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THE PROMISES OF GOD

Second Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, June 7, 2026

LOVE FIRST, LOVE ALL

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Announcements

- Please join us today for the **Sunday Fellowship Lunch** in Hollis Hall, immediately following Worship. In support of **Share a Meal Sunday**, don't forget to drop off your Little Free Pantry items in the bins under the stairwell in the Commons area. All are welcome!
- The Mission Team has purchased 20 seats for the Dalton Whitfield NAACP **Juneteenth Celebration & Gala** on Saturday, June 20 @ 6:00 p.m. If you'd like to reserve your seat, please email the church office. Tickets are first come, first serve. There are 6 seats available.
- We would like to welcome back **Ellis Stephens** and **Hayden Poe**, both home from college for the summer and returning to sing with the choir. We also want to welcome the new voice of **Jeb Bethel** for the summer.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

THE GREETING

At the sound of the bells, please prepare your heart and mind for worship.

INTROIT

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

John Bacchus Dykes
(1823-1876)

*Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With all thy quickening powers;
Kindle a flame of sacred love
In these cold hearts of ours.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Carol Houston

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.
Praise befits the upright.
**Praise the Lord with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.**
Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
**For the word of the Lord is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.**
He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.
**By the word of the Lord the heavens were made
and all their host by the breath of his mouth.**
He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle;
he put the deeps in storehouses.
**Let all the earth fear the Lord;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him,**
for he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.
**Our souls wait for the Lord;
he is our help and shield.**
Our hearts are glad in him
because we trust in his holy name.
**Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.**

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The Call to Worship is from Psalm 33.

*Where you see this notation, please rise in body or in spirit.

Hymn 509 Note:
The United Church of Canada minister who wrote this text was introduced to shape note tunes at the 1990 Hymn Society conference in Charleston, South Carolina. Afterwards she vacationed with friends nearby and worked out this text while humming this tune as she walked up and down the beach.

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Holy God, creator of the universe, author of faith itself, infuse your people with trust so that, as you have given life to your people through the ages, we too might know the true healing that comes from your steadfast word. May your word fall into our hearts this day, O God, as breath comes into dust, as water feeds rivers and fields, rich with healing, abundant, alive, and true. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

***HYMN 509**

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Holy Manna

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)

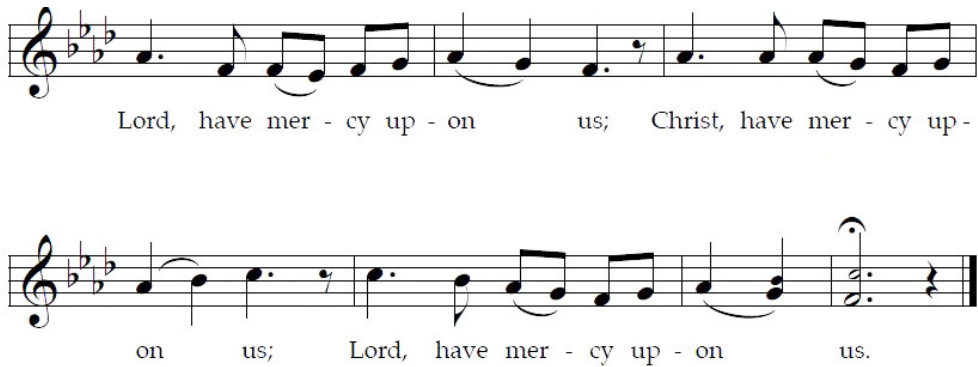
God of calling, you called Abraham and Matthew and gave them the strength they needed to follow you. You also called a people and cared for and nurtured that people so they could live life in your abundance. You call us, but sometimes we prefer to close our eyes and cover our ears, turning our backs to your will.

Forgive us, O God, and grant us the confidence and the hope that we need to follow when you call. Amen.

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Kyrie Eleison



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us; Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

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***RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

Glora Patri *S Selvidge Street*



Glory be to God the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it
was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen, Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Jesus Loves Me! William B. Bradbury

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 12:1-9 NRSVUE

¹ Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵ Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. ⁸ From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord.

⁹ And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 4:13-25

NRSVUE

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² Therefore “it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ²³ Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

The Lord Bless You And Keep You

John Rutter
(b. 1945)

*The Lord bless you and keep you:
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
To shine upon you and be gracious,
And be gracious unto you.*

*The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you,
And give you peace.*

Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

NRSVUE

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

¹² But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” ¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples.

²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹ for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” ²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that moment. ²³ When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ And the report of this spread through all of that district.

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

SERMON

“The Promises of God” Rev. Nicole Jiskoot

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 50

Deep in the Shadows of the Past *Shepherds’ Pipes*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“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 Ghost, 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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn 50 Note:

This vivid text reminds us of two truths we often forget: how deeply our faith is rooted in God’s enduring covenant with the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and how much we can learn from their story. The tune began life as the setting for a family Christmas card.

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OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT 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.

Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad. We
bless you for creating the whole world, for your promises to your people Israel,
and for Jesus Christ in whom your fullness dwells.

