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10:00 AM - May 17, 2026 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

Summer Worship Service

INTRODUCTION

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

Bind Us Together

Refrain

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that

can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,

bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er in love.

1 There is on - ly one God. There is
2 You are the fam - 'ly of God. You are the

on - ly one King. There is on - ly one Bod - y;
prom - ise di - vine. You are God's cho - sen de - sire, . . .

that is why we can sing:
you are the glo - rious new wine.

We Are One in the Spirit

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)
Fm Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)
D^b Fm

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
B^bm Fm B^bm Cm Fm B^bm/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord/Awesome God

Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord

Chorus

Humble thyself
In the sight of the Lord
Humble thyself
In the sight of the Lord
And He shall lift you up
Higher and higher
And He shall lift you up

Bob Hudson
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Awesome God

Our God is an awe - some God, he
reigns from heav - en a - bove with wis - dom,
pow'r, and love— our God is an awe - some God!
Our God is an awe - some God! Our God is an awe - some God!

PEACE

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Whether by Blood or Baptism, we are family here. Let us share the peace of Christ with each other.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS

KYRIE

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.



As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be. A - men.

Text: Paul M. Vasile, b. 1976, based on the Gloria Patri

Music: GLORY TO GOD (VASILE), Paul M. Vasile

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GOSPEL

John 17:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Jack Fisher

ANTHEM

Finished

**Crino, Pardo,
Seeker, and Kale**

We invite the congregation to join the band in singing the chorus.

Verse 1

Feels like I get it more wrong than I get it right
Feels like I'm ten rounds into a losing fight
I try the best I can
Then I fall and fall again
But I thank God He picks me up
Every single time

Chorus

He's not done with me not done with you
No matter what we're going through
Our hope is in an empty tomb
And the God that's still not in it
His grace is paving broken roads
He loves us more than we can know
'Til He comes back or we go home
I'm not you're not He's not finished

Verse 2

There's times we're all gonna feel
Just a little lost
But thank God we all can find grace
On a rugged cross
'Cause His promises will stand
He'll complete what He began
I got no doubt that He'll be with us through it all

Repeat Chorus

Interlude

(He's not He's not finished)
(He's not He's not finished)
(He's not He's not finished)

Bridge

What I tore down His grace rebuilds
In joy and pain He's working still
And He's not finished He's not finished

Repeat Chorus

Interlude

(He's not He's not finished)
(He's not He's not finished)
(He's not He's not finished)
(He's not He's not finished)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Give Thanks



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



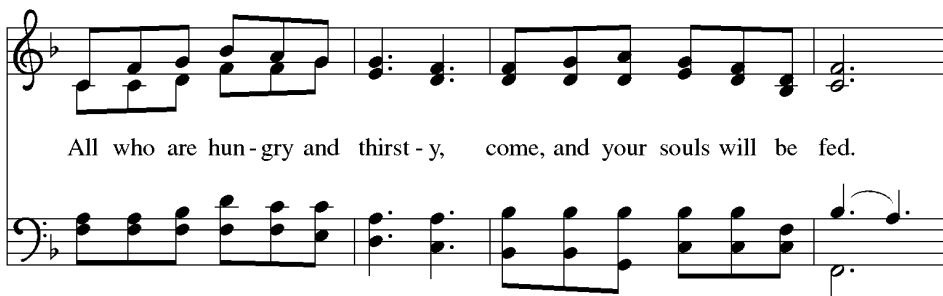
rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And

COMMUNION HYMNS

Come to the Table



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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Oh, Let the Son of God Enfold You (Spirit Song)

Words and Music by
John Wimber

$\text{♩} = 90$

VERSE

D A/E D/F# G A⁷ F#m⁷



1. Oh, let the Son of God en - fold you with His Spir - it and His
2. Oh, come and sing this song with glad - ness as your hearts are filled with

4 Bm Em⁷ A G/A A D



love; Let Him fill your heart and sat - is - fy your soul.
joy; Lift your hands in sweet sur - ren - der to His name.

