

# ***WELCOME TO WORSHIP***

***Feast of the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth (transferred)***  
***June 7, 2026***



*“The Visitation” by Frank Wesley (1923 – 2002).  
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*To all who are tired and need rest; to all who mourn, and need comfort; to all who are friendless and need friendship; to all who are homeless, and need sheltering love; to all who pray, and to all who do not pray; to all who sin and need a Savior; to whomsoever will, this church opens wide its doors and in the name of Jesus Christ, says Welcome!*

Welcome to Holy Spirit! Thank you for joining us today to worship the Living God! Through prayer, music, the proclamation of God's word and the sharing of a meal together we offer praise to God! Please come again and invite others to come with you. You are always welcome here at Holy Spirit!

We welcome the participation of all in worship. This worship bulletin is inclusive and contains the order of worship and all music you will need to participate. We sit and stand where indicated (\*) in reverence to God; do what is comfortable for you. The people respond where indicated in **boldface** type.

A: Assisting Minister C: Congregation P: Presiding Minister

If you are having difficulty reading the bulletin, we have enlarged print bulletins available. Please ask the usher.

Visitors, please fill out a communion card and place in the offering plate.

Members, please fill out a communion card at least once per month and place in the offering plate.

## OUR MISSION

**“KNOW CHRIST! GROW! SPREAD GOD’S LOVE!”**

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# ***ORDER OF WORSHIP***

## ***WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS***

### **+ GATHERING +**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

P: In this weary world,

**C: we sing of joy.**

A: In this fragile world,

**C: we lift each other up.**

P: In this beautiful world,

**C: we look for God.**

A: In this tender world,

**C: we hold onto hope.**

P: This is the invitation of faith. So in this time of worship, may we sing, lift up, look for, and hold onto our with-us God.

**C: With hope in our hearts, amen!**

## \*GATHERING HYMN      Morning Has Broken (ELW 556)



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;  
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,  
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.  
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass.  
 born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,  
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
 sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.  
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Friends, hope can feel slippery. One moment we may believe that change will come, that good will win, that the suffering of today will not be the suffering of tomorrow. No matter what we are able to hold, God is able to hold onto us. So, trusting that God's grace does not let us go, join me in the prayer of confession:

A: Gracious God, you paint pictures of what could be,

**C: but we declare those visions impossible.**

A: You speak of the lion lying down with the lamb,

**C: but we spout skepticism and uncertainty.**

A: You dream of a more just day,

**C: but we poke holes in the plan, unable to fathom that horizon.**

A: Forgive us for losing sight of hope.

**C: Forgive us for assuming that what we see is all there is.**

A: Open up our hearts to see the world as you see it.

**C: Open up our hearts to risk hope, to dream dreams, and to not be afraid of either.**

P: No matter what you hold onto, and no matter what you let slip through your hands, God is holding onto you. That good news will never change.

So hear and believe the good news of the Gospel: Today is a new day.

Today, we have reason to hope. Today, ✝ we are all forgiven. Through the love of Jesus, God has cast our sins away into a sea of forgetfulness.

**C: Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

ELW p. 204



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.

2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.

3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:

Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;

Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:

(Cont'd)



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
 Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray. Loving and gracious God, by whose grace Elizabeth rejoiced with Mary and greeted her as the mother of Jesus;

**C:** look with favor on your lowly servants that, with Mary, we may magnify your holy name and rejoice to acclaim her Son as our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

+ WORD +

## **FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 2:1-10**

<sup>1</sup> Hannah prayed and said,

“My heart exults in the LORD;  
 my strength is exalted in my God.

My mouth derides my enemies  
 because I rejoice in your victory.

<sup>2</sup> There is no Holy One like the LORD,  
 no one besides you;  
 there is no Rock like our God.

<sup>3</sup> Talk no more so very proudly;  
 let not arrogance come from your mouth,

for the LORD is a God of knowledge,  
and by him actions are weighed.

<sup>4</sup> The bows of the mighty are broken,  
but the feeble gird on strength.

<sup>5</sup> Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,  
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.

The barren has borne seven,  
but she who has many children is forlorn.

<sup>6</sup> The LORD kills and brings to life;  
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD makes poor and makes rich;  
he brings low; he also exalts.

<sup>8</sup> He raises up the poor from the dust;  
he lifts the needy from the ash heap  
to make them sit with princes  
and inherit a seat of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,  
and on them he has set the world.

<sup>9</sup> He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,  
but the wicked will perish in darkness,  
for not by might does one prevail.

