

Summer Worship Service The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 2025

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY LIFE

PRELUDE Freedom Kristian Stanfill

Contemporary Ensemble

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GATHERING HYMN #434

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples KINGSFOLD

WE CONFESS

*EMBODIED CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

We Are One in the Spirit (verse 1 and Chorus)

Peter Scholtes

Verse 1 Chorus

We are One in The Spirit,

And they'll know we are Christians by our love,

We are One in The Lord. By our Love,

We are One in The Spirit,

Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We are One in The Lord.

And we pray that all unity may one day be restored

WE LISTEN

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

^{*}Please stand if you are able

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

SERMON

Rev. Lindsey Altvater Clifton

Property Cousins: Promise for the Future

WE RESPOND

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

What signs of God's presence are helping you be resilient while so many individuals and communities we care about are under siege? What glimpses of God's promise for the future are giving you hope?

*SERMON HYMN

Let Us Build a House (see insert – from Glory to God)

Two Oaks

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from New Zealand Book of Prayer)

Eternal Spirit,

Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,

Source of all that is and that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom

sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,

now and forever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION AND OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory: "What are Heavy?"

Benedict Sheehan

world premiere performance, newly composed for Artefact Scholars 2025 Adrian Suero, cello and Students of the Artefact Scholars Summer Choral Intensive

What are heavy? sea-sand and sorrow:

What are brief? today and tomorrow:

What are frail? Spring blossoms and youth:

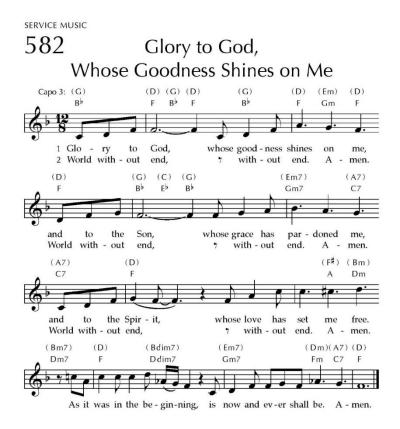
What are deep? the ocean and truth.

Christina Rossetti

*DOXOLOGY

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me (from Glory to God)

GLORY TO GOD



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING HYMN #435
We All Are One in Mission Es Flog Ein Kleins

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Fanfare Kenneth Leighton

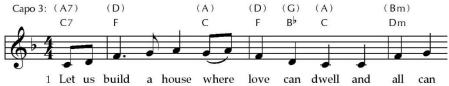
You're welcome to stay and enjoy the Postlude or to depart while the music is played. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

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Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome



2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, be - yond the 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and



place where saints and chil - dren tell safe - ly live, a where all God's chil - dren dare strong and true, to seek wine, wheat; ban - quet hall on ho ly and a wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach, vi sions heard and loved and trea-sured, taught and claimed



for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and how hearts learn to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand God, through where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the Word. Built of tears and cries as words with - in the and



vi sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the wit - ness and as sym bol of God's here as grace; Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we bear the im -God's of let us strang - er age face; laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of let this grace;

