



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 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 "Hymn to Joy" Wayne L. Wold

() Indicates that all are invited to stand*

***CALL TO WORSHIP (1)**

One: Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, Rejoice!

All: Today we choose to rejoice. Today we choose to worship and give thanks.

One: Seek the peace of God that will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

All: Today we choose God's peace; today we place our trust in God.

One: Turn your imagination and your thoughts toward God and away from the distractions and disappointments of life that will always flow in and out like the tide.

All: We come to worship God who alone is excellent and worthy of praise!

One: So, together we turn our thoughts and imagination to whatever is true and whatever is honorable.

All: We turn our thoughts to whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, and whatever is commendable.

One: If there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things and the God of peace will be with you.

*GATHERING HYMN “Rejoice, You Pure in Heart” #55 NCH *vv.1-4 only*
(For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack)

**Rejoice, you pure in heart; lift praises to the sky:
Your festal banner wave with joy, the cross of Christ raise high!
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

**Bright youth and seasoned age, strong souls and spirits meek,
Raise high your free, exulting song, God’s wondrous praises speak.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

**With voice as full and strong, as ocean’s surging praise,
Send forth the hymns the saints have loved, the psalms of ancient day.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

**Yes, on through life’s long path, still chanting as you go,
From youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe:
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (2)

God of mercy, in our impatience for answers, we sometimes turn to idols of our own making and forget our covenant with you. Passionate for what is right, we wrong those with whom we differ. Pleased at the invitation to your banquet, we fail to arrive with humility and thanksgiving. Forgive us when our faith is weak and our zeal too strong. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. (*silent confession*)

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Do not worry; the Lord is near. God hears our prayers with compassion and with abundant, steadfast love. Rejoice, for in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “Rejoice, You Pure in Heart” v.5

**Praise God who rules all worlds, the risen Christ adore,
Praise God the Spirit, Holy Fire, one God for evermore!
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

*PASSING THE PEACE

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

LISTENING

God speaks to us in the Word proclaimed.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4:1-9

Pew Bible p. 955

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

SERMON

Diane Yanczer

SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN OF REFLECTION "For the Beauty of the Earth" #28 *New Century Hymnal*
(*For full music, the New Century Hymnal is located in each pew rack*)

**For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the good that love inspires, for a world where none exclude,
For a faith that never tires, and for every heart renewed.
God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

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 "Abide with Me" Clay Christiansen
(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: "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" #417 *New Century Hymnal*
(For full music, the *New Century Hymnal* is located in each pew rack)

**This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.**

**For by the life and death of Jesus, God's mighty spirit, now as then,
can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again.**

**Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind
our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.**

**Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings---Our God is making all things new.**

*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Voluntary in D" William Selby

SENDING

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

Worship Endnotes

- (1) Adapted by Dr. Mike Marshall
- (2) Written by Hans Holznagel

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