<sup>10</sup> The LORD! His adversaries will be shattered;  
the Most High will thunder in heaven.

The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;  
he will give strength to his king  
and exalt the power of his anointed.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 113**

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD;  
praise the name of the LORD.

<sup>2</sup> **Let the name of the LORD be blessed,  
from this time forth forevermore.**

<sup>3</sup> From the rising of the sun to its going down  
let the name of the LORD be praised.

<sup>4</sup> **The LORD is high above all nations;  
God's glory above the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup> Who is like the LORD our God,  
who sits enthroned on high,

<sup>6</sup> **but stoops to behold  
the heavens and the earth?**

<sup>7</sup> The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust  
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

<sup>8</sup> **enthroning them with the rulers,  
with the rulers of the people.**

<sup>9</sup> The LORD makes the woman of a childless house  
to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

**SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-16b**

<sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup> love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.

<sup>11</sup> Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. <sup>16a, b</sup> Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand, as you are able)*

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

ELW 172

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
 - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
 lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

**\*GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-57****P:** The Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>39</sup> In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup> where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup> and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup> And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup> For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup> And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

<sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup> for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant.

Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed,

<sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me,

and holy is his name;

<sup>50</sup> indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

<sup>52</sup> He has brought down the powerful from their thrones  
and lifted up the lowly;

<sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things  
and sent the rich away empty.

<sup>54</sup> He has come to the aid of his child Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,

<sup>55</sup> according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

<sup>56</sup> And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to  
her home.

<sup>57</sup> Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son.

P: This is the Good News of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

**SERMON**

**Rev. Christopher Drummond**

(Please stand as you are able)

## HYMN OF THE DAY: My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness (ELW 251)



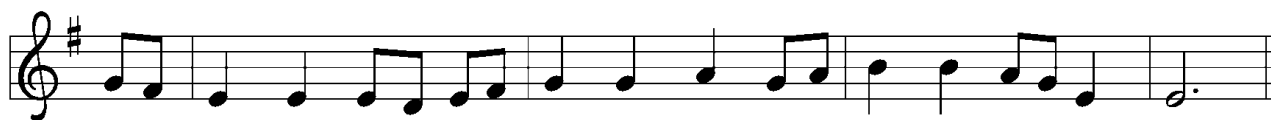
1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!  
 2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer - cy ev - er flows.  
 3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;



You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.  
 With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem - ing hearts ex - pose.  
 the prom - ise to our par - ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.



Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless - ing shall pro - claim—  
 The ruth - less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;  
 Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,



great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.  
 the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.  
 and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

Text: *With One Voice*, 1995, based on the Magnificat  
 Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune  
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### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

P: We believe in a God who gives us reason to hope,

**C: a God who fills our nights with stars, who follows winter with spring, who dwells with and among us.**

P: We believe that this God has dreams for creation,

**C: dreams of justice like a mighty stream, and swords that will be beaten into plowshares.**

P: Therefore, we push cynicism aside.

**C: We risk vulnerability. We hold onto hope, and we declare: “My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.” Amen.**

*(Please remain standing)*

**\*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

A: As we prepare in hope, like Elizabeth and Mary: let us pray for all people and places that long for God’s presence.

God our creator, we praise you for the beauty that surrounds us.

**C: Awaken in us a renewed sense of care for the wildlife in our communities, parks, and preserves. Form us into faithful stewards of what you have made.**

A: God our sovereign, Mary proclaims a new way of life that lifts up the lowly and fills the hungry with good things. Nurture in local governments and municipalities a desire to care for all who are overlooked and ignored.

**C: Strengthen organizations and communities that broker peace and care for refugees, immigrants, and all caught in the center of conflict especially the victims of gun violence in our communities, wars in Ukraine, the Middle East, and elsewhere around the world.**

A: God our beacon, remind us that even in our deepest nights, you are there. Hold closely the frightened, anxious, depressed, and ill, especially *Lisa, Betty, Lou, Jackie, Anne, Phyllis, Jackie, Lynn, Lois, Maureen, Jean, Eileen, Linda, Joan and Harry, John, Dolores, Bill, Nikki, Suzie, Annie, Marie, Hugh, Jack*, and those whom we name out loud, or in the silence of our hearts. *(Pause.)*

**C: Comfort the lonely and bereaved.**

A: God our guide, shepherd the leadership of this congregation.

**C: Bless our council, pastor, and staff in discerning future ministry and open their hearts to the voices of the community.**

A: For what else shall we pray? (*Pause.*)

**C: Hear us, as we pray.**

P: Most loving Creator, Savior of the nations, and Breath of life: come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus the Christ.

