



**June 7, 2026**  
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*Presiding: Rev. Jeff Hawkins*

*Ministry of Music: Colleen Weber*

**Prelude**

**Welcome &Annoucement**

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Call to Worship**

One: Rejoice in God's goodness, people of God!

**All: We will sing praises to our God.**

One: God loves righteousness and justice;

**All: We will serve God faithfully.**

One: The earth is full of God's steadfast love.

**All: We come to worship and offer our love and loyalty**

**Opening Hymn: All Praise to Thee VU 327**

- 1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,  
didst yield the glory that of right was thine,  
that in our troubled hearts thy grace might shine:  
hallelujah; hallelujah!
- 2 Thou cam'st to us in lowliness of thought;  
by thee the outcast and the poor were sought,  
and by thy death was God's salvation wrought:  
hallelujah; hallelujah!
- 3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,  
who wast a servant that we might be free,  
humbling thyself to death on Calvary:  
hallelujah; hallelujah!
- 4 Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, thou  
art high exalted o'er all creatures now,  
and given the name to which all knees shall bow:  
hallelujah; hallelujah!
- 5 Let every tongue confess with one accord  
in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;  
and God eternal be by all adored:  
hallelujah; hallelujah!

## **Opening Prayer**

Creator, Christ and Spirit, you are overflowing with love, infinite in kindness and the source of all wisdom and knowledge. In you, all things work together for good. Your presence breaks into our lives in transformative ways and you touch us with wonder. In response to your goodness and glory, we offer you thanks with our prayers, praise with our hearts, and honour with our lives, this day and every day, now and always. Amen

## **Prayer of Confession**

**God of mercy, whose loving kindness endures forever: we confess we have failed to receive and give love; to care for others as we care for ourselves. We remember good intentions that were not put into actions; harsh words said in anger; selfish purposes that caused pain. Forgive and strengthen us with your love. Amen.**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
Know you are forgiven and be at peace with God, with yourself and with one another.

## **Children's Time**

**Ministry of Music: Canon in D Major**                      By: Johann Pachelbel

**Scripture Reading: Matthew 9: 9-13**                      Reader: Millie Cumming

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

## **Sermon: Out to Get Us**

**Hymn: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy    VU 271**

- 1        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.
  
- 2        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 gracious judgement given.
  
- 3        There is plentiful redemption

in the blood that Christ has shed;  
there is joy for all the members  
in the sorrows of the Head.

- 4 Troubled souls, why will you scatter  
like a crowd of frightened sheep?  
Foolish hearts, why will you wander  
from a love so true and deep?
- 5 For the love of God is broader  
than the measures of the mind,  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.

### **Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

#### **Prayers of the People**

##### **The Lord's Prayer**

##### **Offering Hymn: What Can We Do MV 191**

What Can I Do

What can I do? What can I bring?

What can I say? What can I sing?

I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.

I'll bring my love. I'll do my share. (x2)

##### **Offering Prayer**

##### **Parting Song: Jesus Calls Us VU 562**

- 1 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild restless sea,  
day by day his clear voice sounding,  
saying, 'Christian, follow me.'
- 2 Long ago apostles heard it  
by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred,  
leaving all for Jesus' sake.
- 3 Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, 'Christian, love me more.'
- 4 In our joys and in our sorrows,

days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
'Christian, love me more than these.'

- 5 Jesus calls us: by your mercies,  
Saviour, may we hear your call,  
give our hearts to your obedience,  
serve and love you best of all.

### **Benediction**

**Postlude: Little by little** Words & Music: Bret Hesla, Arr: Tom Witt, Sung by: Rev. Jeff Hawkins

**Welcomers:** Millie Cumming, Ruth Sproule

**Counters:** Karen Smillie, Ruth Sproule

### **Worship Schedule**

June 14 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> after Pentecost	Social Justice Team
June 21	4 <sup>th</sup> after Pentecost	Rev. Linda Butler
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