



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNE 28, 2026 10:00 AM



As a courtesy to
others, please
silence your phone.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Timothy T. Boggess

PRELUDE

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

Lowry/arr. Phillips

from Psalm 33

CALL TO WORSHIP

Cliff Cardi

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.

*HYMN 463

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

* Please rise in body
or in spirit.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God,
like Abraham, we are tested by the choices before us.
Unlike Abraham, we often place our confidence in ourselves
rather than in you.
Forgive us.
Teach us to trust your promises when the path is unclear.
Help us to surrender what keeps us from following you fully.
Open our eyes to see your provision and your faithfulness.

(a moment for silent reflection)

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

*SONG OF JOY 623 (vv. 1 & 2) *I've Got Peace like a River*

I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river, in my soul. (repeat)

I've got joy like a fountain;
I've got joy like a fountain;
I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul. (repeat)

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Eric Robinson

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

African Canticle

David Angerman

(The Chancel Choir with Matt Jarvis, soloist)

You are the moon on a midnight lake. *Kuimba sifa kwa mungu.*
You are the tune of the stars in space. *Kuimba sifa kwa mungu.*
You are the truth of a waterfall. *Kuimba sifa kwa mungu.*
You are the Maker, the Lord of All. *Kuimba sifa kwa mungu.*

Refrain:

O sifa, sifa kwa Bwana! You are my maker and friend!
O sifa, sifa kwa Bwana! You are the journey's end.

You are the wind through the waving tree. *Kuimba sifa kwa mungu.*
You are the call of the crashing sea. *Kuimba sifa kwa mungu.*
You are the strength of the mountain tall. *Kuimba sifa kwa mungu.*
Your name is Yahweh, the Lord of All. *Kuimba sifa kwa mungu.* (Refrain)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 22:1-14

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

This anthem uses a call and response form inspired by African idioms. The Swahili response, *Kuimba sifa kwa mungu*, means *Singing praises to God*. The refrain, *Sifa kwa Bwana*, means *Praise to the Lord*.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD**SONG OF RESPONSE** *Take My Life, and Let it Be Consecrated*
(Lily James, soprano)

Mark Hayes

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Cliff Cardi

**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.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY*Always Here With Us*

Keyes, Brown & Mooring

There is strength within the sorrow;
there is beauty in our tears.
And You meet us in our mourning
with a love that casts out fear.

You are working in our waiting,
always loving us,
when beyond our understanding
you're teaching us to trust.

Chorus

Your plans are still to prosper;
You've not forgotten us.
You're with us in the fire and the flood.
Faithful forever, perfect in love,
You are always here with us.

You are wisdom unimagined;
who could understand Your ways?
Rising high above the heavens,
reaching down in endless grace.

You're the lifter of the lowly,
compassionate and kind.
You surround and You uphold me,
and Your promises are my delight. (Chorus)

Bridge (two times)

Even when the world seems set against us
You turn it for our good,
You turn it for our good and for Your glory
even in the valley you are faithful,
You're working for our good
You're working for our good, we always know that...

Chorus

Your plans are still to prosper;
You've not forgotten us.
You're with us in the fire and the flood.
Faithful forever, perfect in love,
You are always here with us.

DOXOLOGYPraise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Cliff Cardi

Was the covenant with Israel an everlasting covenant?

Yes. With the coming of Jesus the covenant with Israel was expanded and confirmed.

By faith in him Gentiles were welcomed into the covenant.

This throwing open of the gates confirmed the promise that through Israel God's blessing would come to all peoples.

Although for the most part Israel has not accepted Jesus as the Messiah, God has not rejected Israel.

The God who has reached out to unbelieving Gentiles will not fail to show mercy to Israel as the people of the everlasting covenant.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 343

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

GERMANY

Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife,
we hear your voice, O Son of Man.

In haunts of wretchedness and need,
on shadowed thresholds fraught with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed,
we catch the vision of your tears.

From tender childhood's helplessness,
from human grief and burdened toil,
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress,
your heart has never known recoil.

The cup of water given for you
still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to view
the sweet compassion of your face.

O Master, from the mountainside,
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide;
O tread the city's streets again;

Till all the world shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heaven above
shall come the city of our God.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on O For a Thousand Tongues

Steven Phillips

We welcome guest musician **Lily James** to our service today. A graduate of Bradenton Christian School, she earned her Bachelor of Vocal Performance at Reinhardt College in North Georgia. In August she heads to the University of Southern Alabama to continue her vocal studies on the masters level.

The postlude concludes our worship today. It's the custom of this congregation to sit and enter into this moment with gratitude and celebration.

The Session

Class of 2026

Mark Carleson, **P**
Leah Cotter, **E**
Randy Huffman, **M**
Steve Largo, **S**
Lisa Saba, **W**
Shelley Watson, **P**

Class of 2027

Jaime Bressan, **W**
Victoria Guenther, **N**
Janet Olszewsky, **F**
Seth Stottlemeyer, **N**
Denver Stutler, **S**

Class of 2028

Rick Foltz, **M**
Frank Frey, **F&P**
Victor Garraus, **F&P**
Pat Higgins, **E**
Kimberly Whitford, **F**

Moderator: The Rev. Dr. Timothy T. Boggess, Pastor

Clerk: John A. Matta

Treasurer: Reva Mitchell

E = Education **F** = Fellowship & Membership **F&P** = Finance & Property **M** = Mission & Justice

N = Nominating **P** = Personnel **S** = Stewardship **W** = Worship & Music

The Staff

The Rev. Dr. Timothy T. Boggess, Pastor

Steven Phillips, Director of Music

Eric Robinson, Director of Christian Education

Rachel Martin, Operations Manager

Lisa Garcia, Finance Manager

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