



ROOTED IN LOVE.  
GROWING IN FAITH.  
SERVING WITH JOY.

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July 5, 2026

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

**Prelude:** The King of Love, My Shepherd Is by R. Milford

## Welcome

### \*Call to Worship

One: Come, give to the Lord your praises of thanksgiving.

**All: We come, grateful for God's wondrous gifts to us!**

One: Sing with fervor of God's mighty power and love.

**All: We celebrate the love that frames our lives.**

One: It is a wonderful thing to praise God!

**All: May God's praise always be in our hearts and lives.**

**Amen.†**

\*Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

UMH 139

## Opening Prayer

### Liturgy for a New Start

**Pastor:** Celebrate and rejoice, all you people of Christ!

**People:** For the Lord our God is doing a new thing!

**Pastor:** A fresh day is dawning.

**People: We step forward into hope, continue to build God's kingdom!**

**All: Amen!**

**Pastor: Let us Pray (in unison):**

**O God, Giver of every good gift, we thank you for bringing us to this moment. You have been our strength through seasons of change, and you open a new door before us today. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon this "New Start." Give us the courage to witness, hearts open to welcome, and hands ready to serve. Build this community upon the foundation of Jesus Christ, that we may be a blessing to our community and the world.**

**Amen.**

**Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, today we formally mark a new chapter of ministry in this place. We gather as a part of the United Methodist connection. We commit to being a community of open hearts, open minds, and open doors. As we gather together, let us recall our purpose: to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**

**Will you, people of Christ who celebrate this new transition, commit to faithfully participate in the ministries of this church by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?**

**People: We reaffirm our commitment to Christ and to one another. We will support this ministry with our prayers, give generously of our resources, serve with gladness, and boldly witness to God's love in the world.**

**Lay Leader: Will you support and uphold the pastor**

appointed to lead you in this new season?

**People: We will, offering our gifts and talents alongside hers in Christ's service.**

**Lay Leader to the Pastor:** You have been sent to live among us as a bearer of the Word of God; a minister of the Sacraments; and a sustainer of the love, order, service, and discipleship of the people of God.

**Pastor:** Today I reaffirm this commitment in the presence of this congregation.

**As we reaffirm our call as brothers and sisters in Christ, let us pray the historic Wesley Covenant Prayer together.**

**"I am no longer my own, but thine.**

**Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.**

**Put me to doing, put me to suffering.**

**Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee.**

**Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing.**

**I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.**

**And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.**

**And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen."**

**Scripture:** Genesis 24:42-49

**PB 17**

**Sermon:** In God's Time

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

UMH 12-14

**The Apostle's Creed**

UMH 881

**Blessings & Concerns**

One: Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Offering:** Now Thank We All Our God by JS Bach

**\*Doxology**

UMH 95

**\*Hymn:** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

UMH 127

**\*Benediction**

**Sending:** Fantasia in F by Giovanni Battista Polleri

W&S: Worship & Song (Green)

UMH: UM Hymnal (Red)

PB: Pew Bible (Blue)

FWS: Faith We Sing (Black)

†Call to Worship adapted from  
Ministry Matters

\*You may stand.

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**Welcome**

Join us in welcoming guest organist Jimmy Gregory and celebrating the first Sunday with Pastor Keiko, Mark, and Joshua.

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