

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

**GATHERING**

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** *from Psalm 89*

One: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;

**All: With my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**

One: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

**All: Happy are those who know the festal shout, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance.**

One: For you are the glory of our strength, and by your favor we are exalted.

**All: Let us worship God!**

**\*OPENING HYMN “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” GtG 39**

**1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

***Refrain:***

**Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

*(continued...)*

2. **Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

*Refrain:*

**Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

3. **Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

*(Refrain)*

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## **UNISON PRAYER ADORATION OF CONFESSION**

**All: God of steadfast love and mercy, we thank you for your  
faithfulness. You have given us strength for today and hope for  
tomorrow. Nevertheless, we become discouraged when we face  
challenges and suffer disappointment. When we sin and fall short,  
gently guide us back to the path of life. Make us aware of the  
needs of your people and give us hearts and minds to serve. And  
may we always welcome strangers in Jesus' name...**

**SILENT PRAYER** (*moment of silence for personal confession*)

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: God proves his love for us in this: while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. We know that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel,

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

## **GLORIA PATRI "Glory Be to the Father"**

**Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.  
World without end, Amen.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end, Amen.  
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.**

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## **THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## **THE WORD**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

One: O God, open your Word for us today so we may have peace through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to the grace in which we stand.

**All: Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Epistle Romans 5:1-8 [NRSV]  
GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35-10:23, 40-42 [NRSV]

**SERMON** “Calling All Disciples” *by Reverend Emily Rosencrans*

**\*HYMN** “Come, Labor On” GtG 719

1. **Come, labor on.**  
**Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain**  
**while all around us waves the golden grain?**  
**And to each servant does the Master say,**  
**“Go work today.”**
2. **Come, labor on.**  
**Claim the high calling angels cannot share;**  
**to young and old the gospel gladness bear.**  
**Redeem the time; its hours to swiftly fly.**  
**The night draws nigh.**
3. **Come, labor on.**  
**Cast off all gloomy doubt and faithless fear!**  
**No arm so weak but may do service here.**  
**Through feeble agents, may we all fulfill**  
**God’s righteous will.**
4. **Come, labor on.**  
**No time for rest, till glows the western sky,**  
**till the long shadows o’er our pathway lie,**  
**and a glad sound comes with the setting sun,**  
**“Well done, well dome!”**

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**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (THE NICENE CREED)**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
He came down from heaven.  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: Holy God, whose glory is beyond compare; whose mercy is boundless, and love for us is endless; look upon us now in your compassion.

We pray for peace that calms our hearts, that quiets our minds and soothes our souls, and for peace in the whole world and throughout creation:

One: Holy God,  
**All: Hear our prayer.**

One: We pray for the stability of the church and the unity of this congregation, for the ministries of your church around the world in challenging and difficult times:

One: Holy God,  
**All: Hear our prayer.**

One: We pray for this country, our leaders, and all those in public service and for all who offer themselves in service for the common good:

One: Holy God,  
**All: Hear our prayer.**

One: We pray for your creation in its beauty and bounty, for the wellbeing of every creature and their habitats, for a willingness to change our ways to protect places and people at risk, and for generations yet unborn that they too may thrive:

One: Holy God,  
**All: Hear our prayer.**

One: We pray for the safety of those who must travel by land, sea, and air, and for all those who are separated from those they love:

*(continued...)*

One: Holy God,  
**All: Hear our prayer.**

One: We pray for the sick, the suffering, and the isolated, for victims of violence in their homes and in their nations, for refugees and people held as captives:

One: Holy God,  
**All: Hear our prayer.**

One: To you, Holy God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, belongs all glory, honor, and worship, now and forever, and to the ages of ages.

Hear us now as we pray in the words that Jesus taught us:

#### **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*

*One: All we have needed, God's hand hath provided. Therefore, let us give generously with grateful hearts for blessings untold which we have received.*

##### *Reflection*

**\*THE DOXOLOGY** GtG #606

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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*\*Prayer of Dedication*

One. Through our gifts, may all people know pardon for sin and a peace that endures, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow. May this offering go forth to bring good news to the poor, recovery of sight to the blind, and freedom to those who are oppressed.

**All: Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** “O Jesus, I Have Promised” GtG 724

1. **O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou forever near me,  
my Master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.**
  
2. **O let me feel thee near me!  
The world is ever near:  
I see the sights that dazzle;  
the tempting sounds I hear.  
My foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer  
and shield my soul from sin.**

*(continued...)*

3. **O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.**
4. **O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be.  
And, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my friend.**

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**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

God sends us out like sheep among wolves. Be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Welcome everyone in Jesus' name. And may the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship and communion of the Holy Spirit, be with us all.

**Amen.**

**\*POSTLUDE POSTLUDE**

**\*Standing if able.**