

Come to Believe  Come to Belong

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
JUNE 21, 2026

PRELUDE

Rob Aaron

*“Come to believe, Come to belong, Come to receive, the promise of God”*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*Amen*

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen*

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Therefore, let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

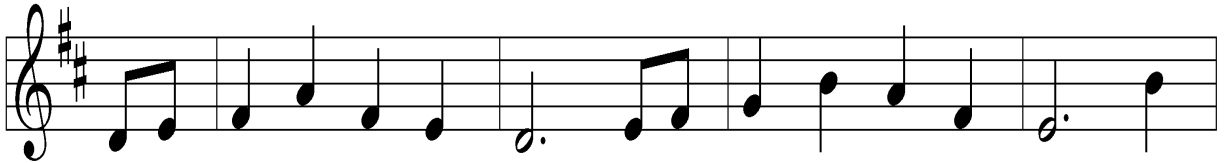
*(Silence for self-reflection)*

**Most merciful God, We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. *Amen.***

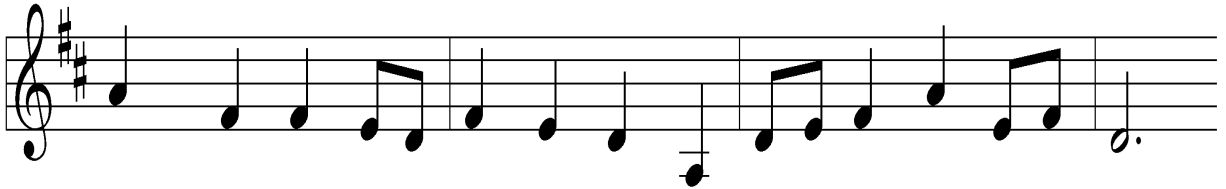
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen*

## GATHERING SONG

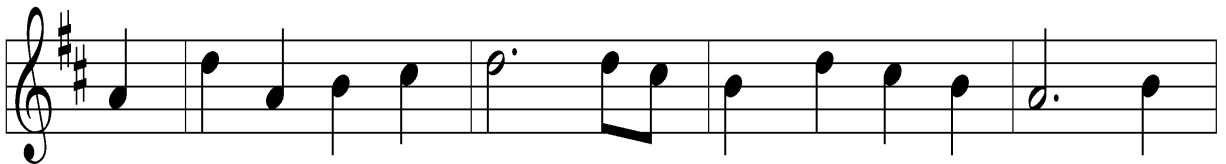
*"This is My Father's World"*



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all  
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the  
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,



na-ture sings, and round me rings the mu-sic of the spheres.  
morn-ing light, the lil-y white, de-clare their mak-er's praise.  
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul-er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of  
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the  
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.  
rus-ling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.  
Lord is king, let the heav-ens ring; God reigns, let the earth be glad!

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

# KYRIE (Lord, have mercy)

*Refrain*



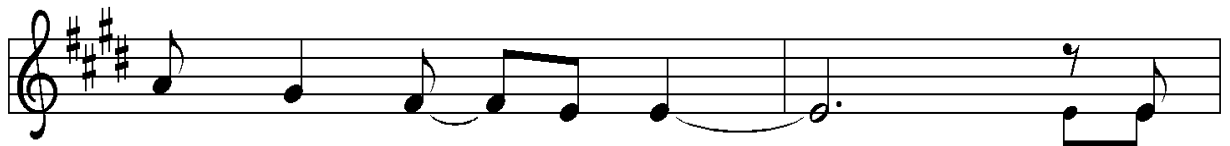
Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



*Refrain*

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray together... **Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, but knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**            *“Yes, My Lord”*

## **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

### **FIRST READING**

Jeremiah 20:7-13

<sup>7</sup> O LORD, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. <sup>8</sup> For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, “Violence and destruction!” For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. <sup>9</sup> If I say, “I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,” there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. <sup>10</sup> For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! “Denounce him! Let us denounce him!” say all my close friends, watching for my fall. “Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him.” <sup>11</sup> But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. <sup>12</sup> O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. <sup>13</sup> Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18

<sup>7</sup> For it is for your sake that I have borne reproach,  
**that dishonor has covered my face.**

