



**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 21, 2026**

Approach to God

Prelude *(a time of quiet reflection as we prepare for worship)*
Processional on "O God of Every Nation"

- arr. David Neff

Greeting

Introit 297 "Open Our Eyes" *(refrain only 2x)*
**Come and bring light to a people in darkness.
Come, set us free from the chains we have made.
We are your people, the flock that you tend.
Lord, open our eyes once again.**

Call to Worship and Opening Gestures
Jesus Christ is the light of the world.
The light no darkness can overcome.
Jesus Christ is the living Word.
Through the Word, God draws near to us.
Jesus Christ is the living water.
At the font, we are sealed with the Spirit.
Jesus Christ is the great table host.
At the table, we are welcomed and nourished by Christ who reigns over all.

Gathering Hymn 282 "O God of Every Nation"
**O God of every nation, of every race and land,
redeem the whole creation with your almighty hand.
Where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us, and heal our strife torn world.**

**From search for wealth and power, and scorn for truth and right,
from trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night,
from pride of race and nation and blindness to your way,
deliver every nation, eternal God, we pray!**

**Lord, strengthen those who labor that we may find release
from fear of rattling saber, from dread of war's increase.
When hope and courage falter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
with faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.**

**Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign,
and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.**

God's Greeting and the Peoples' Amen

Prayer of Confession

Ever merciful God, you said "Let us make humankind in our own image." (*Genesis 1:26*)

Forgive us, we pray, for the times we have only recognized your image in those who look, think, and act like us.

You said "Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns." (*Exodus 20:9-10*)

Forgive us, we pray, for the times we have imagined ourselves too important to rest and treated others as unworthy of time off.

You said "You shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest; you shall leave them for the poor and for the alien." (*Leviticus 23:22*)

Forgive us, we pray, for the times we have hoarded your blessings and acted as if the poor, the homeless, and the refugee deserve their reality.

You said "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." (*Hebrews 13:1*)

Forgive us, we pray, for the times we have closed doors, hearts, and churches to those whom we judge too strange or different.

You said "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." (*Galatians 5:22*)

Forgive us, we pray, for the times we have hated, brooded, divided, hurried, been cruel, stingy, disloyal, harsh, and self-indulgent.

(please continue to offer your silent prayers)

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** Lord, have mercy. **Amen.**

Words of Assurance and Guidance

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Word of God in Proclamation and Sacrament

Children's Message and Blessing 955 "Mungu ni mwema / Know that God is Good"

Mungu ni mwema. Mungu ni mwema.

Mungu ni mwema, ni mwema, ni mwema.

Know that God is good. Know that God is good.

Know that God is good, God is good, God is good.

A Reading from Jeremiah 20:7-13

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A Reading from Romans 6:1b-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Song of Preparation 752 "Dawk'yah towgyah / Take the Saving Word of God"

Take the saving Word of God;

put it first within your life.

Nothing comes before God's Holy Word.

A Reading from Matthew 10:24-39

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon "You're Worth at Least...15 Sparrows! (No Peace)"

Invitation to the Table "All Ye Refugees"

- Sandra McCracken

*I am the One, the earth is my handmade work,
the skies, I laid them wide, beauty unfurled.
Horizon to horizon, creation to creation, sings you home.*

Refrain: Welcome home, gather 'round. All ye refugees, come in. (x2)

*Oh, refugee, I did not cast you out, in death and broken ground, salvation springs.
My body and my blood, the healing that you need, come and receive.* Refrain

Watch and wait and see, what is yet to be. Watch and wait and see, for the morning.

*Go out in joy, and join the great procession.
The mountains and the heavens all will rejoice.
Horizon to horizon, creation to creation, with one voice.* Refrain

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Meaning and Invitation to the Table

We warmly welcome all baptized followers of Jesus Christ to this meal of grace. If you are not prepared to join in the meal this morning, we encourage you to use this time for prayerful reflection. If you have yet to be baptized and would like to learn more, please see one of the elders or ministers following the service.

Great Thanksgiving Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We do well to praise you, and in this we are not alone...

