

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 28, 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.

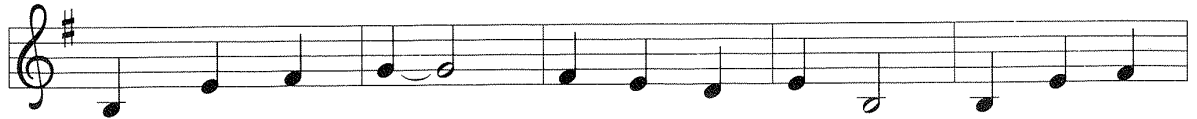
(Silence for self-reflection)

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

"Christ Be Our Light"



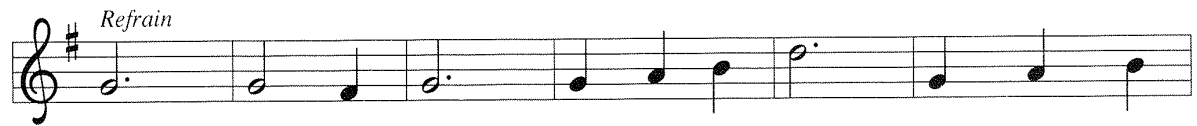
1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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 ELEISON *(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...**O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON



FIRST READING

Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵ Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶ and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷ Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

- ¹ I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;
**with my mouth I will make known your
faithfulness to all generations.**
- ² For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up forever;
in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.”
- ³ You have said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
- ⁴ ‘I will establish your offspring forever,
and build your throne for all generations.’”
- ¹⁵ Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,
- ¹⁶ who exult in your name all the day
and in your righteousness are exalted.
- ¹⁷ For you are the glory of their strength;
by your favor our horn is exalted.
- ¹⁸ For our shield belongs to the LORD,
our king to the Holy One of Israel.

SECOND READING

Romans 6:12-23

¹² Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³ Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸ and, having

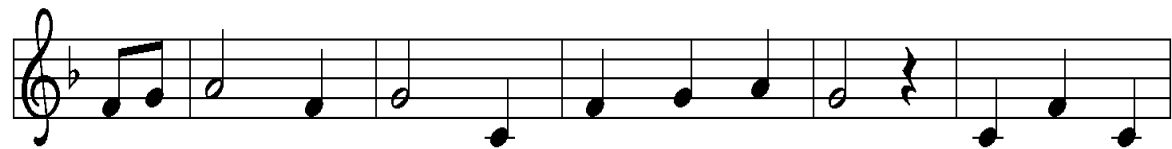
been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

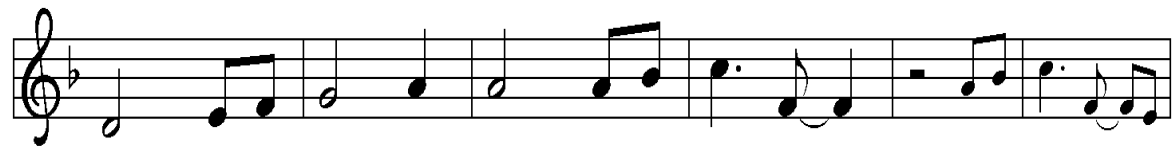
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:40-42

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10th chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord!

⁴⁰ “Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. ⁴²And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

The gospel of the Lord.

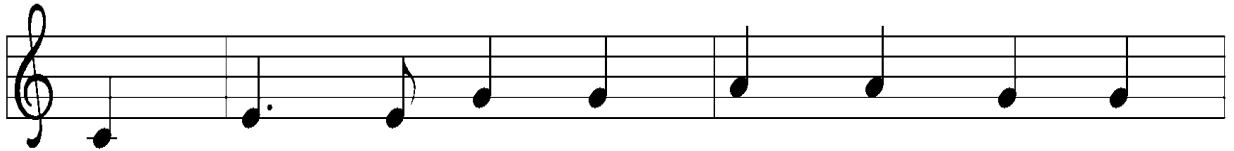
Praise to You, O Christ!