<sup>8</sup> I have become a stranger to my brothers,  
**an alien to my mother's sons.**

<sup>9</sup> For zeal for your house has consumed me,  
**and the reproaches of those who reproach  
you have fallen on me.**

<sup>10</sup> When I wept and humbled my soul with fasting,  
**it became my reproach.**

<sup>16</sup> Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good;  
**according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.**

<sup>17</sup> Hide not your face from your servant,  
**for I am in distress; make haste to answer me.**

<sup>18</sup> Draw near to my soul, redeem me;  
**ransom me because of my enemies!**

## SECOND READING

Romans 6:1-11

<sup>1</sup> What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over



dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. <sup>28</sup> And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup> Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup> So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

<sup>34</sup> “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. <sup>36</sup> And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. <sup>37</sup> Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. <sup>38</sup> And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ!**

**SERMON**

Pastor Gary Heltsley



# HYMN OF THE DAY

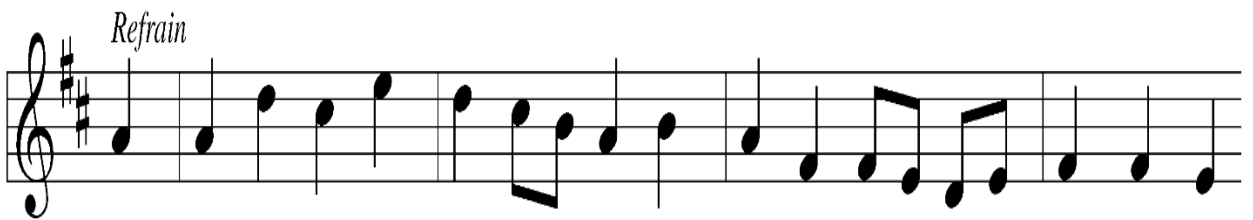
## "He Leadeth Me"



- 1 He lead-eth me: oh, bless-ed thought! Oh, words with heav'n-ly com-fort fraught!
- 2 Some-times mid scenes of deep-est gloom, some-times where E - den's bow-ers bloom,
- 3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ev - er mur - mur nor re - pine;
- 4 And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the vic-t'ry's won,



What-e'er I do, wher-e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead-eth me.  
by wa - ters calm, o'er trou-bled sea, still 'tis God's hand that lead-eth me.  
con - tent, what-ev - er lot I see, since 'tis my God that lead-eth me.  
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jor - dan lead-eth me.



He lead-eth me, he lead-eth me, by his own hand he lead-eth me.



His faith-ful fol-l'wer I would be, for by his hand he lead-eth me.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Amen.*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P) Let us pray for the Church, the world, and one another.

*A brief silence is kept.*

Let all Christians be eager witnesses to the love of Jesus. Free the Church *from* worldly preoccupations. Free her *to* announce and share with the world the Gospel of salvation.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Fashion this congregation into a missionary outpost; a school for discipleship; a place of generous service; and a temple resounding with your praise. Teach us simple ways of sharing your love with everyone we meet; and give us the strength and will to do them.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Fill the leaders of nations with righteousness, wisdom, and integrity. Help us to live, insofar as it's up to us, at peace with our neighbors, even when we're annoyed with them. Help us to care for one another, even when we're stressed out and stretched thin. And help us to forgive each other, even when that seems hard.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Heavenly Father, in you, all good and faithful fatherhood finds its source, guide, and fulfillment. Bless all fathers, and all who act with a father's love. Fill them with your Spirit of wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, knowledge and fear of the Lord, and joy in your presence. Grant that in their care, all children find protection, guidance, and love.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Bring health and gladness to all whose lives are shadowed by pain, suffering or sorrow – especially for those we name aloud or silently in our hearts (*allow time for silent or spoken prayers*). Be their light and life, their guide and joy. Raise them up from the dark valleys in which they wander. Give compassion, gentleness, and patience to all who care for them.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Father, we entrust our beloved dead into your care. Hold them in the palm of your hand. Keep us firm in faith and constant in affection. By the Cross of your beloved Son, lead us safely into your presence. There, with all whom you have redeemed and raised up, grant that we may delight in praising your goodness and mercy forever.

Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

P) Hear our prayers, dear Father, and grant to us the grace of your Holy Spirit. For the sake of your beloved Son, answer them as may be best for us and give you glory. *Amen.*

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

### OFFERING



#### OFFERTORY *Doxology*

**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. *A-men***

### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together...**Loving God, we give you thanks for the generous gifts you have first given us. May that which we offer to you, come joyfully from our hearts and be pleasing in your sight. *Amen.***



### DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

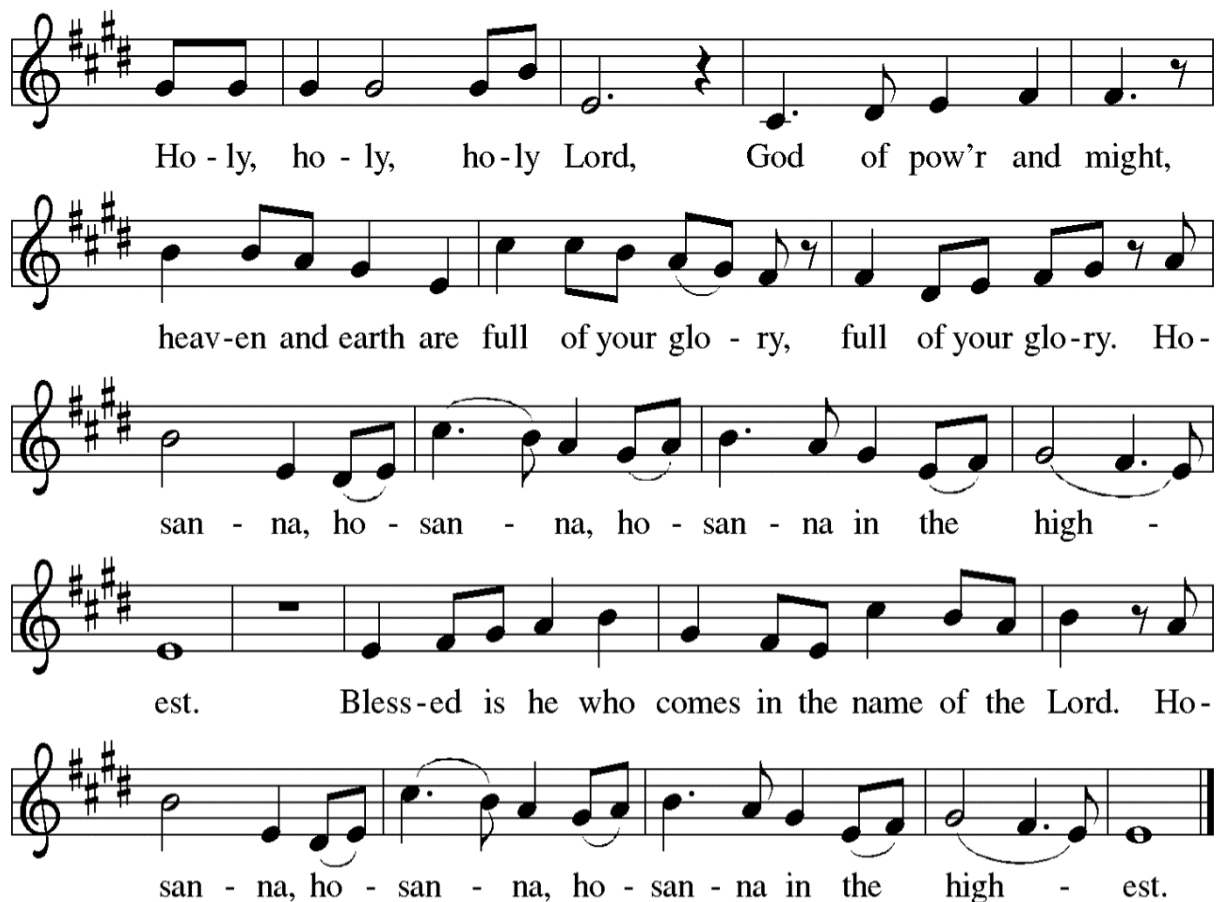
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is indeed right...and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION



### THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Sung)*

*Our Father, which 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*

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION** – We believe and teach that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine/juice, which are his body and blood. All who trust in Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table (*the red liquid is wine; the white liquid is grape juice*).



