

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2026 9:00AM

ELW 'Setting Three' liturgy (red hymnal)

Prelude- The Ash Grove: Todd Kendall. Based on a traditional Welsh melody
Let Freedom Ring: James Mansfield
Let There Be Peace On Earth: Sy Miller and Jill Jackson; arranged by Lani Smith

Welcome

Opening Hymn- ELW #838 Beautiful Savior

Confession: **God of Compassion, We are human. We mess up. We sometimes disappoint the people we love—including ourselves. We need to be renewed to begin again. We need your words of love and forgiveness as often as the sun rises and sets. Please tell us again....**

Absolution: People of God—You—Each of you gathered here...You are forgiven for your imperfections. You are loved to life and wholeness in Christ. You are God's beloved people renewed in Christ to begin again...right this minute. Amen.

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Kyrie- pg. 138 (red hymnal)

This is the Feast- pg. 140-141 (red hymnal)

Prayer of the Day:

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. Move us with mercy. Amen

(Prayer opening attributed to St. Francis of Assisi)

Gospel Acclamation- pg. 142 (red hymnal)

Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 NRSVUE

16 "But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, **17** 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

18 "For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; **19** the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

25 At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; **26** yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. **27** All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. **28** "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **30** For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem- Come Unto Him by Handel Liz Fleming, Solo

Sermon- Johnna Georgia

Hymn of Day- ELW #620 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

Prayers of the People

P: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Sharing of Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Response- ELW #692 We Are an Offering

P: Let us pray.

All: Holy One, maker of all things including us, through your goodness you have given us these gifts. Returning a portion of it to you, we also offer ourselves in service to your world and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all you have created. Amen.

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer- **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Distribution

Music during Distribution- 'Lamb of God' pg. 146 (red hymnal)

Communion Hymn- Battle Hymn of the Republic Lisa Bright, Solo

Post Communion Blessing

Announcements

Benediction

Closing Hymn- ELW #547 'Sent Forth by God's Blessing'

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude- Battle Hymn of the Republic: Rex Koury

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Musicians:

Sherry Johnson, Director of Music, sherry.johnson@explorepeace.org

Liz Fleming- Song Leader & Vocal Soloist

Lisa Bright-Vocal Soloist

Elaine Mischler- Organist

Greeters: Alan & Jan Rutkowski

Ushers: Alan & Jan Rutkowski, Mike Smith, Dave Hine

Communion Assistants: Peg Faludi, JoAnn Hoffman, Judy Engebretson

Audio/Visual Team: The Walkes Communion Set Up: Jan and Jackie Erlandson

Bread Bakers: Carolyn Niehoff, Jackie Erlandson, Paulette Emberson

Sunday Morning Hospitality Hour (Coffee & Donuts): Patti Cole

Pastoral Team:

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