SERMON

Pastor Gary Heltsley

SERMON NOTES

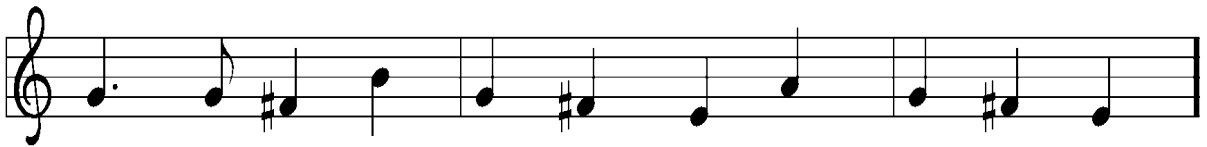
HYMN OF THE DAY *“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”*



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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.

Give the Church courage to speak your truth. Grant that she would prefer nothing whatsoever to Christ; and that she should count as her greatest honor the bearing of his Cross in this sin-shadowed world.
Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Lord God, help us to never forget that we have been set free from sin, and we are now slaves to righteousness. May your Spirit guide us into wholehearted obedience to your way, for we are no longer under the law, but under grace.
Lord in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Our nation is facing challenges, divisions, and discontent. Remind us of the great gifts you have bestowed upon us. Fill us with your Spirit, so that we always seek your will and strive to do it. Bless us with peace, and with freedom from every evil and falsehood. Teach us all to live together as your children, and to work together for the prospering of all.
Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Thank you for this beautiful world, over which you have set us as your stewards. Let your Holy Spirit guide us to be wise, responsible, and compassionate as we tend the land and its creatures. Help us to enjoy the loveliness of creation, finding in it refreshment for our souls and relaxation for our bodies.

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

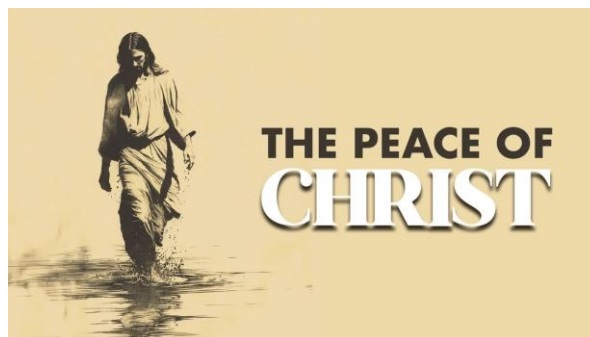
We pray on behalf of your servants who suffer in body, mind, spirit, or circumstance, and for all who crave your mercy and blessing, especially those we name out loud or silently in our hearts (*allow time for silent or spoken prayers*). Restore them to health, wholeness, and hope.

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

With reverence and affection, we remember before you our beloved dead. Comfort all who grieve. Help us care for each other for Jesus' sake. Help us speak hard truths with humility and love. Give us grace to take up our cross and follow Jesus, knowing that he will lead us through danger, evil, and death, and will bring us home to you 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

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And also with you.