**C: Amen.**

## **PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, 'Peace be with you'.*

### **“LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH”**

*Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.*

*Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.*

*With God as our Parent, siblings all are we*

*Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now*

*With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow,*

*To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.*

*Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.*

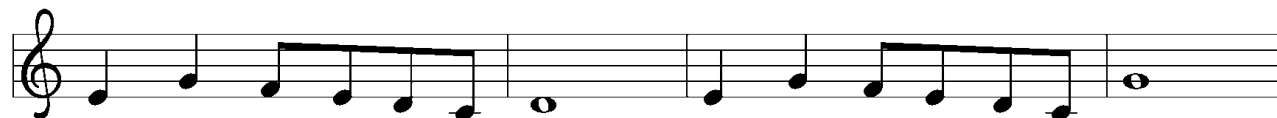
*(Please be seated)*

## **OFFERING:**

**A:** We worship through our tithes and offering. Now let us joyfully respond to God's goodness, through our personal giving.

*It is only through your giving that the ministry and mission of Holy Spirit continues. Many people give electronically and we thank all growing disciples in advance for their generous giving. Offerings can also be dropped in the mailbox or mailed in.*

**\*OFFERTORY SONG: Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am** *Sung 3 times.*



Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;



set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell

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+ **TABLE** +

*(As the Offering is received at the Table)*

**OFFERING SENTENCE**

**A:** All things come from You, O Lord,

**C:** and of your own have we given You. Amen.

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**P:** God of new beginnings,

As we prepare to come to this Table, pour out your Spirit in this room.

Allow this meal to feel like a new beginning.

**C:** Allow us to experience welcome here.

Allow for all to be fed here.

Allow for all to sense your presence here.

**P:** And may these experiences jumpstart our faith, hope, and love  
in new ways. With hope we gather. With hope we begin again.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the  
hosts of heaven: we praise your name and join their unending hymn, as we  
sing:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: Glory be to you, O God, for the comfort of your creative Spirit.  
By your Spirit your Son preached and healed, rebuked and forgave.  
Dying on the cross for a wounded world, he gave over his Spirit.  
Risen from death, he pours out your Spirit on all who believe.

On the night before he died, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks,  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us—on the way, at the table, and to the end, we  
proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Send us your Holy Spirit. Come among us in our gathering, within this meal, and among your people.

**C: Nourish us with the body and blood of Christ for your service. Renew the world with your healing, your justice, and your peace.**

P: Together with all your saints, the earth, and its creatures:

**C: All praise and glory are yours, O God, blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen.**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

P: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**C: We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.**

*In Holy Communion, we encounter the Real Presence of Jesus Christ as we reverently receive the consecrated bread and wine. Everyone is invited to receive this Sacrament—without exception; however, if you would prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest and the pastor will know to give you a blessing. Gluten free bread is available.*


## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

### COMMUNION SONG: I Received the Living God (ELW 477)

*Refrain*



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



- 1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
- 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
- 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
- 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,



*Refrain*

you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.  
 so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.  
 You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.  
 but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: Nourishing God, sometimes we tell ourselves that too much has taken place to begin again.

**C: We think the world is too far gone.**

**We think we have made too many mistakes.**

**We tell ourselves that we couldn't possibly begin again.**

A: But then we come to this Table and we get a glimpse of your kingdom. We come to this Table and all are welcomed, all are seen, all are fed.

**C: And just like that, we have hope. Just like that, we begin again.**

**Thank you for the gift of this fresh start.**

**Thank you for planting hope deep in our bones.**

**Thank you for meeting us in ordinary bread and wine to remind us that it's never too late to build your kingdom here.**

A: We are grateful.

**C: We are so grateful. Amen.**

**+ SENDING +**

**\*FINAL BLESSING**

**P:** Please bow your heads. [...] And the blessing of our most-loving God:

**✠** Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of life be with you this day and always.

**C: Amen.**

A: Heaven has come near. Now go and share the good news!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**\*SENDING HYMN: Arise, Your Light Has Come (ELW 314)**

1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
 2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
 3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,  
 4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
 pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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**May's Income: \$ 17,398**

