

Epistle Reading: Romans 2:12-16..... Jennifer Pontzer

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: “So That It May Go Well With You” Rev. Giffone

Sermon Text: Deuteronomy 4:5-13

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Remembrance · Communion · Hope

Invitation to the Lord’s Table..... Rev. Giffone

Offering: *The Solid Rock*..... arr. Helvey

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.
On Christ the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.
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Note: We welcome the families with children sitting in the rear of the sanctuary to come forward and find seating in the front of the church, so that the children may observe the Celebration of Holy Communion.

***Offertory Hymn:** *Doxology*..... OLD HUNDRETH

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Offertory Prayer**..... Rev. Giffone

Communion Opening Prayer

and Words of Institution..... Rev. Giffone

Distribution of the Bread: *The body of Christ, broken for you.*

(Please note that for Communion we use both gluten-free and dairy-free bread or crackers.)

As you pass the bread/crackers, please say to the next person:
“**The body of Christ, broken for you.**”

Upon receipt of the bread, please hold it until all have been served, so that we can partake of the bread together, as a sign of our oneness in Christ and membership in His corporate body—the Christian Church.

Distribution of the Cup: *The blood of Christ, shed for you.*

(Please note that for Communion the juice we use is non-alcoholic grape juice.)

As you pass the cup, please say to the next person:
“**The blood of Christ, shed for you.**”

Upon receipt of the cup, please hold it until all have been served, so that we can partake of the cup together, as a sign of our oneness in Christ and membership in His corporate body—the Christian Church.

Please use the baskets we have provided in alternate rows for disposal of the used communion cups

Prayer following Communion..... Rev. Giffone

***Hymn By Faith**..... Getty/Townend
(Please see Bulletin Insert)

***Benediction**..... Rev. Giffone

Postlude: *Lead On, O King Eternal*..... arr. Larson

After the Worship Service

We invite you to join us for a time of fellowship with coffee and cookies after the Worship Service in the rear of the sanctuary.

If you wish to have a time of personal prayer, please speak to Pastor Benj or to one of our Ruling Elders—Zachary Harvey, Robert LeSuer, or Amy Stearns.



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Sunday Morning Worship Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 7, 2026

Worship Theme: “*God’s Law provides us with a map for discipleship, and also promotes the mission of the church in the world.*”

** The Congregation should please stand, if you are able to do so*

Welcome, Announcements, and

Introduction to Worship..... Thomas Brooks

Prelude: *God is Here!*..... arr. Howell

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt
Keep us faithful to the gospel, help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day’s dedication, all we have to give, receive:
We, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

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Connection/Request for Prayer

Name: _____

Phone/Email: _____

I’d like: Call from the pastor Prayer for: Confidential

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Call to Worship: *(responsively)* Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: And when *[the ark]* rested, *[Moses]* said,
“Return, O Lord, to the ten thousand
thousands of Israel.” —Numbers 10:36

**Congregation: Open to me the gates of righteousness:
I will go into them, and I will praise the
Lord.** —Psalm 118:19

***Hymn No. 347:** *The Church’s One Foundation*AURELIA
(Verses 1, 5, and 6)

Dedication of the Place of Worship Rev. Giffone

Peace be to this house, and to all who worship therein.
Peace be to those that enter, and to those that go out
therefrom. Peace be to those that love it, and that love the
name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Lift up your heads, O gates;
Even lift them up, everlasting doors; And the King of glory
shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of
hosts, He is the King of glory.

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:19-22 Rev. Giffone

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you
are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the
household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles
and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,
in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows
into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being
built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

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Prayer Rev. Giffone

O Lord God, almighty and most merciful, whom the
heaven, even the heaven of heavens, cannot contain, much
less temples built with hands, but who also dwell with
men, and delight Yourself in the assembly of Your people:
Cleanse our hearts, we pray, from all evil thought and
desire, and assure us of Your divine presence and blessing,
that those things may please You which we do at this
present, and also that we may at length obtain Your favor
with everlasting life in Your heavenly kingdom; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalter Reading: Psalm 119:41-48 Jennifer Pontzer

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

A Moment for Children Shirley Wilson

Hymn of Reflection: *Day by Day* St. Richard of Chichester

Day by day, day by day, O, dear Lord, three things I pray:
To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
Follow thee more nearly, day by day.

Day by day, day by day, O, dear Lord, three things I pray:
To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
Follow thee more nearly, day by day.

Prayers of Confession Thomas Brooks

We will begin by praying a unison prayer of corporate confession.
Then, we will join in silently, confessing our personal sins.

**Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and
confess before You our sinful nature prone to evil and
slothful in good. We confess all our shortcomings and
offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned—in
wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in
forgetting Your love.**

**O Lord, have mercy upon us, we who are ashamed and
sorry for everything in which we have displeased You.
Please teach us to hate our errors. Please cleanse us**

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**from our secret faults. Please forgive our sins, for the
sake of your dear Son.**

**And, O most holy and loving Father, please help us,
we beseech You, to live in Your light and walk in Your
ways—according to the commandments of Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

—based upon The Book of Common Worship, first order

Note: The Congregation should please silently confess their sins.

Assurance of Pardon *(responsively)* Thomas Brooks

Liturgist: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given
us new birth into a living hope through the
resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

**Congregation: and into an inheritance that can never
perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for
you, who through faith are shielded by
God’s power until the day of salvation
that is ready to be revealed in the last
time.** —I Peter 1:3-5

Thanks be to God!

***Response Hymn:** *Gloria Patri* GREATOREX

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!

***Passing of the Peace** Thomas Brooks

*Note: The Congregation will please turn to each other and speak these words of
common greeting: “May the peace of Christ be with you.”
And the reply: “And, also with you.”*

**Pastoral Prayer, Prayers of the People, and
The Lord’s Prayer** Rev. Giffone

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.

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Monthly Prayer Focus for June

So often in our prayer life, we make petitions and requests and give thanks for God's attentive ear. During June, our Monthly Prayer Focus will be on *listening*. What is God saying to each one of us? Let's put away our list of topics and people for whom we routinely pray and just *listen*. We are so used to agendas and activity that this could take some practice.

During our regular prayer times, let's set aside a block of time to quiet our mental activity and allow God to speak to our hearts, instilling a new thought in our minds. There is no direction to guide this time, no topic on which to meditate. We should simply ask the question: "Lord, what do You want to say to me?" Then, let God take the lead and *listen* for what He is saying.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Men's Breakfast on Saturday, June 13, 2026. See Joshua Stearns for location and details..



Lyrics by: Keith and Kristyn Getty,
and Stuart Townend

By Faith

Music by: Keith and Kristyn Getty
and Stuart Townend

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1. By faith we see the hand of God in the light of cre-a-tion's grand de-sign, in the
2. By faith our fa-ters roamed the earth with the power of His pro-mise in their hearts, of a



lives of those who prove His faith-ful-ness, who walk by faith and not by sight.
ho-ly ci-ti built by God's own hand, a place where peace and jus-tice _____



reign. We will stand as chil-dren of the pro-mise. We will fix our eyes on Him, our



souls' Re-ward. Till the race is fin-ished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

3. By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed for Messiah would appear
with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death and rise triumphant from the grave.

4. By faith the church was called to go in the power of the spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news, in every corner of the earth.

Refrain

5. By faith this mountain shall be moved, and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon His name.

Refrain