



June 28, 2026 | 11:00 | Traditional Worship

ENTER INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME

Assisted listening devices are available in the sound booth.

PRELUDE

Amazing Love! How Can it Be

Music by Mary McDonald

† CALL TO WORSHIP

† *Indicates the congregation should stand.*

L: Something new is stirring in our church, O Lord.

P: A different voice comes to us.

L: Make us ready to receive this new Word.

P: Open our hearts and renew our spirits.

L: Let us be the voice of welcome, the spirit of joy.

P: Let us be those who bring the life-giving waters to others.

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN 568

Christ for the World We Sing

ITALIAN HYMN

† PRAYER

Gracious God of mercy, we thank You for Your presence with us. As we gather in this community to share our faith, we open our hearts to the future of this church. We ask that You make us a blessing. Prepare us to serve and celebrate the ministries You place before us. Giver of everlasting life, fill us again with Your spirit, for it is in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

† PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Welcome each other. Welcome the stranger. Welcome all who come. As Christ welcomes everyone, let us open our hearts and homes and lives. Let us be Christ to everyone we meet. Now greet one another as a sign of God's peace.

L: The peace of Christ is here among us.

P: Thanks be to God.

STEPHEN MINISTRY RECOGNITION

LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, as we turn to Your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

† NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 10:40-42

⁴⁰ Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!

SERMON

One Word: Welcome

Rev. Dr. Carrie Kreps Wegenast

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

LITANY OF WELCOMING

L: Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me."

P: Open our hearts, Lord, to receive one another as we would receive You.

L: The one who welcomes a prophet because they are a prophet will receive a prophet's reward.

P: Give us ears to hear your truth, spoken through the voices of those You send.

L: And the one who welcomes a righteous person because they are righteous will receive a righteous person's reward.

P: Inspire us to honor goodness, and to walk together in paths of justice and grace.

L: And whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because they are a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.

P: Remind us, O God, that no act of kindness is too small to carry Your love.

L: Let us go forth into the world ready to welcome, ready to serve, and ready to see the divine presence in every stranger we meet.

P: Let our lives become a place of holy welcome. Amen.

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. Amen.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

OFFERTORY

Wonderful Grace of Jesus

Music by Mary McDonald

† DOXOLOGY

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. Amen.

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, You have abundantly blessed each one of us. Cause these gifts to be a blessing as they are put to work in Your world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

GO FORTH WITH GOD'S BLESSING

† RECESSIONAL HYMN 567

Heralds of Christ

NATIONAL HYMN

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Music by Charles Callahan

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Scripture readings are New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition (NRSVUE) unless otherwise noted.

IN WORSHIP TODAY

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Mark and Leslie Bricker in honor of all disciples of God. May they spread God's grace and love to their neighbors near and far.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Markus Wegenast, *Senior Pastor*

Rev. Dr. Carrie Kreps Wegenast, *Guest Pastor*

Brynn Mitchell, Britt Raymond, *Lay Readers*

Cathy Rosenbaum, *Guest Organist*

Amy Wilcox, *Guest Pianist*

David Eberhardt, *Director of Contemporary Worship*

Maddie Shiparski, *Presentation Operator*

Joy Delker, *Video Mixer*

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