**May's Expense: \$ 9,980**

**Average Attendance: 32**

***MINISTERS – ALL BAPTIZED PEOPLE OF GOD***

**Scheduled to serve 6/7**

*Meghan G. – Assisting Minister*

*Gary - Ushers*

*Crepacks– Counters*

*Volunteer – Altar*

**Scheduled to serve 6/14**

*Greg C. – Assisting Minister*

*Alan S./Alan D. - Ushers*

*Greg C. - Counters*

*Volunteer - Altar*

\*\*\*\*\*WEEKLY CALENDAR\*\*\*\*\*

<b>Mon, Jun 8</b>	<b>6:30pm – Girl Scouts (Mtg Rm)</b>
<b>Tue, Jun 9</b>	<b>7:00pm – Council Mtg (Mtg Rm)</b>
<b>Wed, Jun 10</b>	<b>7:30pm - AA (Hall)</b>
<b>Thu, Jun 11</b>	<b>7:00pm – AA (Hall)</b>
	<b>8:00pm – AA (Mtg Rm)</b>
<b>Sat, Jun 13</b>	<b>10:00am – AA (Hall)</b>
	<b>11:00am – DA (Mtg Rm)</b>
<b>Sun, Jun 14</b>	<b>10:15am – Worship</b>
	<b>12:30pm – Song of Praise</b>

\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS\*\*\*\*\*

**Healing:**

*Annie Berner*  
*Eileen Maloney*  
*Lisa McDonough*  
*Hugh Mullarkey*  
*Lois Saunders*  
*Betty Lake*  
*Anne Rainsford*  
*Dolores Maurer*  
*Marie Schall*  
*Jack Bierling*  
*Joan & Harry Chaykun*  
*Nikki Miller*

*Jackie Bernduer White*  
*Jackie Dewitt*  
*Maureen Colahan*  
*John Turner*  
*Lynn McGrane*  
*Sue Thomas*  
*Jean Cilurso*  
*Phyllis Horton*  
*Lou Vallies*  
*Linda Martin*  
*Bill McVian*  
*Suzie Thomas*

*(If you would like to add someone to the prayer list for Jun, please call the office)*

**Also please remember in your prayers homebound members:** Ruth Dell'Orefice, Jane Croghan, Diane Kuhn, Hank Kuhn, Janet Kline, Dudley Henriques, and Bob Kerns.

**Men & women in our armed forces, firefighters, police officers and emergency services personnel.**

## **Announcements and Upcoming Events**

**COUNCIL MEETING** – Jun 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in the Meeting Room.

**COFFEE HOUR**–June 21<sup>st</sup> after service sponsored by Meghan Gordon.

**ALTAR** – We are in need of volunteers for June to set up and take down altar each week. Can you volunteer for a week? Please see sign up list on bulletin board in front of office.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** - THANK YOU everyone who signed up to sponsor altar flowers throughout the year. 2026 Flower Chart is now on the bulletin board. Please take a dedication form when you sign up and return to office. **Flowers are \$20 per vase. Many openings for June and July.**

**BULLETIN COVERS** –There is a sponsor sign-up sheet to sponsor special bulletin covers for **special occasions**. The cost is \$15.00. Please see sign-up sheet outside the office.

**BOTTLE CAPS** - Plastic caps of any sort are now being collected and shipped to a manufacturer to make Buddy Benches for schools so children can connect and share in friendship together. On behalf of those who will benefit from your donations, thank you.

**Backpack School Supply Collection 2026**  
**Collection Ends August 2, 2026**  
**3 Ways to Contribute**



It's time for the Backpack School Supply Collection. We hope to again be able to supply stuffed backpacks to students in the Chester and Upper Darby Communities. Last year 605 backpacks were filled by 18 faith communities in Delaware County. Here are 3 ways you can support the collection this year.

One way to make a contribution this year is to use the links below to an Amazon Wishlist – School Supplies. Place an order and it will be shipped directly to the crew that will assembly the backpacks.

Link to Amazon Wishlist: <https://tinyurl.com/Interfaith-School-Supples> or use the QR code: You can also make a monetary contribution. Checks can be mailed to School Supplies c/o Jody Troyan, 1201 Swarthmore Ave., Folsom, PA 19033. Checks should be made payable to Grace Lutheran Church – Broomall. Dave Ehret is again serving as Treasurer of this effort.

**As in past years you can do the shopping and drop off the supplies at your congregation. See the suggested list of supplies on insert or on table in back of sanctuary**

## GOSPEL MESSAGE

Elizabeth is the first person to recognize the great thing that is happening to Mary, and Mary responds with the song called the Magnificat. This song echoes Hannah's, thanking God for bringing down the powerful and lifting up the poor. But while Hannah sings her song in the official house of worship, Mary sings hers in what may be seen as the prototype of the Christian *ekklesia*. Not a holy building but a gathering of the faithful: two women meeting in a home, who rejoice together in what God is doing in the coming of Jesus.



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