

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God is holy and generous, the Creator of all things.

All: Christ is loving and gracious, the Bearer of healing and hope.

One: The Holy Spirit is gentle and wise, the Breath of new life.

All: Trinity of grace, we call on you today.

One: Come and worship the God who made us and loves us all!

All: We come with joyful praise and hopeful hearts!

***OPENING HYMN “The God of Abraham Praise” GtG 49**

- 1. The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above,
the Ancient of Eternal Days,
the God of love!
The Lord, the great I Am,
by earth and heaven confessed,
we bow before your holy name,
forever blest.**
- 2. Your spirit still flows free,
high surging where it will.
In prophet's word you spoke of old
and you speak still.
Established is your law,
and changeless it shall stand,
deep writ upon the human heart
by your strong hand.**

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- 3. Your goodly land we seek,
with peace and plenty blest,
a land of sacred liberty
and Sabbath rest.
There milk and honey flow,
and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow
with mercy crowned.**
- 4. You have eternal life
implanted in the soul;
your love shall be our strength and stay,
while ages roll.
We praise you, living God!
We praise your holy name:
the first, the last, beyond all thought,
and still the same!**

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PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide and too
deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips are afraid to name and what our hearts can no
longer bear.
Set us free from a past we cannot change, and open us to a future in
which we can be changed.
Give us the grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image.**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: While it is true that we have all fallen short in our call to follow Jesus, it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through his grace. Know that you are forgiven and have the courage, strength and grace to forgive one another.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: Living God, help us to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; so that as we come to understand, we may trust you, and in trusting, we may follow you, through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

SCRIPTURE READINGS:	Pentateuch	Exodus 19:2-8a	<i>NRSV</i>
	Epistle	Romans 5:1-8	<i>NRSV</i>
	GOSPEL	Matthew 9:35-10:8	<i>NRSV</i>

SERMON “ ‘Without Payment’ ” *by Reverend Jen Warren-Hauser*

***HYMN**

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

GtG 754

- 1. Help us accept each other
as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother,
each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us
and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted,
and meant to love and live.**
- 2. Teach us, O Lord, your lessons,
as in our daily life
we struggle to be human
and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people,
for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them
or as they may become.**
- 3. Let your acceptance change us,
so that we may be moved
in living situations
to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance
until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness,
and laughter's healing art.**
- 4. Lord, for today's encounters
with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance,
for justice and for bread,
we need new eyes for seeing,
new hands for holding on:
renew us with your Spirit;
Lord, free us; make us one!**

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***UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(The Brief Statement of Faith excerpt 2)*

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in God the Father,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments.
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.**

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.**

(continued...)

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our
Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: God of the earth and all its peoples,

All: Let your light shine!

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

**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

Invitation

Reflection

**Prayer of Dedication*

***SENDING HYMN:** “You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord”
(On Eagle’s Wings) GtG #43

**1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in his shadow for life,
Say to the Lord, “My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!”**

Refrain:

**And he Will raise you up on eagle’s wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.**

**2. The snare of the fowler
will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear:
Under his wings, your refuge,
his faithfulness your shield.**

[Refrain]

**3. You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come.**

[Refrain]

**4. For to his angels he’s given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

***Standing if able.**