



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 14, 2026

10:00 am

*please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.

Liturgist for today's worship is.

Thanks to Thomas DeBusk for special music today.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

CALL TO WORSHIP*

We love the Lord,
for God has heard us.

We return all we have to the Lord,
for the Lord is good. Praise the Lord!

HYMN*

“Gather Us In”

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PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

Loving 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. O Covenant-keeper, 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.

[silence]

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy. Kyrie Eleison. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

RESPONSE TO PARDON

582

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

OLD TESTAMENT – Genesis 18:1-15

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Thomas DeBusk

GOSPEL – MATTHEW 9:5-23

SERMON *“The Cost of Following”* Dr. Linda Dickerson

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE

The Lord is moving toward the time when justice will roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

God sends us to work with others to correct the growing disparity between rich and poor nations, to achieve fair legislation justly administered and enforced, to make the operation of courts and penal institutions more just and humane.

We are charged to root out prejudice and racism from our hearts and institutions. We are commissioned to stand with women and men of all ages, races, and classes as they struggle for dignity and respect.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/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 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* *"Will You Come and Follow Me?"* 726

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE* 295, v. 3

**Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN – All are welcome!