



## Fourth Sunday after Pentecost July 6, 2025 9:00 a.m.

*We kindly ask that you silence your cellphones and electronic devices as we create a sacred space for contemplation and prayer.*

† – Please rise in body or in spirit.

Chiming the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

## God Gathers the Scattered

Prelude

*Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing*

arr. J. Jeyakumar

† Call to Worship

Rev. John O'Neal

One: For just this hour,  
One: Listen to my Word.  
One: Think about your life as my  
disciple every day.  
One: Pray.  
One: Sing.

**Many: Follow me.**  
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**Many: Follow me.**

**All: Come, let us worship God!**

† Hymn

*Amazing Grace*

UMH 378 (vss. 1-3, 6)

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| <p>1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound<br/>that saved a wretch like me!<br/>I once was lost, but now am found;<br/>was blind, but now I see.</p>         | <p>3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,<br/>I have already come;<br/>'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,<br/>and grace will lead me home.</p>         |
| <p>2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,<br/>and grace my fears relieved;<br/>how precious did that grace appear<br/>the hour I first believed.</p> | <p>6. When we've been there ten thousand<br/>years,<br/>bright shining as the sun,<br/>we've no less days to sing God's praise<br/>than when we'd first begun.</p> |

† Opening Prayer

Unison

Loving God, we are so grateful that you find us wherever we are. Even when we try to hide from you, you seek us out. Thank you for your forgiveness when we have been self-centered and strayed from the fullness of life that you offer to us. We now want to be open to your Spirit wooing us this morning as we worship you with our thoughts and words. Amen.

## *God Speaks the Word to Us*

A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Jonah 3-4

One: Word of God, Word of Life! **Many: Thanks be to God!**

Musical Offering

*The Family of God*

G. Grier & L. Iverson

*Jeff Harris, Tenor ♦ Laura Tongring, Flute*

*See insert for congregational participation in last refrain*

Sermon

*Faces of Our Faith: Jonah*

Rev. Dr. Sam Parkes

## *God Inspires Us to Respond*

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

UMH 893

Hymn

*This Is My Song*

UMH 437

1. This is my song O God of all the nations  
A song of peace for lands afar and mine  
This is my home the country where my heart is  
Here are my hopes my dreams my holy shrine  
But other hearts in other lands are beating  
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine
2. My country's skies are bluer than the ocean  
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine  
But other lands have sunlight too and clover  
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine  
O hear my song Thou God of all nations  
A song of peace for their land and for mine

3. This is my prayer O Lord of all earth's kingdoms  
Thy kingdom come on earth Thy will be done  
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve Him  
And hearts united learn to live as one  
O hear my prayer Thou God of all nations  
Myself I give Thee let Thy will be done

† The Peace

One: The Peace of the Lord Jesus be always with you.  
Many: **And also with you.**

The Offering

Offertory

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

arr. J. Jeyakumar

† Doxology

UMH 94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

† Prayer of Gratitude

*God Hosts Us at Christ's Table*

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

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 our thanks and praise.**

*The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:*

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we  
praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

*The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit & recalls the institution of the Lord's Supper, concluding:*

...we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*The pastor prays for the Church and praises the Trinity, concluding:*

...All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

Breaking the Bread / Giving the Bread and Cup

During Communion:

*Given for You*

Joseph Martin & Douglas Nolan

*Two communion stations await you near the chancel. If walking forward is a hardship, raise your hand until an usher can serve you at your seat. If you need a gluten-free option, please ask the server at your station.*

Prayer Following Communion

UMH 11

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*God Sends Us to the World*

† Hymn

*Where He Leads Me*

UMH 338

1. I can hear my Savior calling,  
I can hear my Savior calling,  
I can hear my Savior calling,  
"Take thy cross and follow, follow me."

Refrain: Where he leads me I will follow,  
where he leads me I will follow,  
where he leads me I will follow;  
I'll go with him, with him all the way.

2. I'll go with him through the garden,  
I'll go with him through the garden,  
I'll go with him through the garden,  
I'll go with him, with him all the way.

3. I'll go with him through the judgment,  
I'll go with him through the judgment,  
I'll go with him through the judgment,  
I'll go with him, with him all the way.

4. He will give me grace and glory,  
he will give me grace and glory,  
he will give me grace and glory,  
and go with me, with me all the way.

† Dismissal with Blessing

One: As you go out into the world,

**Many: follow me.**

One: At home with your household,

**Many: follow me.**

One: At work or on vacation,

**Many: follow me.**

One: In everything you do this week,

**Many: follow me.**

One: And as you do, remember that I am with you always, even to the end  
of the world. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

*Love Divine, All Love Excelling*

arr. J. Jeyakumar