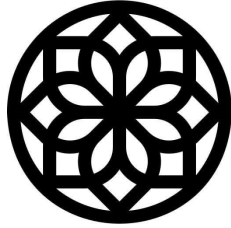




**Order of Worship**  
June 14, 2026  
**3rd Sunday of Pentecost**



**SPIRIT CAFE**  
**AWAKEN+INSPIRE+MOTIVATE**



**GATHERING SONG** – Children of the Heavenly Father – *Caroline Sandell Berg*

**Children of the Heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.**

**God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things he spares them,  
in his mighty arms he bears them.**

**Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;  
Unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.**

**Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.**

**GREETING**

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

*People:* **And also with you.**

**SONG OF PRAISE** – Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks – *Donald Fishel*

Refrain: **Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**Psalm 100** (Read Responsively.)

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands!  
Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.

**Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong;  
we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**

Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving  
and the courts with praise; give thanks and bless God's holy name.

**Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

**THE READING – Ruth 1:8-22**

But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters. Why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her.

So she said, "Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said,

"Do not press me to leave you,  
to turn back from following you!  
Where you go, I will go;  
where you lodge, I will lodge;  
your people shall be my people  
and your God my God.  
Where you die, I will die,  
and there will I be buried.  
May the Lord do thus to me,  
and more as well,  
if even death parts me from you!"

When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her. So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them, and the women said, "Is this Naomi?" She said to them,

"Call me no longer Naomi; call me Mara,  
for the Almighty has dealt bitterly with me.  
I went away full, but the Lord has brought me back empty;  
why call me Naomi when the Lord has dealt harshly with me  
and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?"

So Naomi returned together with Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, who came back with her from the country of Moab. They came to Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest.

Here ends the reading. Word of God, Word of Life.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**THE MESSAGE** – Committing to the Unknown – *Pastor Frank Waugh*

**THE CREED** – Creedsong – *Frank Waugh*

Refrain: **Come and worship God, worship God together.  
Give God all the praise, all the praise forever.  
We believe in God – Father, Son and Spirit  
Author of the universe and all that we inherit.**

Verses: **The Lord is light and created us to be  
Good and right, God's image plain to see.  
The birds, the trees, and all creation sings  
To share with us the joy that living brings.**

**Jesus came, walked the Earth in a heyday,  
Born of flesh, begotten, not made.  
Tested and crucified, He rose on a Sunday  
To bring to all God's amazing grace.**

**The Spirit calls – God's work through us imparting,  
The Church of Christ in us new life is starting.  
Enlightened, just and sanctified,  
we follow with anointing  
The way of love and peace  
to which the Lord is pointing.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Pastor:* Let us approach God in the presence of one another, seeking reconciliation, peace and the abundant life.

*People:* **Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you and to one another that we have fallen short of your perfection and have sinned both in our actions and in our failures to act according to your call on our lives. We seek restoration through your grace and mercy. Receive our prayer and renew us in the name of Jesus.**

*Pastor:* We are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ our Lord. Therefore, let us be reconciled with one another and share the peace of the Lord.

## **THE PEACE**

*Pastor:* The peace of the Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

## **THE OFFERING**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **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 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, forever and  
ever. Amen.**

## **THE INVITATION**

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

## **SHARING THE MEAL**

## **A PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL**

Compassionate God,  
through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance  
of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your  
love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

## **THE SENDING**

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

**Thanks be to God.**

**SENDING SONG** – Go, My Children, with My Blessing – *Jaroslav J. Vajda*

**Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.**

**Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.**

**Here you heard my daughter's story, here received Christ's blood and body**

**Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.**



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