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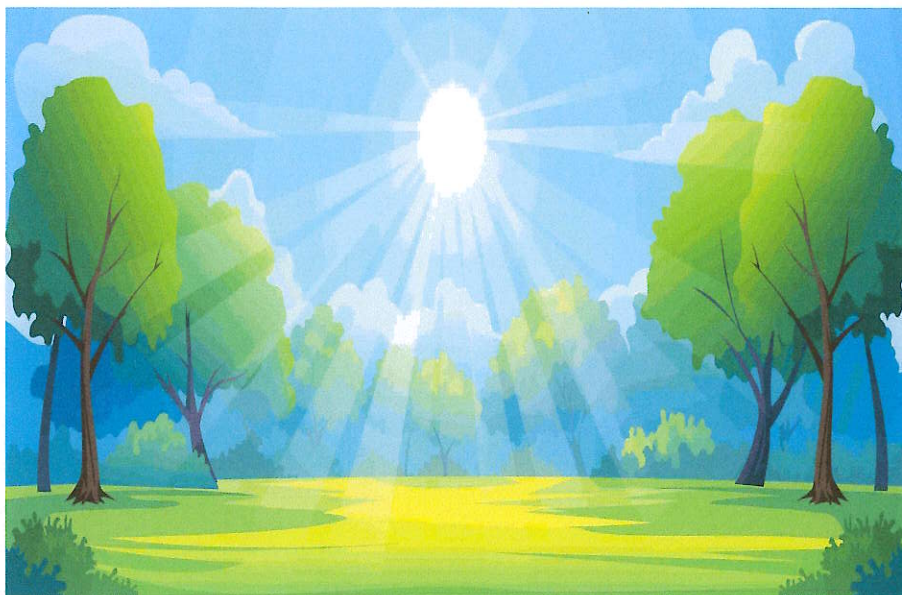
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Growing, Serving, Celebrating



3rd Sunday of Pentecost

Worship in the Park

June 14, 2026

10:00 am



**Friends, at this stop on your life's pilgrimage
we bid you welcome
with the hope that here you will find the
love of God, which He offers
to all who seek to serve and follow Him!**

Welcome and thank you for worshiping with us today!

Some things you should know:

- Please silence mobile devices
- Please stand as you are able when *asterisk appears.

GATHERING MUSIC: "In The Garden"

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Jesus Christ summons us to answer God's call of mercy.

Christ gathers us and gives us power to be healed and to heal.

To be forgiven and to forgive, to be freed from sin and to set others free.

To tell one another and the world: God's presence is at hand.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we do not know how to look for you. We do not sense your nearness, and if there are angels among us, we are unaware. We do not show the hospitality to strangers that Abraham showed to you. We do not trust that our hardships can be transformed by your Spirit. Faithful One, forgive us. Let us laugh with joy because your grace has made peace among us. Send us out with this good news so that others will also receive your blessing: through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(moment of silent confession)

RESPONSE: Hymn No. 578 "Kyrie eleison"

Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son (4x)

Chri-ste e-le-i-son (4x)

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE: Hymn No. 447 "We Are Forgiven"

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(Please greet those near you with words such as "The Peace of Christ be with you.")

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?' The Lord said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?" Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.' But Sarah denied, saying, 'I did not laugh'; for she was afraid. He said, 'Oh yes, you did laugh.'

The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, 'God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.' And she said, 'Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.'

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 Pew Bible (OT) p.533

- ¹ I love the Lord, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.
- ² **Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**
- ¹² What shall I return to the Lord
for all his bounty to me?
- ¹³ **I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord,**
- ¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.
- ¹⁵ **Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful ones.**
- ¹⁶ O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid.
You have loosed my bonds.
- ¹⁷ **I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the Lord.**
- ¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
- ¹⁹ **in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the Lord!**

*RESPONSE: Hymn No. 581 "Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

SECOND READING: Matthew 9:35-10:8

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

SERMON: "Promises Fulfilled"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

Hymnal p. 35

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.

OFFERTORY: "How Great Thou Art"

DOXOLOGY: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*HYMN: "Amazing Grace"

1 Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

3 Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing
God's praise than when we'd first begun

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "If I Had A Hammer"

Thank you to Michael Golden for sharing his musical gifts with us this morning!

Food Pantry needs this week are Granulated Sugar, Saltine Crackers & Canned Pineapple.
Thanks!

Minister:	Rev. Dr. Jason Cashing
Director of Music Ministry:	Kotoe Shimojo
Sunday School Superintendent:	Jenna Abel
Children's Choir:	Connie Allison
Lay Reader:	Megan Cashing
Greeters:	Maryalice Yaiko & Lis Kreib
Ushers:	Carolyn & Ken Burke
Counters:	Karen Cummins, John Story & Kristin Johnson

Flowers: In honor of Wendy Hamilton and Emma Chidester's Birthdays
From Kaitlin Chidester.

Christ Candle: "The flame of the Christ Candle is in memory of Beth Ann Doeblor Wzontek.
We miss you year after year".
From, Laurie Doeblor Dentinger & Brian Dentinger

CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK

<u>Sunday, June 14th</u>	3rd Sunday after Pentecost
10:15 am	Worship in the Park, Picnic to follow
4 pm	Iona Preparation Meeting - UFH
<u>Monday, June 15th</u>	
9 am—2 pm	Clarence Food Pantry—Bodine Room
6 pm	Gordon Highlanders Rehearsal - UFH, LFH
<u>Tuesday, June 16th</u>	
6 pm	Finance Team Meeting - Narthex
7 pm	Session Meeting - Narthex
	Trustees Meeting - UFH
	Deacons Meeting - LFH
<u>Wednesday, June 17th</u>	
9 am	Loose Screws Social Club
<u>Thursday, June 18th</u>	
5 pm - 9 pm	Cindy Scheer Piano Recital - Sanctuary
<u>Friday, June 19th</u>	
6:46 pm - 9 pm	Linda Polikolsky Piano Recital - Sanctuary
<u>Sunday, June, 21st</u>	4th Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 am	Adult Education - Bodine Room
10 am	Worship Sanctuary
	Nursery Care
10:15 am	Junior Church
11:15 am	Glenn "Bill" Shupe 90th Birthday Reception - UFH

The Ride for Roswell

Our Church team, the Clarence Christian Crusaders, is getting closer to their goal and the Ride will take place next week Saturday. Additional donations may be given to Julie Furminger at the picnic today or mail them to her as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.

The knitting ladies will be meeting again on the third Thursday of this month, June 18, in the Lower Fellowship Hall from 9:30 to 11:00. We will break for the summer and meet again on the third Thursday in September. Have a happy and safe summer!

Interested in learning more about our shared Christian faith? Why not join us on Sunday morning at 8:30 in the Bodine Room. We are a small adult group of about 10 who meet for an hour to explore and discuss the Bible and other relevant Christian based books. We'll be starting a new study of "Mere Christianity" by C. S. Lewis on Sunday, July 5. If you'd like to know more or have any questions, please contact Steve Dale at 716-634-8077