



# SUNDAY, JUNE 21

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This week's bulletin art is a painting by pioneering queer artist, David Hockney. "May Blossom on the Roman Road", 2009. In 2018, Hockney was commissioned to design a stained glass window for London's Westminster Abbey. He died on June 11th at the age of 88.

## INTROIT 411 - "God Is Here Today" (first time in English, second time in Spanish)

God is here today;  
as certain as the air I breathe,  
as certain as the morning sun that rises,  
as certain when I sing you'll hear my song.

Dios está aquí,  
tan cierto como el aire que respiro,  
tan cierto como la mañana se levanta,  
tan cierto como que le canto y me puede oír.

## GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minute for Social Justice

## PRELUDE - *The Gift of Love*, arr. Hal Hopson (1933-2025)

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Let all the earth acclaim God.

**Sing to the glory of God's name.**

Come and see what God has done,  
let the sound of God's praise be heard.

**Blessed is God who has not withdrawn from us His love and care.**

Let us worship God.

## + HYMN 22 - *God of the Sparrow*

## + CONFESSION & PARDON

Eternal God, maker of the skies above, lowly Christ, born amidst the growing earth, Spirit of life, wind over the flowing waters, in earth, sea and sky, you are there. O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns, soul behind all souls, in everything we touch, in everyone we meet, your presence is around us, and we give you thanks. But when we have not touched but trampled you in creation, when we have not met but missed you in one another, when we have not received but rejected you in the poor, forgive us, and hear now our plea for mercy and our silent prayers of confession.

### • ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

### • RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS: 581- Gloria Patri

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### PRAYER FOR OPENNESS

Lord Jesus Christ, by the power of your presence, open the mind of God to us, that in your light we may see light, and in your strength be strong. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE READING - Psalm 69.7-10 and 16-18 OT pg 531 (NRSVUE)

It is for your sake that I have borne reproach, that shame has covered my face.

I have become a stranger to my kindred, an alien to my mother's children.

It is zeal for your house that has consumed me; the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.

Answer me, O Lord, for your steadfast love is good; according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.

Do not hide your face from your servant, for I am in distress—make haste to answer me.

Draw near to me; redeem me; set me free because of my enemies.

LEADER: For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us

ALL: **Thanks be to God**

### ANTHEM - *Awake, My Heart*, Jane Marshall, Chancel Choir

*Awake, my heart, and render to God thy sure defender, thy Maker, thy preserver, a song of love and fervor. Confirm my deeds and guide me: my day, with thee beside me, beginning, middle, ending, will all be upward tending. My heart shall be thy dwelling, with joy and gladness swelling; thy word my nurture giv'n to bring me on toward heaven.*

### SCRIPTURE READING - Matthew 10.24-39 NT pg 10 (NRSVUE)

A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. 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, and one's foes will be members of one's own household. 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, and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

### SERMON - "Finding Life" - Rev. Matt Falco

#### + STATEMENT OF FAITH - From The Iona Community

We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of all humanity. We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, he died forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present, and His kingdom will come on earth. We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.

#### + HYMN 213 - *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### OFFERING

• OFFERTORY - *Do This In Remembrance*, Mason Ballard

+ • DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessing flow Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

+ • PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+ **HYMN 661** - *Why Should I Feel Discouraged?*

+ **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

+ **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** - Hymn 372, *O For A World (verses 1 and 5)*

**O for a world where everyone  
respects each other's ways,  
where love is lived and all is done  
with justice and with praise.**

**O for a world preparing for  
God's glorious reign of peace,  
where time and tears will be no more,  
and all but love will cease.**

**POSTLUDE** - *Toccata Brevis*, Daniel Gawthrop (b. 1949)

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## JOYS & CONCERNS

Nancy Field, Greg Harper, Kenny Leatherman, Carolyn Hale, Martin Hendrix's mother; Kenny Way, Kaye Morgan's son-in-law; Emmie, Debra Anderson's niece, Alicia Hart, Robin Morrill's mother Donna Leath.

We extend our condolences to the Ehlert family as Jeff's father, Harold, passed away on June 14th.

## PARTICIPANTS

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Matt Falco, Cynthia Bruno, Ted Gentry, Chancel Choir

ACOLYTE: Laurel Bullock

USHERS: Jeff Ehlert (Head Usher), Lauren Falco, Jim Olive, Sharron Townsend

VIDEO AND SOUND CREW: Rich Copley, Jim Lump, Bill Smith, Jay Vessels, Jonah Falco

## Revised Common Lectionary Readings for June 21, 2026

First Reading and Psalm: Genesis 21.8-21 and Psalm 86.1-10, 16-17

Alternate First Reading and Psalm: Jeremiah 20.7-13 and Psalm 69.7-10, (11-15), 16-18

Second Reading: Romans 6.1b-11

Gospel: Matthew 10.24-39

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome to Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church. We're so glad you've chosen to be with us today for worship. This bulletin will be a helpful guide to our service, but here is some additional information we hope will help you feel at home. Maxwell Street Presbyterian is a More Light Congregation. More Light Presbyterians are dedicated to allowing the full participation of LGBTQIA+ people in the life, ministry, and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and in society. We strive to use inclusive language that reflects the beauty of God's diversity. You are welcome here, and you are loved.