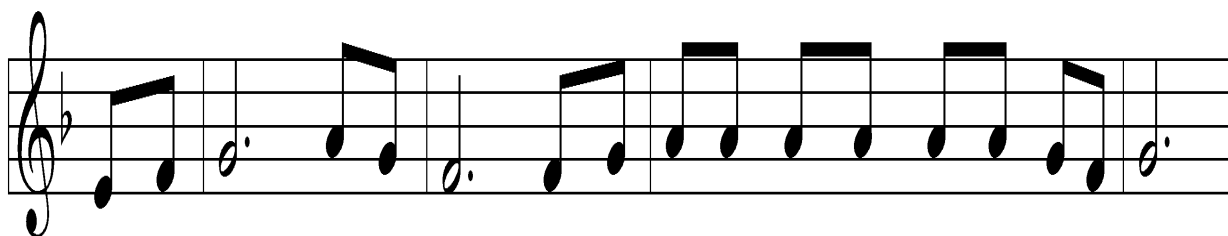
*"Lamb of God"*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us.*

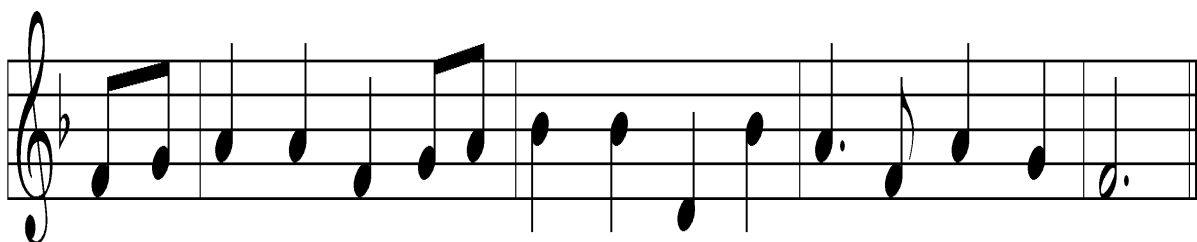
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Have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.*

*"He is Lord"*

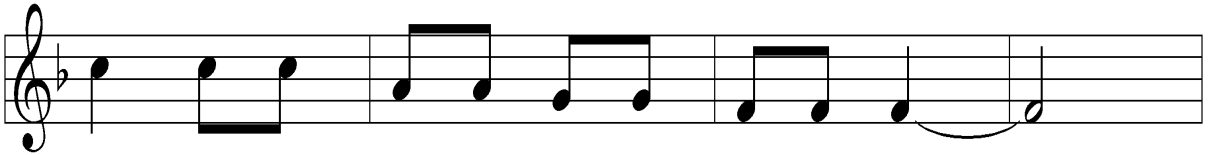


1 He is Lord, he is Lord, he is ris-en from the dead and he is Lord;  
2 To re-main in con-trol Christ did not con-sid-er some-thing to be held.  
3 For our sins Je-sus died, tak-ing on our blame and shame up-on a cross.  
4 He is Lord, he is Lord, he is ris-en from the dead and he is Lord;



ev-'ry knee shall bow, ev-'ry tongue con-fess that Je-sus Christ is Lord.  
But he took the form of a hu-man child, more ser-vant than a lord.  
Then God lift-ed Christ to the high-est place, that we could name our Lord!  
ev-'ry knee shall bow, ev-'ry tongue con-fess that Je-sus Christ is Lord.

