



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 21, 2026 10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

RINGING THE BELL

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

PRELUDE "Aria" Paul Manz

() Indicates that all are invited to stand*

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (1)

One: On an ordinary Sunday, we come to worship God:

All: we come, trusting God will speak to us; we come, hoping God will surprise us.

One: On this day, like every other day, we seek to follow Jesus:

**All: we follow, believing Jesus will be with us;
we follow, hoping Jesus will work through us.**

One: On this day, we lift our souls to God's Spirit:

**All: we open our hearts, that the Spirit may fill us;
we open our hands, that we might be a gift to others.**

*GATHERING HYMN "Here in This Place" #401 *Glory to God Hymnal vv.1-3 only*



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ish'd a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (2)

O God, when we hear your call to new life, sometimes we feel weary.

The pains and sorrows of this life weigh us down. We doubt that things can ever change.

We do not see how we can be renewed and revitalized. We forget that new life is always possible with you.

We find it hard to believe that you can and do grant more than all we can ask or imagine.

Forgive us and renew us, we pray, that we might once again believe that you can grant more than we can ask or imagine. (*silent confession*)

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news:

By grace we have been made new. Rejoice and live in newness of life with Christ!

Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “Here in This Place” v.4

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away:

Here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom and now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;

Gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

*PASSING THE PEACE

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

LISTENING

God speaks to us in the Word proclaimed.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 6:1b-11

Pew Bible p.917

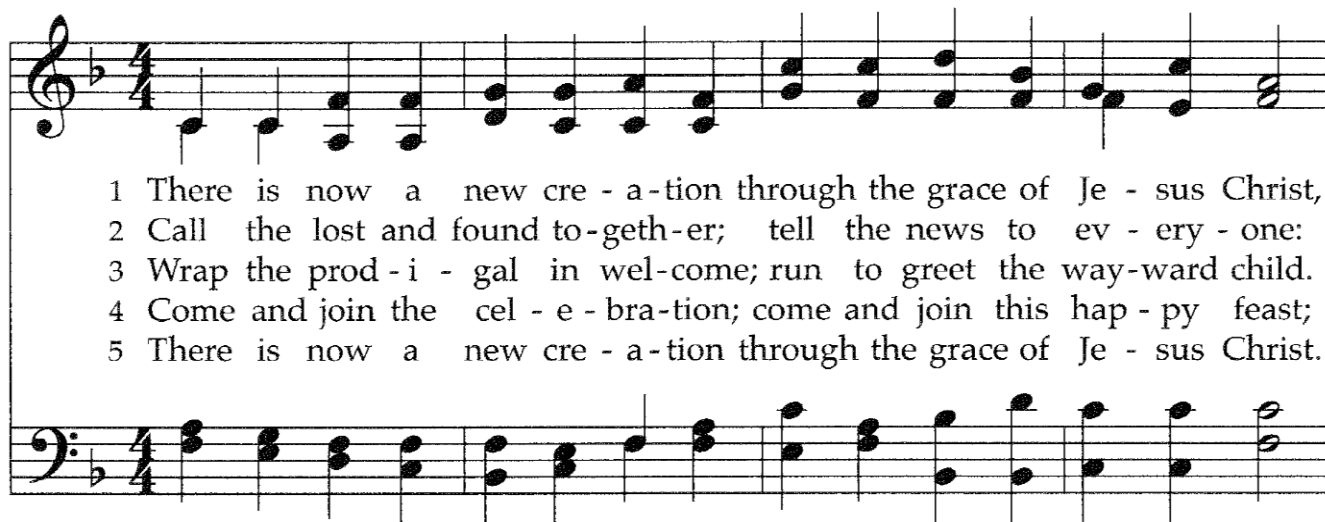
A Word of God that is still speaking, **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

