



# WORSHIP

*Combined Service*

**June 28, 2026**

*A disco ball is hundreds of pieces of broken glass put together to make a magical ball of light.  
You aren't broken; you are a disco ball.*

~ Judi Holler



## THE GATHERING

### PRELUDE

*For Everyone Born  
Nettleton*  
Michael Gagne, organ

M. Gagne  
D. Bish

### WELCOME

Revs. Brian Paulson & Nicole Chapman-Farley and Alex Barnes, M.Div.

### ❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Annie Hunnicutt

One: Come, all who seek the light of God's love.

**People: We gather as beloved children, created in God's image.**

One: Like a disco ball, scattering light in every direction, God's grace shines through each of us.

**People: We reflect the beauty, joy, and diversity of God's creation.**

One: In this place, there is room for every story, every gift, and every person.

**People: We come to welcome and be welcomed, to love and be loved.**

**All: Let us worship the God whose light no shadows can overcome!**

### ❖ HYMN

*Sing a New World into Being*

NETTLETON

Sing a new world into being. Sound a bold and hopeful theme.  
Find a tune for silent yearnings. Lend your voice and dare to dream:  
dream a church where all who worship find their lives and loves belong.  
Sing a new world into being. Sing as Christ inspires your song!

Sing a new world into being where each gender, class, and race  
brings its rainbow gifts and colors to God's limitless embrace;  
where the lines that once divided form instead the ties that bind.  
Sing a new world into being: risk transforming heart and mind!

Sing a new world into being where the homeless find a home,  
where no children ever hunger but are filled with God's shalom;  
where all people work for justice, where all hate and vengeance cease.  
Sing a new world into being: raise the harmonies of peace.

Sing a new world into being. Join the ancient prophet's cry  
for a time of health and plenty when all tears have been wiped dry;  
when compassion flows like waters, pouring balm for all who grieve.  
Sing a new world into being: live the promise you believe!

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Divine Creator, we come before you with humble hearts, acknowledging our shortcomings and seeking forgiveness.**

**We confess, O God, that we have subjected others to the kind of rejection and misunderstanding that you experienced through Christ. Have mercy on us when we cause others to doubt your love. Even when our earthly relationships falter, you remain steadfast in your love for us. Strengthen us with the knowledge that you will always take us in and hold us close, especially when we feel alone or misunderstood by those we hold dear.**

**Help us, O God, to live authentically and boldly as the children you created us to be. Give us the courage to trust our belovedness in a world that threatens to snuff out the light you breathed into us. Guide us to walk humbly, act justly, and extend grace and mercy to all whom we encounter. May our lives always be a reflection of your boundless love and embrace. In your holy name we pray. Amen.**

*(Silence for personal confession.)*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

❖ **GLORIA PATRI** (*Glory to God*)

Hymn #581

❖ **SUMMARY OF GOD'S COMMANDS**

Jocelyn Brame

Our Lord Jesus said:

**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul,  
and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment.**

**And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all  
the law and the prophets.**

❖ **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*Children remain in worship today.*

**THE WORD**

*An NRSV pew Bible is available for your convenience. You may access other versions using your mobile device at [biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com).*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

*Psalm 27:1-5, 10-14 (NRSVue)*

**ANTHEM**

*The King of Heaven*  
David H. Edelfelt, soloist

Eric L. Barnes

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

*Matthew 10:40-42 (NRSVue)*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

*Disco Ball Theology*

Alex Barnes, M.Div.

**THE RESPONSE**

**MUSIC FOR REFLECTION**

❖ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** – from the Iona Community

**We believe in God above us,  
maker and sustainer of all life,  
of sun and moon, of water and earth,  
of male and female.**

**We believe in God beside us,  
Jesus Christ, the word made flesh,  
born of a woman, servant of the poor,  
tortured and nailed to a tree.  
A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief,  
he died alone and forsaken.  
He descended into the earth  
to the place of death.  
On the third day he rose from the tomb.  
He ascended into heaven,  
to be everywhere present throughout all ages,  
and His kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us,  
the Holy Spirit burning with Pentecostal fire,  
life-giving breath of the Church,  
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,  
source of all resurrection and of eternal life.  
Amen.**

## TABLE TALK

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SERVICE

Alex Barnes, M.Div.  
Pastoral Resident

### INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### OFFERTORY

*Keepers of the Light*

Eric L. Barnes

June Choir - David H. Edelfelt, director; Kitty Snyder, piano

### ❖ PRAISE GOD – HYMN #608 (*The Doxology*)

PRAISE GOD

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, DEDICATION, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### THE SENDING

### ❖ HYMN – #769

*For Everyone Born* (vv. 1, 3, 5)

FOR EVERYONE BORN

### ❖ CHARGE AND BLESSING

### ❖ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE – #399 *God Welcomes All* (sing 2x)

THEMBA AMEN

## God Welcomes All 399

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

The first line of musical notation is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef and a sharp sign. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and a sharp sign. The lyrics are written below the notes.

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

The second line of musical notation continues the piece in the same 4/4 time and key signature. It also consists of a treble and bass staff with lyrics written below.

❖ *Please rise in body or spirit.*