



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JULY 9, 2023 11:00 AM

CHURCH LIFE UPDATE

Tim Boggess

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP - *Invest in Children*

PRELUDE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Paul Manz

* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 86
Dick Wigton

We give thanks to you, O Lord our God, with our whole hearts,
and we will glorify your name forever.

For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

Teach us your ways, O Lord, that we may walk in your truth;
give us undivided hearts to revere your name.

* HYMN OF PRAISE 370

This is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA

This is my Father's world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world.
O, let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world.
The battle is not done:
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
and earth and heaven be one.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Abiding God, we confess that we often choose
to go our own way instead of following your way.
We only ask for your direction when we are lost
or have reached a dead end. Well, we are lost.
Dead ends are all around us and within us.
Show us again your path which leads to life.
Remove any obstacles that are in the way of
following you today, and everyday.**

(a moment for silent reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

** Those who are able are invited to stand.*

*** SONG OF JOY 647**

Give Thanks

GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart;
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say,
"We are strong";
let the poor say,
"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" (repeat)

Give thanks.
Give thanks.

*** THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

Improvisation on 'Promised Land'

Steven Phillips

SOLO

I Will Bring You Home
(Matt Jarvis, tenor)

Michael Card

Though you are homeless, though you're alone,
I will be your home.
Whatever's the matter, whatever's been done,
I will be your home.

I will be your home,
I will be your home.
In this fearful fallen place
I will be your home.

When time reaches fullness, when I move my hand,
I will bring you home;
Home to your own place in a beautiful land,
I will bring you home.

I will be your home,
I will be your home.
In this fearful fallen place
I will be your home.

I will bring you home
I will bring you home.
From this fearful fallen place
I will bring you home
I will bring you home.

*** DOXOLOGY 607**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*** HYMN OF PREPARATION 686**

God of Our Life

SANDON

God of our life, through all the circling years,
we trust in thee.
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears,
thy hand we see.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
we own thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.

God of the past, our times are in thy hand.
With us abide.
Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land.
Be thou our guide.
With thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,
and faith's fair vision changes into sight.

God of the coming years, through paths unknown
we follow thee.
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone.
Our refuge be.
Be thou for us in life our daily bread,
our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 13:17-22

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SERMON

The Long Walk
(Road Trips: Stories of Faith on the Move)

Tim Boggess

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *Confession of 1967*
Dick Wigton

**In the power of the risen Christ
and the hope of his coming,
the church sees the promise
of God's renewal of human life in society
and of God's victory over all wrong.
The church follows this pattern
in the form of its life and in the method of its action.
So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.**

*** HYMN OF SERVICE 740**

Lead Me, Guide Me

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Refrain:

Lead me, guide me, along the way,
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

I am weak and I need your strength and power
to help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness your face to see.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. (Refrain)

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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*** POSTLUDE**

Now Thank We All Our God

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