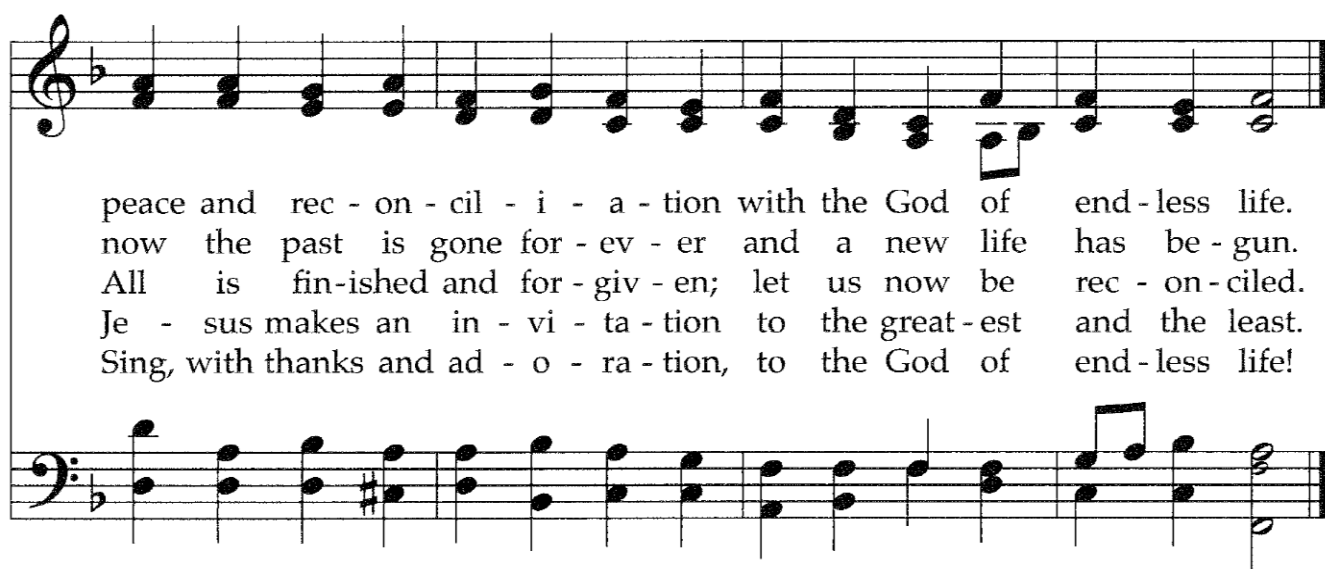
Sarah Fredriksen McCann

SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN OF REFLECTION “There is Now a New Creation” #774 *Glory to God Hymnal*



1 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ,
2 Call the lost and found to - geth - er; tell the news to ev - ery - one:
3 Wrap the prod - i - gal in wel - come; run to greet the way - ward child.
4 Come and join the cel - e - bra - tion; come and join this hap - py feast;
5 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ.



peace and rec - on - cil - i - a - tion with the God of end - less life.
now the past is gone for - ev - er and a new life has be - gun.
All is fin - ished and for - giv - en; let us now be rec - on - ciled.
Je - sus makes an in - vi - ta - tion to the great - est and the least.
Sing, with thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, to the God of end - less life!

RESPONDING

We respond to God's Word through our prayers and our gifts.

NAMING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 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.

OFFERTORY Chorale Prelude on the tune "Bevan" Healey Willan
(A QR code at the end of the bulletin is available for online giving.)

* DOXOLOGY #781 *New Century Hymnal*

**Praise God from whom all blessing flow; Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; One God, Triune, whom we adore.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*COMMISSIONING HYMN: "In the Bulb There is a Flower"#433 *New Century Hymnal*
(For full music, the *New Century Hymnal* is located in each pew rack)

**In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn for every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Voluntary in G" Henry Heron

SENDING

With God's blessing, we are sent forth to follow Christ in the world.

Worship Endnotes

- (1) Adapted from www.lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com
- (2) Adapted from a prayer by Rev. Dr. Barb Hedges-Goettl

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