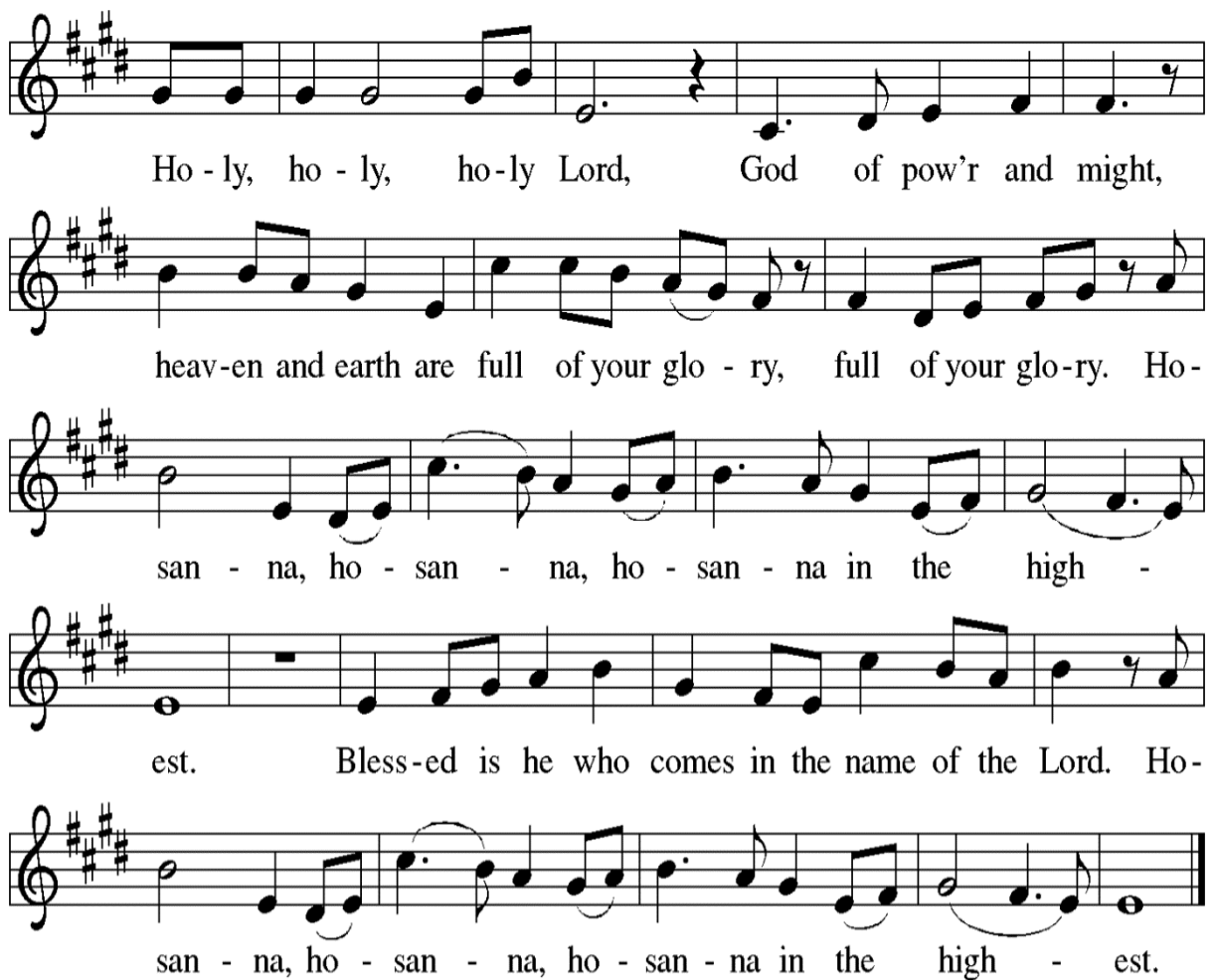
Lift up your hearts.

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:



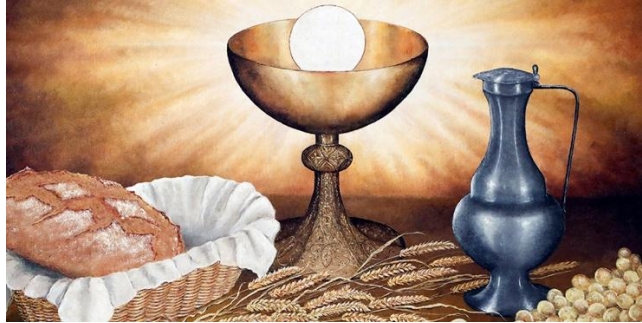
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

“Soon and Very Soon”



1 Soon and ver - y soon
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
3 No more dy - in' there,
4 Soon and ver - y soon



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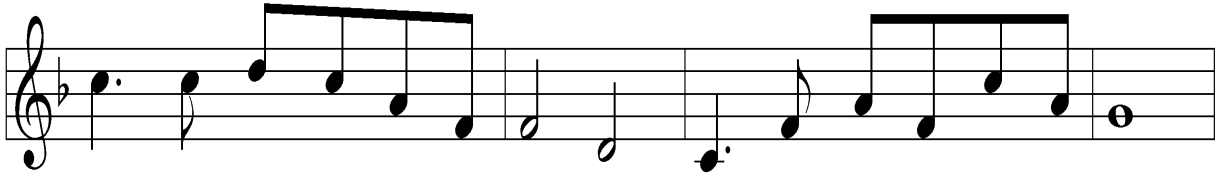


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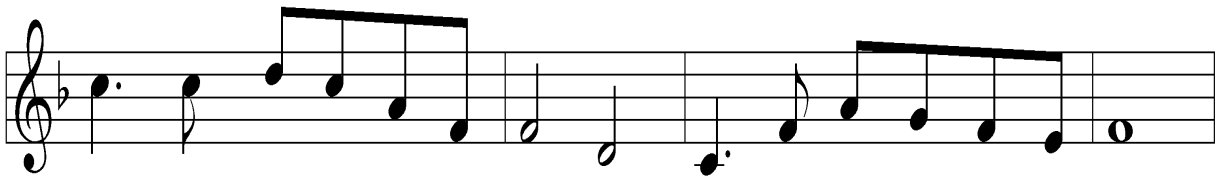


Hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”



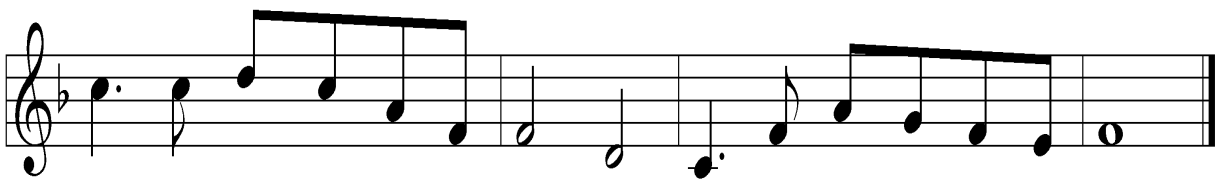
- 1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.

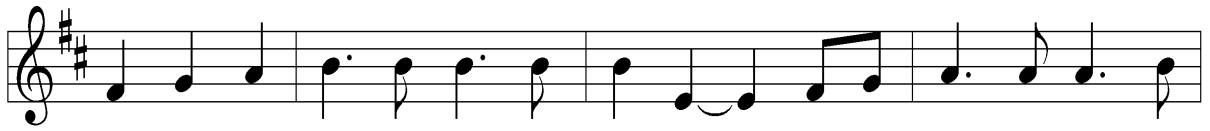


Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need-less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?
Do your friends de-spise, for-sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be-cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

“O Let the Son of God Enfold You”



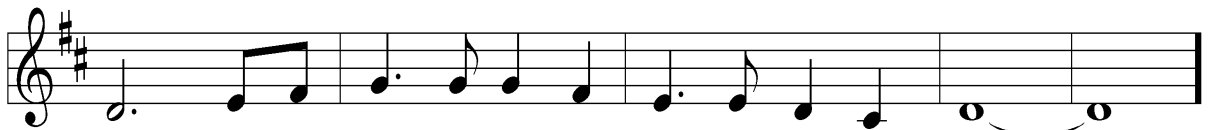
Oh, let the Son of God en - fold you with his Spir - it and his



love, let him fill your heart and sat - is - fy your soul.

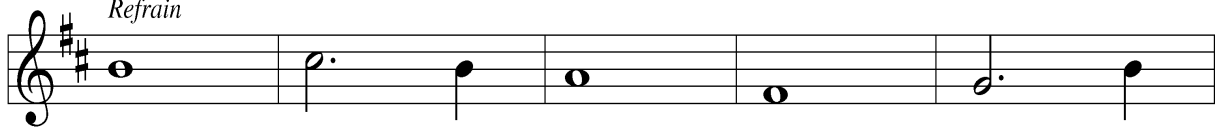


Oh, let him have the things that hold you, and his Spir - it like a

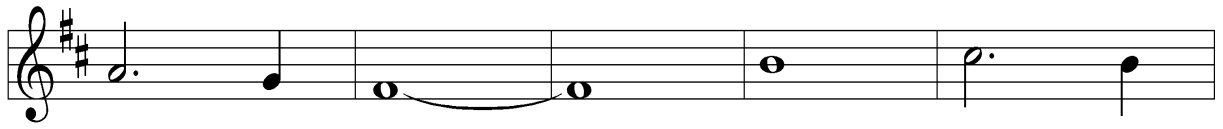


dove will de - scend up - on your life and make you whole.

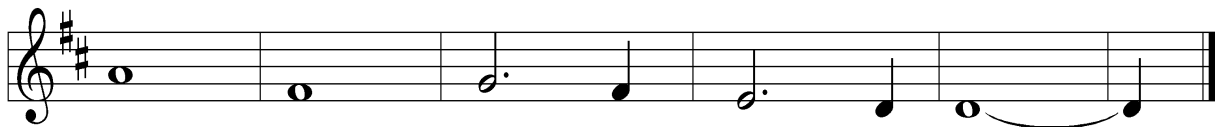
Refrain



Je - sus, O Je - sus, come and



fill your lambs. Je - sus, O



Je - sus, come and fill your lambs.