*“Come Let Us Eat”*



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
3 In . . . . his pres - ence now we meet and rest,  
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



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Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,  
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,  
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,  
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

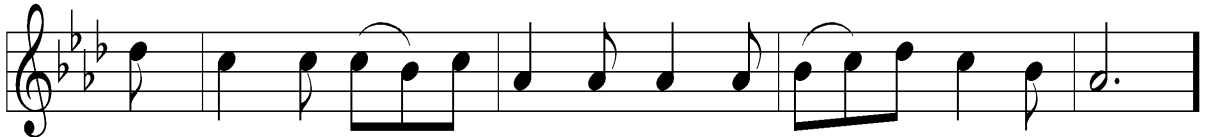


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"There is a Name I Love to Hear"



1 There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;  
2 It tells me of a Sav-ior's love, who died to set me free;  
3 It tells me what my mak-er hath in store for ev-'ry day;  
4 It tells of one whose lov-ing heart can feel my deep-est woe,

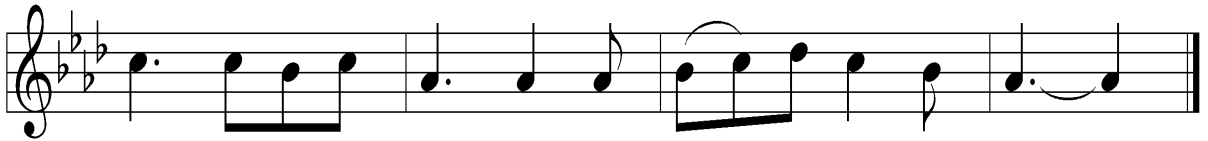


it sounds like mu-sic in my ear, the sweet-est name on earth.  
it tells me of his pre-cious blood, the sin-ner's per-fect plea.  
and though I tread a dark-some path, yields sun-shine all the way.  
who in each sor-row bears a part that none can bear be-low.

*Refrain*



Oh, how I love Je-sus, oh, how I love Je-sus,



oh, how I love Je-sus, be-cause he first loved me!

*Jesus loves you*

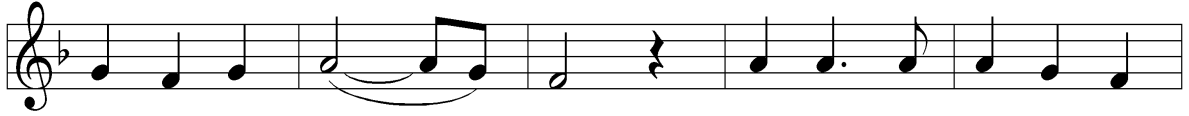


**"Bind Us Together"**

*Refrain*



Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that



can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,



bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.



1 There is on - ly one God.

There is on - ly one King.

2 You are the fam-'ly of God.

You are the prom - ise di - vine.



*Refrain*

There is on - ly one Bod-y;  
You are God's cho - sen de - sire, . . .

that is why we can sing.  
you are the glo - rious new wine.

## **POST COMMUNION BLESSING and PRAYER**

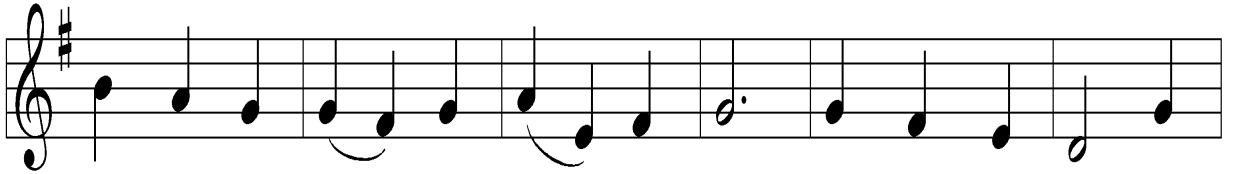
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you, and keep you in His grace. *Amen.*

Let us pray together...**We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you, and in fervent love toward one another, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