With them, we sing the song of your everlasting glory.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
might. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow'r and might. Heav - en and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Now, Holy God, lest we believe what we have to offer is more than you have to give...
flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone, he came.

Together we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Holy and gracious God, present with us now...
and resolve to love and follow Christ forever. Amen.

Words of Institution and Distribution

Upon instruction from the minister, we invite you to partake of simple elements you have prepared at home.

Our Grateful Response to God

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Announcements

Offertory

Doxology (*rhythmic version*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

Prayer of Dedication

Sending Song 318 "Help Us Accept Each Other"

**Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.**

**Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.**

**Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love,
to practice your acceptance until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.**

**Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;
renew us with your Spirit, Lord, free us, make us one!**

Sending Litany

At the table, we commune with Christ and his body throughout the world,

**So we go in hope of the glorious heavenly banquet,
where all God's people will see Jesus face-to-face.**

At the font, we are marked with the truth that God loved us first.

So we go in love:

for one another, ourselves, and the world so loved by God.

Embraced and addressed by God's living Word,

We go with the assurance of God's steadfast mercy.

Reborn by the Spirit as children of light,

We use our lives to bring light and joy to all places.

Benediction

Postlude "Help Us Accept Each Other"

- arr. Mark Sedio

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Open Our Eyes

The image displays a musical score for the song "Come, Set Us Free" by The Beatles. It is arranged for piano and voice. The score is written in 3/4 time and features a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The piano part is shown in the left hand, and the vocal part is in the right hand. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The score includes a refrain section and a coda section. The guitar chords are indicated above the piano part.

Chords: E^b2, D^b2, Gm7, A^b, Fm7, B^b, E^b2, Gm7, A^b, B^b, A^b, E^b/G, D^b, Fm7, B^b, E^b, D^b, B^bm7, E^b2.

Lyrics:

Come and bring light to a peo-ple in dark-ness. Come, set us
 free from the chains we have made. We are your peo-ple, the
 flock that you tend. Lord, o - pen our eyes once a - gain.

O God of Every Nation

Fm C Fm B^bm Fm C

1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and land,
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
 3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that we may find re - lease
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

D^b E^b A^b B^bm D^b C Fm

re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand.
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc-tion through the night,
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease.
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

A^b B^bm A^b E^b C Fm C^{sus} C

Where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and na - tion and blind-ness to your way,
 When hope and cour - age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
 till dawns the morn-ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign,

Fm C Fm D^b C Fm

in love and mer - cy guide us, and heal our strife - torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray!
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

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F C7

Swahili Mun - gu ni mwe - ma. Mun - gu
English Know that God is ___ good. Know that
Refrain Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le,

F F F7 Bb

ni mwe - ma. God is ___ good. hal - le - lu - jah. Mun - gu ni mwe - ma, Know that God is ___ good, Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah,

F/C C7 F

ni mwe - ma, God is ___ good, hal - le - lu - jah, ni mwe - ma. God is ___ good. hal - le - lu - jah.

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Dawk'yah towgyah/ Take the Saving Word of God



Kiowa Daw - k'yah tow - gyah thawy báht - awm
English Take the sav - ing Word of God;



Daw - k'yah tow - gyah thawy báht - awm
put it first with - in your life.



Daw - k'yah tow - gyah thawy Gyah O' Boy Daw.
Noth - ing comes be - fore God's Ho - ly Word.

**To support the congregational singing you may include an instrumental or sung drone on F to be re-articulated at the beginning of each phrase.*

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Help Us Accept Each Other

Eb Cm Ab Bb Eb/G Bb7 Eb
 1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
 2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
 3 Let your ac - cept - ance change us, so that we may be moved
 4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,

Cm Ab Bb Eb/G Fm Bb7 Eb
 teach us as sis - ter, broth - er each per - son to em - brace.
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love,
 who hun - ger for ac - cept - ance, for right - eous - ness and bread,

Cm F Bb Ab Fm Bb
 Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
 to prac - tice your ac - cept - ance un - til we know by heart
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on;

Eb Cm Ab Bb Eb Fm Bb7 Eb
 we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 re - new us with your Spir - it, Lord, free us, make us one!

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