8 A/E D/F# G A⁷ F#m⁷



Oh, let Him have those things that hold you, and His Spir - it, like a
Oh, give Him all your tears and sad - ness, give Him all your years of

12 Bm Em⁷ A G/A A⁷ D



dove, will de - scend up - on your life and make you whole. _____
pain, and you'll en - ter in - to life in Je - sus' name. _____

CHORUS

17 G A⁷/G F#m⁷ Bm⁷ Em⁷ A



Je - sus, oh Je - sus, come and fill Your

23 D G A⁷/G F#m⁷



lambs. _____ Je - sus, oh Je -

28 Bm⁷ Em⁷ A A⁷ G/A D

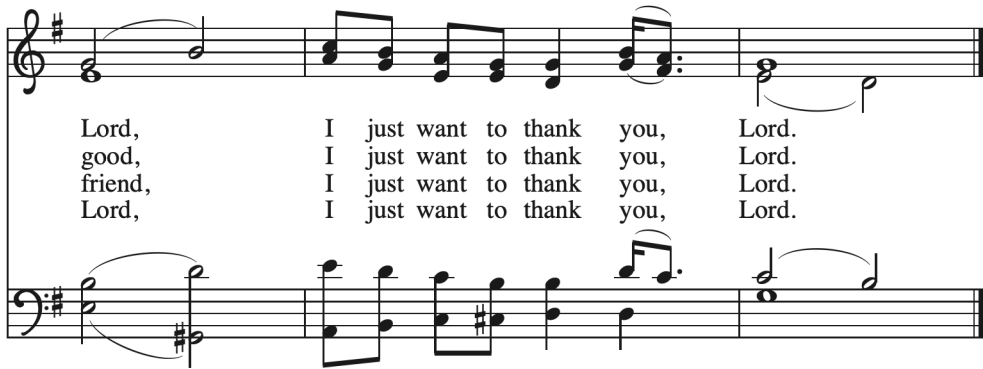


-sus, come and fill Your lambs.

Thank You, Lord



1 Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you,
2 Been so good, been so good, been so
3 Been my friend, been my friend, been my
4 Love you, Lord, love you, Lord, love you,



Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.
good, I just want to thank you, Lord.
friend, I just want to thank you, Lord.
Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.

Text: Traditional
Music: THANK YOU, LORD, Traditional

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

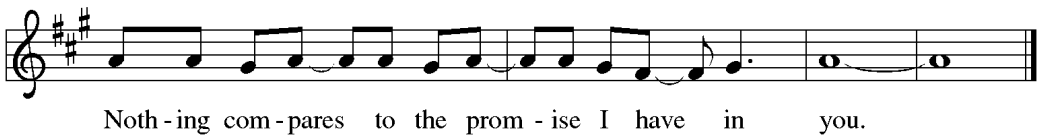
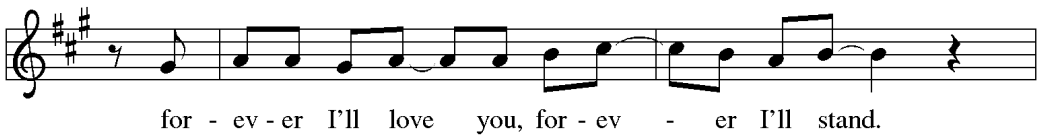
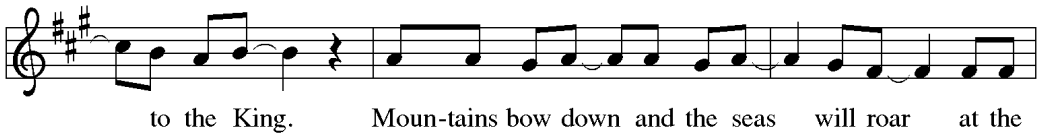
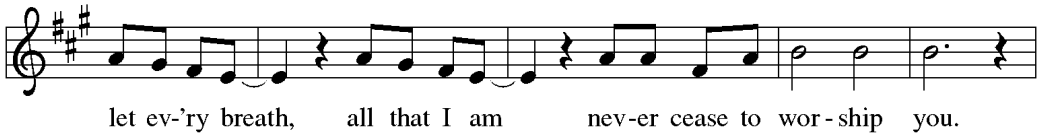
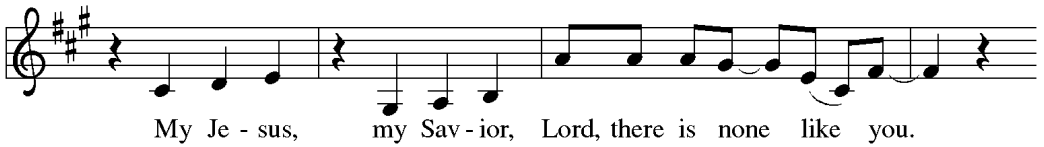
Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Shout to the Lord



DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

ALIVE! Musicians

Gale McLeod, Co-Director

Ricky Lusk

Irelou Moye, Co-Director

Lyndsey Ebener

Julie Ann Payne

Beth Branham

David Moye

Ed Redmond

Leah Conrad

Erin Hall

Roxanne Rich

Brett Ebener

Vaughn Hall

Sarah Smith

Clark Ebener

Jessica Gibbons

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

With joy and thanksgiving, we proudly recognize and honor
the following graduates:



CARTER MCCOY
SWANSEA HIGH SCHOOL



OWEN PLANE
FURMAN UNIVERSITY



RACHEL HUNNICUTT
UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
Master of Library Science



TRIPP OWEN
THE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

- ¹ Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered;
let those who hate God flee.
- ² As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away;
as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- ³ But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them also be merry and joyful.
- ⁴ Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds;
I AM is that name, rejoice before God! R
- ⁵ In your holy habitation, O God,
you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;
- ⁶ you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom;
but the rebels shall live in desert places.
- ⁷ O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,
- ⁸ the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- ⁹ You sent a bountiful rain, O God;
you restored your inheritance when it languished.
- ¹⁰ Your people found their home in it;
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor. R
- ³² Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord.
- ³³ You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;
you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.
- ³⁴ Ascribe power to God,
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.
- ³⁵ How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,
giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6} Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to

devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Worship Assistants

Today's worship service is being led by Mt. Tabor's Youth Group.



To the glory of God and with celebration, the altar flowers are given by Sharon Mattern in honor of Sarah Mattern and Danny Gilbert's birthdays.

With thanksgiving and joy, today's bulletin covers are given to the glory of God by Nancy S. Allen in loving memory of Ira Shealy as his May 30th birthday is remembered and celebrated.

The flowers on the processional cross are dedicated to the glory of God and given in honor of all the youth and graduates of Mt. Tabor by Tom and Carol Stork.



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Welcome to Mt. Tabor. We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are a visitor, please fill out and return the attendance card in your pew rack so we may have a record of your attendance. Our ushers and greeters will be glad to answer any questions you may have about our worship service. We hope that you will experience the presence of the Risen Christ today!

Lord Teach Us To Pray:

As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: Todd Stilwell, Freddy Vallejo, Kaitlyn Neff, Alyssa Todd, Wanda Addy, Michael Bradshaw, Pat Bradshaw, Jessica Tablas, Venetia Sharpe, George Minor, Alexander Tuten, Wendy Spainhour, Milton Hall, John Allan Cothran, Annie Grace Cothran, Charles Taylor.

Most Recent Prayer Concerns:

Barbara Bussing, Marshall Neeley, Rachel Bundrick, Rick Moorer, Michael Gayden, Sally Kleber, James Campbell, Earl Macaulay, Jeanie & Paul Jacobs, Murray Hoskins

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Karen Holton, Sandra Baker, Natalie Cook, Paul & Carolyn Dufries, John Conrad, Bruce Merchant, Judy Jordan, Luther Swicegood, Alice Pollock, Jimmy Williams, Mona Myers, Sadie Howard, Elmer Sundlie, Emma Lou Easley, Paul Addy, Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston

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Heather Wilson, Paula Miller, Chet Popkowski, Jared Lough, Linda Wright, John Jowers, Beth Franklin, Ronnie Crim, Shirley Spruill, Russell Altman, Eddie Porter, Eddie Broughman, Julie Johnson, Lewis Tankersley, Danny Baker, Suzanne Oxner Stello, Dr. Chris Wicker, William & Janet Wood, Judy Lazarczyk, Robbie Burgess, Ronnie Boland, Tonia Boland, Andy Rauch, Peggy Roessler, John Bailey, John Sharpe, Bishop Ginny Aebischer, Bobby Brown, Steve Blake, Zach Wash, Tyler Corbitt, Nancy Waugh, Emily Waugh, Sam Waugh, Laura Ann Merrill, Anne Moyer

Members of Mt. Tabor Serving in the Military:

Adam Davis, Samuel Davis, Scott Hash, Alex Morris

Family and Loved Ones Serving in the Military:

Justin Casteel, Josh Watson, Jacob Henry Burgan, Caleb Neff

Family of:

Pastor Lavaughn Keisler, Bunny Shuler Gable, Evan Greenleigh

Worship Leaders

Rev. Wade T. Roof, III, Senior Pastor

Rev. Rus Stilwell, Pastor of Visitation

Mr. Kevin Davis, Director of Music