

# Service for the Lord's Day

## Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2026

### Gathering Music

### Welcome

### Prelude

#### \*Call to Worship (Responsive)

God calls us to be partners in loving the world:

**supporting each other in justice and righteousness,**  
broadening the scope of mercy,  
**investing ourselves in blessing others.**

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**so we come to tune our hearts to grace. Let us worship God!**

#### \*Hymn 619

*Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*

Lauda Anima

### Call to Prayer

#### Prayer for Forgiveness (Unison)

God of justice and mercy, you hear the cries of suffering, the pleas for help, and you come down to see. We confess that we hear the cries and the pleas and we often turn away, assuming they've done something to deserve it, or it isn't our problem because they're not our people. You count the good and share hope and blessing by association, and we confess that we count up the bad painting whole groups with the same brush of judgment and disdain, assuming guilt by association. Forgive us, holy God, for cynicism that locks us into arrogance.

Forgive us, holy God, for refusing to recognize your image in the faces of our enemies. Forgive us, holy God, for caring only for "us" while you insist there is no "them." Stretch our mercy to align with yours and set us as a blessing to your world...

(Silent time for your reflection and personal confessions)

### Assurance of God's Grace

### Word & Wonder – A Time for the Young & the Young at Heart

#### Scripture Lesson

Genesis 18:16-33

OT, p. 14

#### Sermon

Disputing God: For Goodness' Sake

Rev. Christie Ashton

#### \*Hymn 645

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

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#### \*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.

### **Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

As we pray together the prayer Christ taught us ...

**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.**

**\*Hymn 312**

*Take Us As We Are, O God*

Endless Feast

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

\*You are invited to stand in body or spirit as you are comfortable doing so.