

June 7, 2026 **Second Sunday after Pentecost**
SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome Rev. Chris Michael
Bringing of the Light and the Bell of Mindfulness
(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Prelude Aaron Lundy, soloist
Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano
"Zion's Walls"
John G. McCurry
Arr. Aaron Copland

*Call to Worship Chris Castlen
One: The sinners, the saints, the broken, the whole:

All: we all come seeking the One who offers grace and hope.
One: The doubters, the devout, the wonderers, the wanderers:
All: we all seek to follow the One who works for justice and hope for all of God's people.

One: The hesitant, the heroic, the grandparents, the little children:
All: we all listen for the songs of joy all creation sings to the One who gives life and peace.

***Hymn #419**
"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" (vs. 1 & 3)

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Chris Castlen
(using "debts" and "debtors")

First Scripture Reading Chris Castlen
Genesis 2:4b-15

One: The Word of God for the people of God
All: Thanks be to God.

Children's Blessing Rev. Chris Michael
Ages 3 through 2nd grade are invited forward for a blessing, then will be escorted to Worship and Wonder (located at the end of the first floor education wing)

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Chris Michael

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD
Special Music Aaron Lundy, soloist
Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano

"Give Me Jesus"
Traditional American Spiritual
Arr. Moses Hogan

Second Scripture Reading Rev. Chris Michael

Genesis 2:16-25

One: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Chris Michael
"Creation Part II"

Invitation to Discipleship
***Hymn #526**
"The Gift of Love" (vs. 1 & 3)

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD
Preparation for the Offering Rev. Chris Michael
Offertory Connie Ford, flute
Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano

"Steal Away"
Traditional American Spiritual
Arr. A.J. Pierce

*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts (Page 46)
*Dedication Prayer

RENEWING THE COVENANT IN THE LORD'S SUPPER
We are one in Christ, let everyone share in this communion without regard for denominational affiliation.
You are invited to take the cup and bread after your prayers.

Invitation to Communion Patrick and Michelle Whitmer
Words of Institution
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music Aaron Lundy, soloist
Connie Ford, flute
Ann Jeannette Pierce, piano
"His Eye is on the Sparrow"
Charles H. Gabriel
Arr. Jennifer Rhodes

GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE
*Benediction Rev. Chris Michael
One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

*Please stand if you are able.

Scripture Reading

First Reading - Genesis 2:4b-15

⁴ In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵ when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no vegetation of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground, ⁶ but a stream would rise from the earth and water the whole face of the ground — ⁷ then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. ⁸ And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰ A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. ¹¹ The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold, ¹² and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³ The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴ The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

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