- 2 Oh, come and sing this song with gladness
as your hearts are filled with joy,
lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.
Oh, give him all your tears and sadness,
give him all your years of pain,
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

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

Rob Aaron – piano ~ Pr. Gary Heltsley – presiding

TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Greeters: Craig & Cheri Martin

Ushers: Howard & Jan Thoemke

Reader: Mary Severeid

Sacristains: Bonnie O'Hanlon & Joleen Wheaton

Communion Assistants: Dixie Carver & Shari Stormo

Barista: Michael Wright **Close Up:** Rosemary Wheaton



Altar Flowers: Dennis & Bonnie O'Hanlon

In celebration of wedding anniversaries:

Pastor Gary & Diane Heltsley

Dennis & Bonnie O'Hanlon

Last Week's Attendance: 102 **Last Week's Offering:** \$2,708.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good morning and welcome to ***NORTH BAY LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CHURCH!*** We hope you find inspiration and fellowship in our worship service. 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 – Chicken Sunday.

Next Sunday, July 5th - Birthday cake provided by NBLCC.

Dementia Support Group will **NOT** meet this week; we will gather again on **Wed., July 8th 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 8 of “*The Chosen*” on **Wed., July 1st at 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!*

Men’s Bible Study will meet on **Sat., July 4th at 8:00 am** as we continue our study of the book of Exodus.

Coming Soon:

Soup Supper & Holden Evening Prayer Service - It seems a shame to restrict the beautiful Holden Evening Prayer service to only the Lenten Season. So, with that in mind, we will take a break from Movie Night on **Wednesday, July 8th** and have a Soup Supper in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm, followed by a Holden Evening Prayer Service at 7:00 pm.

Gary Lorenz Memorial will be held on **Saturday, July 11th at 2:00 pm.**

Pastor Gary will be in the office Tues. through Thurs. from 9:30 am until noon.

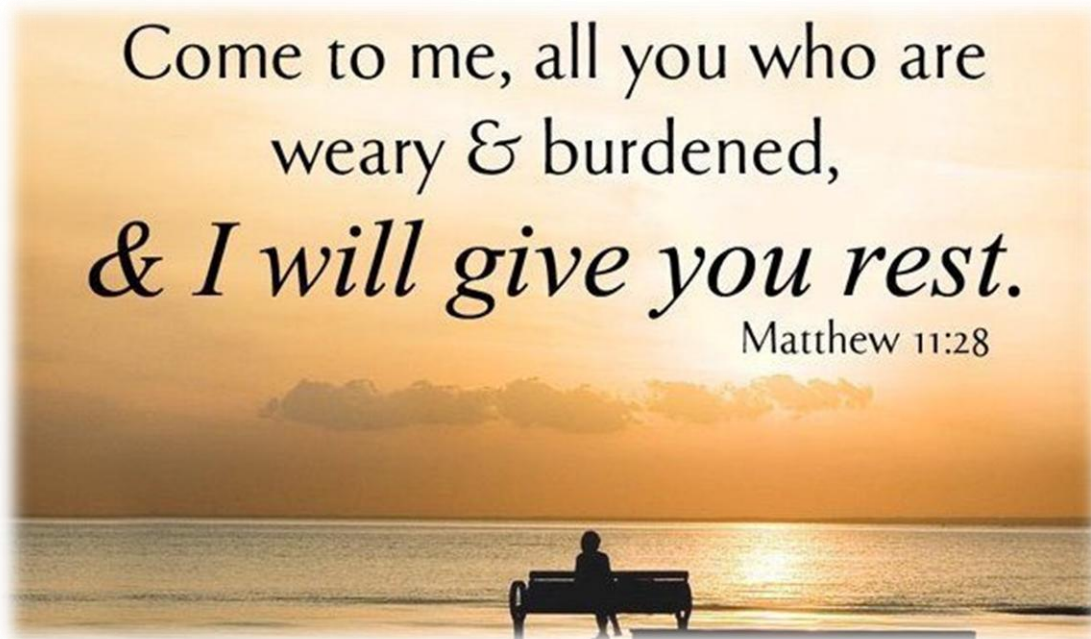
Office Hours this week are 9:00 am to 1:00 pm – Monday through Friday.

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

READINGS FOR JULY 5, 2026

Zechariah 9:9-12 ~ Psalm 145:8-14 ~ Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Come to me, all you who are
weary & burdened,
& I will give you rest.
Matthew 11:28



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