Born of Mary, he shares our life. Eating with sinners, he welcomes us. Guiding
his children, he leads us. Visiting the sick, he heals us. Dying on the cross, he
saves us. Risen from the dead, he gives us new life. Living with you, he prays
for us. Therefore, we join our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the
faithful of every time and place who forever praise your name:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Land of Rest

(All sing together)

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

With thanksgiving, we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the death and
resurrection of our Lord. Receive our sacrifice of praise.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that this meal may be a communion in the body and blood of our Lord. Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast. Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love, that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory.

We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your Word made flesh, in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION

We invite you to come forward for communion via the nearest accessible main aisle and return to your seat the way you came. Communion is served by intinction. Take a piece of bread held by one elder, dip it in the cup held by another, and then, “Taste and see that the Lord is good.” Gluten-free elements are available from the left aisle.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 838**

Standing on the Promises

Promises

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Traditional

**God be with you till we meet again;
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.**

***POSTLUDE**

Hymn 838 Note:
Perhaps because this hymn is so well known, its language sounds vaguely scriptural; but while there are various biblical uses of “stand” and “promise(s),” the two words are never combined. The confidence here is similar to that of “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” (see no. 353).

Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 7

Sunday School
9:15 a.m.
Fellowship
10:00 a.m.
Worship
10:30 a.m.
Sunday Fellowship
Lunch & Share A Meal
Sunday
11:30 a.m.

Monday, June 8

Lunch Bunch
noon

Tuesday, June 9

CLILA pack food boxes
10:00 a.m. - noon
Grateful Heart AA Mtg
8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 10

Morning Prayers
9:30 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 11

Knitting Group
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Friday, June 12

Grateful Heart AA Mtg
8:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 14

Sunday School
9:15 a.m.
Fellowship
10:00 a.m.
Worship
10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, June 16

Grateful Heart AA Mtg
8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 17

Morning Prayers
9:30 a.m.
Congregational Life
Team Meeting
10:30 a.m.
Women's Book Club
noon
Missions Team Meeting
5:30 p.m.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Flower Guild
6/7	Carol Houston	The Hendrix Family	Kathryn Sellers
6/14	Priscilla Brown	Steve & Carol Houston	James Hoskins
6/21	Henry Tharpe	Mike Sarkowski & Valerie George	Laura Allgood

MONTHLY

Communion (June 7)		Congregational Care		Little Free Pantry Pal	
Prep	James Hoskins	June	Peggy Rollins	June	John & Judi McPherson
Servers	Rev. Nicole Jiskoot, Laura Goins and Walter & Jeane Jones	July	Priscilla Brown	July	Beverly Higdon & Tami Giusto

Cover Art Note: *God's Promise to Abram* “...when his (Tissot) carefully researched collection of 350 watercolors depicting the life of Jesus was first published as a book in 1896, it found a large and enthusiastic audience. No one who had followed his previous career could have anticipated that this painter of urban life in Paris and London would undertake the project of painting virtually every event in the Gospels.

The Life of Our Lord Jesus Christ project took nearly ten years to complete. When it was done, it chronicled the entire life of Jesus as recorded in the New Testament in a series of 350 watercolors. To research the project Tissot traveled to Egypt, Syria, and Palestine in 1886–87, and again in 1890.

While in the Holy Land he closely observed the landscape, the vegetation, the architecture, and the manner of dress, and filled sketchbooks with what he saw. He talked with rabbis and studied Talmudic literature as well as theological and historical volumes. He believed that there was still a remaining “aura” in the places where the Gospel events took place, and he spoke of having mystical experiences that added to his careful research. What he wanted to create was something as close as possible to an eyewitness account of the life of Jesus.” [from Terry Glaspey’s “75 Masterpieces Every Christian Should Know”]

PRAYERS

For Family and Friends of Those Who Joined the Church Triumphant:

Muriel Phillips;

John Law;

Anne Sims;

Stan Crawford;

Charles Allgood;

Wayne Alderman;

For Healing, Comfort, and Ongoing Concerns for our Members:

Sue Spivey;

Berrien Long;

Jean Strain;

Janice Sims;

Walter Jones;

Nancy Rhine;

For Family and Friends of the Following Members:

Leanna Granillo, Robert Stromberg;

Mary Ellen Gurley, Dusty Eggleston and family; Tommy Brooks and family;

Janice Sims, Sharon and Debbie Bragg, Rodger and Brenda Boswell, Patsy Townsend; the family of

Karen Vaught; the family of Flosy Beard;

Kaye Clark, Becky Hansberry;

Kathy Bridges and Sue Spivey, Emily Bringardner;

For the Larger Community and the World:

Pete Wilson;

Arden Brown;

Those affected by climate disasters;

Peace in Iran, Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine;

The victims and families of victims of substance abuse;

The victims of gun violence;

Caregivers and aging parents.

Praises and Continuing Prayers:

For all our members and visitors, we offer our thanks to God.



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