

An Order for the Worship of God

June 28, 2026

Ring of the Bells

Welcome & Announcements - Candle Lighting and Prelude

*Please stand, if able

Call to Worship: Based on Psalm 13 (Liturgist – Congregation)

I trust in your steadfast love, O God; my heart rejoices in your salvation.

I will sing praises unto you, O Lord, because you have dealt bountifully with me.

Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn: #75, Ye Servants of God, v. 1, 2 & 4

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Our hearts leap with joy at the sight of your goodness; you are the bountiful source of compassion and care. You deal bountifully with us in our goings and comings; you are attuned to our needs before we utter a word. Your wisdom is vast; we cannot comprehend it, yet you send Christ who makes your will known. As we sit now at the feet of your glory, open our ears to hear of your faithfulness and our mouths to sing you our praises. For we ask this in the name of our beloved Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray: "Our Father...(debts/debtors)

Prayer of Confession

Righteous Judge and Benevolent Ruler, hear us as we confess our sin. We are prone to punish those who offend us. We hasten to harm the image of those with whom we disagree. In the midst of diversity, we are quick to determine who shall be saved or condemned while claiming that you alone discern all goodness and truth. Help us to hear again how Christ died to save all of humanity and hinder our efforts to decide who will enter your kingdom. AMEN.

Words of Assurance

Paul writes, "But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life.

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Therein lies our assurance that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! **AMEN.**

New Testament Reading: Romans 6:12-23

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri: #558 (PILGRIM)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:34-42

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: May the reading and the hearing of Your word inform our minds, comfort our souls, and guide our feet.

Sermon: The Cost and Reward of Being a Disciple

*Responsive Hymn: #526, We Come as Guests Invited

Congregational Prayer

L: Lord, in your mercy

C: **Hear our prayer**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table/Invitation to the Meal

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Distribution

Communion will be received today in the pews. The Bread of Life is received first, please eat as you receive it. The wine or grape juice will be served next, please wait for all to receive to drink.

Children are invited to Communion at the discretion of their parents

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Father, as we have received these gifts of bread and wine, you have fed us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you for assuring us of your goodness and

love, and that we are members of his body. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Call for the Offering

Let us share God's blessings, as we collect our gifts, tithes, and offerings.

* Doxology #562 (Pilgrim)

Offering Prayer

Our Father, through the indwelling of your Holy Spirit, cleanse us within so that we may learn to think as you think until we are able to choose as you choose, judge as you judge, and see as you see in order that our priorities may be according to your divine will. Bless us as we give. May we always listen to the still small voice within that reminds us that giving is a responsibility of the believer. We know that it is one of the highest privileges of those who have linked themselves by faith to the Savior. We ask this in Jesus' name. AMEN.

*Closing Hymn: #316, Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling, v. 1 & 2

Benediction

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord in the name of Christ. Amen.

*Extinguishing the Candles - Postlude

Worship Leaders

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"Do not think that I
came to bring peace
on the earth;
I did not come to
bring peace, but a
Sword"

Matthew 10:34

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We are happy you are here!

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