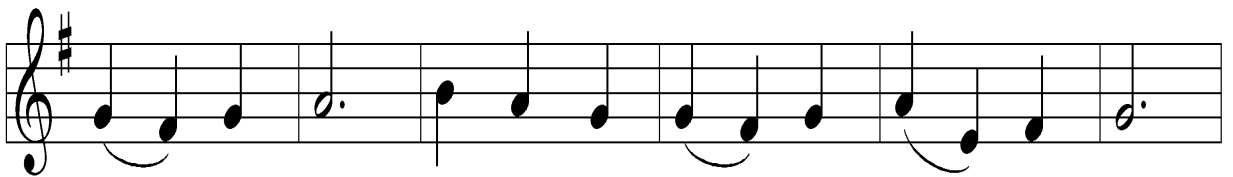
## BLESSING

### SENDING SONG

### “Faith of Our Fathers”



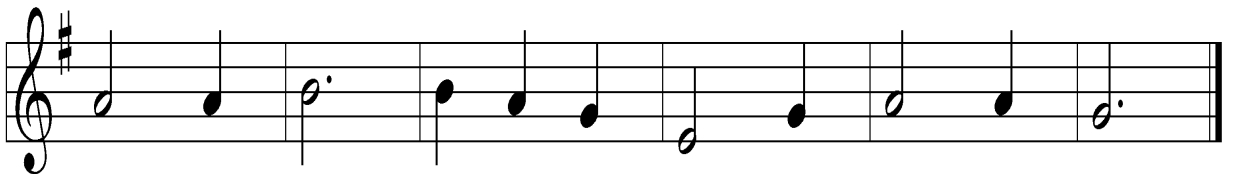
1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,  
2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and  
3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in



fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate  
all our strife; pro - claim thee, too, as love knows how,



when - e'er we hear that glo - rious word.  
if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,  
by sav - ing Word and faith - ful life.



ho - ly faith, we will be true to thee till death.

### CHOIR ANTHEM

### “Go Now in Peace”

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

Rob Aaron – piano ~ Nancy Martin - choir

Pr. Gary Heltsley – presiding

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**Greeters:** John & Jane Indorf

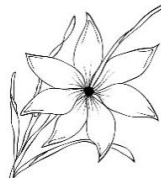
**Ushers:** Greg Hanson & Liz Webber

**Reader:** Sue Nichols

**Sacristans:** Shelley Marion & Char Pedersen

**Communion Assistants:** Arlene Burton & Sandi Fleury

**Barista:** Barb Evans   **Close Up:** Dave Severeid



**Altar Flowers:** Jim & Arlene Burton  
*(Celebrating 66<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)*

**Last Week's Attendance:** 97   **Last Week's Offering:** \$4,248.75

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Good morning and welcome to *NORTH BAY LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CHURCH!* Today, we gather with grateful hearts to honor and celebrate the fathers, grandfathers, father figures, and mentors who have touched our lives with love, guidance, and faith. While none of us are perfect, we thank God for the men who strive daily to lead with integrity, compassion, and strength. If you are a visitor, please feel free to fill out an attendance card located in the slot in front of you and drop it in the offering plate. We also invite you to stay for fellowship following our service.

*We are glad that you're here!*

**Fellowship Time Today** – Pie Sunday

*Next Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> - Chicken Sunday (bring anything with chicken).*

**Dementia Support Group** will meet on **Wed., June 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.** For more information, please contact Patty Rogers or call the church office.

**Movie Night** - You are invited to join Pastor Gary to view Season One, Episode 7 of “*The Chosen*” on **Wed., June 24<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm.** We will gather in the Fellowship Hall to watch this episode and then have an informal discussion and time to share our thoughts.

*All are welcome!*

**Lap Quilts** – All of you who may be interested in making lap quilts to distribute to people in hospitals and/or nursing homes please join us on **Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.** For more information, please contact Dixie Carver or Rosemary Wheaton or call the church office.

**Men’s Bible Study** will meet on **Sat., June 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am** as we continue our study of the book of Exodus.

**Work Party.** Our next yard work party is **Sat., June 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.** We will focus on the usual - weed whacking the perimeter, blowing the parking lots, pulling horsetails, etc. Coffee and donuts provided!

Hope to see you in the yard . . . *Brent*

**Special Concert** - On **Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm** NBLCC will host a concert featuring many patriotic pieces as well as spiritually uplifting songs you may know. There will be handbells, a brass quintet, our NBLCC Choir and soloists sharing the platform. It will be a toe-tapping event you will want to experience with family and friends.

**Pastor Gary** will be in the office Tues. through Thurs. from 9:30 am until noon. **Office Hours** this week are 9:00 am to 1:00 pm – Monday through Friday.

**Prayers** – Please email or call the church with your prayer requests, or if you need pastoral care.

**READINGS FOR JUNE 28, 2026**

Jeremiah 28:5-9 ~ Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 ~ Romans 6:12-23  
Matthew 10:40-42



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