.’

“Before I finished praying in my heart, Rebekah came out, with her jar on her shoulder. She went down to the spring and drew water, and I said to her, ‘Please give me a drink.’

“She quickly lowered her jar from her shoulder and said, ‘Drink, and I’ll water your camels too.’ So I drank, and she watered the camels also.

“I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you ?’

“She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel son of Nahor, whom Milkah bore to him.’

“Then I put the ring in her nose and the bracelets on her arms, and I bowed down and worshiped the LORD. I praised the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me on the right road to get the granddaughter of my master’s brother for his son. Now if you will show kindness and faithfulness to my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so I may know which way to turn.”

Laban and Bethuel answered, “This is from the LORD; we can say nothing to you one way or the other. Here is Rebekah; take her and go, and let her become the wife of your master’s son, as the LORD has directed.”



Second Reading

Matthew 11:25 –30

At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

“All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

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ARE HEAVY LADEN, AND

by Rev. Yun-Hee

Message

Hymn VU # 244

“Sing Your Praise to God Eternal”

- 1 Sing your praise to God eternal,
sing your praise to God the Son,
sing your praise to God the Spirit,
living and forever One.
God has made us, God has blessed us,
God has called us to be true.
God rules over all Creation,
daily making all things new.

2 Join the praise of every creature,
 sing with singing birds at dawn;
when the stars shine forth at nightfall,
 hear their heavenly antiphon.
Praise God for the light of summer,
 autumn glories, winter snows,
for the coming of the springtime
 and the life of all that grows.

3 Praise God on our days of gladness
for the summons to rejoice;
praise God in our times of sadness
for the calm, consoling voice.
God our Maker, strong and loving,
Christ our Saviour, Leader, Lord,
living God, Creator Spirit,
be your holy name adored !

Prayers of the People

Loving and compassionate God, we come to you with open hearts. We ask that we may allow ourselves to be shaped and moulded by your vision for the world, for your beautiful Creation.

Bless us with courage to take new risks, boldness to be adventurous, and faith to know your presence. Inspire us to open our eyes to fresh vision. Awaken us to our creative possibilities, enabling us, as empowered artists, to transform our lives, and the life of the world.

At this time, we lift up in prayer all those connected to our community, and the many prayers that are on our collective hearts this day: (*Moment of silent prayer.*)

Caring God, for all on journeys, seeking answer to prayer – for healing or comfort, strength in trying times and joy in shared times, and wisdom and love in all times:

Forever changing, constantly created in your image, loving God, may the inspiration from this community, from these relationships, and from our relationship with you, cause us to take inspiration and life out into the world, as we continue to learn together and worship you. We offer all of these prayers – those spoken aloud, and those too deep for words – to you. Amen.



VU#960

**Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowéd 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

1.

He leadeth me: O blessed thought !
O words with heavenly comfort fraught !
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain

**He leadeth me ! He leadeth me !
By his own hand he leadeth me !
His faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me !**

2.

Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom,
sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
by waters calm, o'er troubled sea,
still 'tis his hand that leadeth me.

Refrain

**He leadeth me ! He leadeth me !
By his own hand he leadeth me !
His faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me !**

3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,
nor ever murmur nor repine,
content, whatever lot I see,
since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

Refrain

**He leadeth me ! He leadeth me !
By his own hand he leadeth me !
His faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me !**

4 And when my task on Earth is done,
when by thy Grace the victory's won,
even death's cold wave I will not flee,
since God through Jordan leadeth me.

Refrain

**He leadeth me ! He leadeth me !
By his own hand he leadeth me !
His faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me !**



Blessing

From this time of sacred rest,
God invites us to go, refreshed
and renewed, stronger and
wiser.

From this time of sacred rest, we go, bearing a yoke that is easy and leaving behind the burdens that belong to God. Let us go in peace.

The Grace of Christ attend you, the Love of God surround you, and the Holy Spirit keep you. **Amen.**

Commissioning “Go Now in Peace”

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true.

Know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love and show you believe.

*Reach out to others
so all the world can see.*

*God will be there within,
around, above.*

*Go now in peace,
in faith and in love.*

Amen, amen, amen.





**God, we thank you for
being with us.**

**Thank you Congregation
for worshipping today
in person and by Zoom !
and
thank you for your
participation !**

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