+ Indicates that the congregation is invited to stand in body and/or spirit.

**BOLD TEXT indicates that you are invited to join the congregation in unison.**

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• Please be aware that today's service is being live-streamed and recorded. Portions of the service, including video and audio, may be shared online. By attending, you acknowledge that your image and/or voice may appear in these recordings.

• **LARGE PRINT BIBLES** and **BULLETINS** are available from the ushers.

• Hearing help is available with a personal amplification device from the ushers.

• For your convenience, an elevator is located in the Lobby off the parking lot/playground.

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• Accessible restrooms are on the main level and basement level. Baby changing stations are in the basement restrooms or nursery.



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## Children Ministry (things are a little different during the Summer - regular Sunday School will resume in August)

Infant to 1st grade are welcome in the Nursery following Children's Moment or anytime during the morning. Come to the Young Children's Area in the basement. Professional caregivers and church volunteers will greet you there. Children are welcome in worship during the summer. We will have activities available in the Narthex.

## Ways To Learn More

Please visit [www.maxpres.org](http://www.maxpres.org) for details about our ministries for all ages and interests. We also have an active Facebook page - [www.facebook.com/maxpres](http://www.facebook.com/maxpres). If you would like to be added to our Friday email, which has information about what is going on in the church's life, you may do so at: [www.maxpres.org](http://www.maxpres.org). If you have additional questions, Matt will be happy to talk with you at your convenience; call the church office at (859) 255-1074, 9am-4:30pm Monday-Thursday.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### **Sunday, June 21**

#### **Father's Day**

9:15am - Welcome Committee

9:30am - Third Space Sunday

9:30am - Adult Sunday School

10:00am - Summer Choir

10:30am - Worship

11:30am - Pops On The Playground

11:45am - After Worship Conversation, Johnston Parlor

### **Monday, June 22**

5:30pm - Worship Committee

7:00pm - Deacons

### **Thursday, June 25**

5:30pm - Neighborhood Meal

### **Saturday, June 27**

12:00pm - Stitchmates

### **Sunday, June 28**

9:30am - Adult Sunday School

10:00am - Summer Choir

10:30am - Worship

11:45am - Dementia Friendly Congregation Training

## MISSION

### **E7 Car Wash Fundraiser**

Is your vehicle looking a bit grimy? Does it require a revitalizing wash? Allow the E7 kids to bring back the sparkle to your car! Come show your support at the E7 Summer Camp Car Wash on July 20th from 12-2pm at Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church.

### **Community Food Request**

A member of the community has reached out to us with a request for donations. They will be providing meals for at least 200 neighbors on Saturday, July 4th downtown. They have requested hamburgers, buns, chips, and cookies. If you are willing to help support this effort please contact Carol Sanders at carolsanders100671@gmail.com or call (859)382-0062.

### **KRM Diaper Request**

Earlier this week, Kentucky Refugee Ministry reached out to Ashlee with a desperate request for diapers. If you are able to purchase diapers (or wipes!) for KRM, you can drop them off at the Church Office at any time and Ashlee will get them where they need to go.

### **Call for Mission Committee Members**

Are you interested in learning about our community initiatives or upcoming projects? Join our mission committee and let your voice be heard. For more information, contact Dan Farrer (Dfarrer@email.uky.edu)

## LARGE PRINT HYMNS NOW AVAILABLE!

In need of hymns that have a bit more ease of reading? Copies of large print hymns are now available. If you would like copies, please ask your usher on Sunday mornings before worship.

## POPS ON THE PLAYGROUND

### **TODAY, Sunday, June 21**

It's Father's Day! All Dad's, Pops, Grandpa's, Father-figures are welcome to join us on the playground too. We will have popsicles on the playground after the children's moment in church.

## SUMMER HYMNS

Submit your favorite hymns to be sung during worship this summer. Paper forms are available, or submit online at [www.maxpres.org/hymns](http://www.maxpres.org/hymns). You can also access our site by scanning the QRC to the right.



## AFTER WORSHIP CONVERSATIONS

This is a great summer opportunity to visit with Matt and others after worship. Grab punch and head to the Johnston Parlor for conversation about that Sunday's sermon, being Presbyterian, the Summer Read, or whatever else the Spirit might invite us to consider. Conversations resume next week.

## MSPC SUMMER READ

Join us in reading "This Here Flesh: Spirituality, Liberations, and the Stories That Make Us", by Cole Arthur Riley. We're going to read it together this summer, and this year, we're going to use our MSPC App as a place for shared conversation about the book. If you'd like to join the virtual reading group, email Matt at [matt@maxpres.org](mailto:matt@maxpres.org), and we'll help you get connected. We'll read two chapters per week prior to discussion.

## DEMENTIA FRIENDLY TRAINING

As part of our efforts to be an even more inclusive congregation, we are being trained to become a Dementia Friendly Congregation. We especially hope that Deacons, Elders, and those who want to help us be a welcoming congregation will participate. The training will last approximately one hour following worship on **June 28th**. Unable to attend? We can provide a video that will help you learn about this effort. Register by scanning this QRC.

