



**Celebrating  
180 Years**



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

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3 In the Spirit let us travel,  
open to each other's pain,  
let our loves and fears unravel,  
celebrate the space we gain:  
there's a place for deepest dreaming,  
there's a time for heart to care,  
in the Spirit's lively scheming  
there is always room to spare!

### Opening Prayer

#### Hymn: God Sees the Little Sparrow Fall

God sees the little sparrow fall  
It meets His tender view  
If God so loves the little birds  
I know He loves me, too

#### Chorus

He loves me, too, He loves me, too  
I know He loves me, too  
Because He loves the little things  
I know He loves me, too

He paints the lily of the field  
Perfumes each lily bell  
If He so loves the little flow'rs  
I know He loves me well

#### Chorus

### Children's Time

**Music of Ministry:** *Be Not Afraid* By: Bob Dufford

**Responsive Psalm: Psalm 86** *Selected verses from Psalms for Praying*

One: Give ear to my cry, O Comforter, and answer me  
for I am sorely in need of You.

**All: Awaken new life in me, as I yearn to do your will.  
You are the Beloved; be gracious to me, heart of my heart,  
for with You would I walk all day.**

One: My soul is uplifted as I abandon myself into your hands.  
For you are kind and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon You.

**All: No one is like You, O Mighty One, all of creation belongs to You.  
Teach me your ways, Mighty Counsellor, that I may walk in truth:  
write my name upon your heart.**

One: I give You thanks, O Beloved, with my whole being:  
O, that I might radiate your Light forever!

**All: Be present to me and receive my prayer;  
imbue me with strength and help me to release each fear.  
For You, O Beloved, are my Redeemer and Comforter.**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:24-31** Reader: Bob Foster

“The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!

“So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father’s care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

**Sermon: *Fear Not***

**Hymn: I Have Called You by Your Name** MV 161

1. I have called you by your name, you are mine;  
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.  
I will not abandon you;  
all my promises are true.  
You are gifted, called, and chosen;  
you are mine.
2. I will help you learn my name as you go;  
read it written in my people, help them grow.  
Pour the water in my name,  
speak the word your soul can claim,  
offer Jesus’ body given long ago.
3. I know you will need my touch as you go;  
feel it pulsing in creation’s ebb and flow.  
Like the woman reaching out,  
choosing faith in spite of doubt,  
hold the hem of Jesus’ robe,  
then let it go.
4. I have given you a name, it is mine;  
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.  
With my wonder in your soul,  
make my wounded children whole;  
go and tell my precious people  
they are mine.

**Joys / 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

### Offertory invitation

#### Offertory Song: Take, O Take Me as I Am MV 85

Take, O take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be;  
Set your seal upon my heart  
and live in me. (2X)

**Offertory Prayer**      *From: Worship Resources for National Indigenous Day of Prayer*

#### Hymn: I Heard the Voice of Jesus VU 626

- 1      I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
              'Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down  
              your head upon my breast.'  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
              weary and worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
              and he has made me glad.
  
- 2      I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
              'Behold, I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one,  
              stoop down, and drink, and live.'  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
              of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
              and now I live in him.
  
- 3      I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
              'I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
              and all your day be bright.'  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
              in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk  
              till travelling days are done.

**Benediction and Commissioning**     *From: Celebrate God's Presence*

One: Go into the world:  
dance, laugh, sing and create.

**All: We go with the assurance of your blessing, O God.**

One: Go into the world:  
risk, explore, discover and love.

**All: We go with the assurance of your grace, O God.**

One: Go into the world:  
believe, hope, struggle, and remember.

**All: We go with the assurance of your love, O God.  
Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude: Let My Spirit Always Sing**

**Welcomers:** Millie Cumming, John Cumming

**Counters:** Ruth Sproule, Karen Smillie

**Worship Schedule**

June 28 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> after Pentecost	Rev. Tom Watson
July 5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> after Pentecost	Rev. Jeff Hawkins
July 12 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> after Pentecost	Rev. Tom Watson
July 19 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> after Pentecost	Rev. Linda Butler