



First Sunday after Pentecost
May 31, 2026



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Whether you are worshipping in the sanctuary or online, at any time in the course of the service, you are invited to light a candle signifying a concern, a desire for healing, a confession, or a prayer of thanksgiving that, though private, you would like to remember in the midst of our worship.

*Please speak aloud the bold portions of the liturgy in the bulletin.
The asterisk * is an invitation for worshipers to rise in body or spirit as able.*

GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE

*Par un clair matin
Philippe Gaubert
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WELCOME

Erin Tolar

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

In all the ups and downs of life,
we can trust our relationship with God.
From generation to generation,
we can be honest and real with God.
Whether we feel close or we feel far off,
the love of God never fails.

*HYMN No. 39

Great is Thy Faithfulness

CALL TO CONFESSION

Peggy Carroll

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Loving God,
We long to know you with us –
to see your presence and to feel your hand guiding us.
The problem is, sometimes we look in the wrong place.
We put our trust in something other than you.
We confess, too, that sometimes we take your forgiveness too lightly.
We trust your grace, we trust your love, we trust your promise...
and so we think we need not change our lives.
Forgive us when we invent justifications for our loyalty to other powers.**

A TIME OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

**Thank you for your grace that overcomes everything.
Turn our hearts and lives to your way, and draw us ever nearer to you.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

In Christ, God was reconciling the world to God's self,
and also entrusting us with the ministry of reconciliation.
Hear and believe this good news:
the grace of God is here to stay, making relationship possible.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

*Hymn 435 - v1
sung through one time*

**There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.**

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 32:1-20

SERMON

Mamie Broadhurst

WE RESPOND WITH DEDICATION

*HYMN No. 687 *vv 1-4*

Our God, Our Help in Ages Pas

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

**Our Mother and Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING of GIFTS

*Reflect on your response to the work of Christ in the world today, and
consider making a commitment of time, talents, and resources.*

*If you choose to contribute to the work of Christ through UPC at this time,
on-line giving is available. See the announcements for more information.*

INVITATION

ANTHEM

Griff Campbell
Aria

*Eugene Bozza
Alphonse Leduc, 1936*

✽DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of All,

**From you comes every gift we need,
every blessing we have.**

**As we offer our gifts this day,
let us join them with your goodness and mercy,
so that all who long for rest,
all who hunger for hope,
all who thirst for living water
and who ache to be part of your community of love
may receive some measure of grace through them.
This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.**

*HYMN No. 707

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

God is...

everywhere!

POSTLUDE

When the Spirit Says Sing

Mark Hayes

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*Many thanks to Leslie Green and Tom Shelton
who helped to live-stream the service today.*

Summer Sermon Series:

This week we are beginning a sermon series called “Disputing with God.” The series explores biblical texts in which people enter into dispute with God, whether to protest God’s judgment, appeal to God’s mercy, or accuse God of wrongdoing. What emerges is a complex dynamic between humans and God, who learn to dispute with one another while remaining deeply committed to their ongoing relationship. Join us this week as we look at the first half of the story of Israel’s fall and God’s disappointment.



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