



June 22, 2025
 The Second Sunday after Pentecost
 The Reverend Jenny Anderson

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

**All who are able, standing*

ENTRANCE

GATHERING

After the gathering, a bell will ring to signal the beginning of worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN

140 Great is thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

**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 hands hath provided;
 great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

**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

**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

* GREETING

In returning and rest you shall be saved;
in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.

* OPENING PRAYER

God our refuge and hope,
 when race, status, or gender divide us,
 when despondency and despair haunt and afflict us,
 when community lies shattered:
 comfort and convict us with the stillness of your presence,
 that we may confess all you have done,
 through Christ to whom we belong
 and in whom we are one. **Amen.**

* THE PEACE

* ACT OF PRAISE

70 Glory be to the Father

Meineke

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

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Open wide the window of our spirits, O Lord,
 and fill us full of light;
 open wide the door of our hearts,
 that we may receive and entertain thee
 with all our powers of adoration and love. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 65:1-9

New Testament p. 850

PSALM

Psalms 22:1-11

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UMH p. 752

***Sung Response: All the ends of the earth shall remember
 and turn to the Lord***

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;

and by night, but find no rest.

Yet you, the praise of Israel,

are enthroned in holiness.

In you our forebears trusted;

they trusted and you delivered them.

To you they cried, and were saved;

in you they trusted, and were not disappointed.

Sung Response

But I am a worm, and not human;

scorned by others, and despised by the people.

All who see me mock at me,

they make mouths at me, they wag their heads;

“He committed his cause to the Lord;

let the Lord deliver him.

Let the Lord rescue him,

for the Lord delights in him!”

Yet it was you who took me from the womb;

you kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.

Upon you I was cast from my birth,

and since my mother bore me, you have been my God.

Do not be far from me,

for trouble is near

and there is none to help.

Sung Response

HYMN

141 Children of the Heavenly Father

All are invited to sing, seated.

Tyggare kan ingen vara

Children of the heavenly father

Safely in his bosom gather;

nestling bird nor star in heaven

such a refuge e’er was given

God is own doth tend and nourish;

in his holy courts they flourish;

from all evil things he spares them;

in his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever

from the Lord his children sever;

unto them his grace he showeth,

and their sorrows he knoweth.

Though he giveth or he taketh,

God his children never forsaketh;

his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

* GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 8:26-39

New Testament p. 82

SERMON

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Modern Affirmation

UMH p. 885

We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.
We believe in the Holy Spirit
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.
We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end
that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

THE 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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
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

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

Balm in Gilead

Spiritual, arr. Anna Laura Page

* DOXOLOGY

95 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Old 100th

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

SENDING FORTH

* HYMN

263 When Jesus the Healer Passed through Galilee

Healer

Verses 1-2, 5,7 Leader/ All

When Jesus the healer passed through Galilee,
Heal us, heal us today!
 The deaf came to hear and the blind came to see.
Heal us, Lord Jesus!

A paralyzed man was let down through a roof.
Heal us, heal us today!
 His sins were forgiven, his walking the proof.
Heal us, Lord Jesus!

The lepers were healed and the demons cast out.
Heal us, heal us today!
 A bent woman straightened to laugh and shout.
Heal us, Lord Jesus!

There's still so much sickness and suffering today.
Heal us, heal us today!
 We gather together for healing and pray:
Heal us, Lord Jesus!

* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

* POSTLUDE

Ministry of Worship

Preacher	Reverend Jenny Anderson
Liturgist	Vic Johnson
Lay Reader	Chip Matson
Greeters	Alison Wright, Alexandra Anderson
Ushers	Roger and Alison Carpenter
Acolyte	Josh Scraper
Pianist and Director of Music	Jamie Council Garvey
Soloist	Nick Spooner
Offering Counter	Dan Griggs
Worship Technician	Donald Tilton

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in memory of her birthday, by her daughter Joan Piercy.*

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Weekly Stewardship	
2024 Budget	\$556,899
Weekly Giving	\$11,708
YTD Giving	\$198,559
YTD Other Income	\$34,385
YTD Expenses	\$266,052
Attendance 6/15	Sanctuary: 90 Lake: 14 Online: 42

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