



*June 11, 2023, 10:30 a.m.  
Second Sunday After Pentecost*

# Order of Worship

(\*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

PRELUDE	“Preghiera” (Ravanello)	Henry Repp
GREETING		Rev. Todd Lattig
*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)		Kathleen Meredith
	Come into God’s presence. <b>All are welcome here.</b> Come, saints and sinners alike. <b>We are all God’s children.</b> Faith has brought us here. <b>Grace will make us whole.</b> Come! Let us worship.	
*OPENING HYMN	“Lift Every Voice and Sing”	UMH 519
*OPENING PRAYER (unison)		Kathleen Meredith
	<b>Faithful and loving God, your grace makes our faith possible. May we live and go about our lives as people who place our trust in you. May we love and care for others as people who turn to you for help. Where there is doubt or distrust, renew our faith. Where there is fear or insecurity, grant us courage. Where there is fatigue and weariness, give us amazing strength. Where there is confusion of purpose, give us wisdom. Where there is sorrow and loss, bring us peace. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.</b>	
ANTHEM	“God Reigns in Majesty” (Maddux)	Choir
COMMUNITY PRAYER		Rev. Lattig
CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER		Chancel Choir
KIDS ROCK CHILDREN’S SERMON		Rev. Lattig
SCRIPTURE READING		Kathleen Meredith

## Romans 4:13-25

<sup>13</sup> Clearly, God’s promise to give the whole earth to Abraham and his descendants was based not on his obedience to God’s law, but on a right relationship with God that comes by faith. <sup>14</sup> If God’s promise is only for those who obey the law, then faith is not necessary and the promise is pointless. <sup>15</sup> For the law always brings punishment on those who try to obey it. (The only way to avoid breaking the law is to have no law to break!)

<sup>16</sup> So the promise is received by faith. It is given as a free gift. And we are all certain to receive it, whether or not we live according to the law of Moses, if we have faith like Abraham's. For Abraham is the father of all who believe. <sup>17</sup> That is what the Scriptures mean when God told him, "I have made you the father of many nations." This happened because Abraham believed in the God who brings the dead back to life and who creates new things out of nothing.

<sup>18</sup> Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping—believing that he would become the father of many nations. For God had said to him, "That's how many descendants you will have!" <sup>19</sup> And Abraham's faith did not weaken, even though, at about 100 years of age, he figured his body was as good as dead—and so was Sarah's womb.

<sup>20</sup> Abraham never wavered in believing God's promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. <sup>21</sup> He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever he promises. <sup>22</sup> And because of Abraham's faith, God counted him as righteous. <sup>23</sup> And when God counted him as righteous, it wasn't just for Abraham's benefit. It was recorded <sup>24</sup> for our benefit, too, assuring us that God will also count us as righteous if we believe in him, the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. <sup>25</sup> He was handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised to life to make us right with God.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God for this Word.**

ANTHEM	"God is Our Strength and Song" (Peninger)	Choir
SERMON	"Through Faith Alone"	Rev. Lattig
OFFERTORY	"Sinfonia" (Bach)	Henry Repp
You may leave your offering in the plate in the narthex or scan one of the QR codes on the back of this bulletin to make your offering electronically.		

\*DOXOLOGY UMH 95

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Kathleen Meredith

**God of Abraham and Sarah, you bless our lives, that we might be a blessing to others. May the offering we bring before you this day be a sign of our commitment to bless the world in your name. We send forth these gifts, that they may be instruments of your circle of grace and faith. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN UMH 261

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Lattig

POSTLUDE Henry Repp

## **This Week's Schedule**

**Monday, June 12**

**10 Chair Yoga (HH)**

**6 Book Study (Zoom)**

**Tuesday, June 13**

**5 Manna House Spaghetti Dinner  
at First Presbyterian Church**

**Wednesday, June 14**

**6 Potluck Supper (HH)**

**Thursday, June 15**

**2 Norwescap in HH**

**7 Choir Rehearsal**

**Saturday, June 17**

**9-2 Treasures of Hope**

**Sunday, June 18**

**9 Joy Fellowship (HH)**

**10:30 Sanctuary Service**

**Happy Father's Day!**

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## **Today's Worship Leaders**

Pastor

Liturgist

Organist/Music Director

Greeter

Camera Operator

Soundboard Operator

Rev. Todd R. Lattig

Kathleen Meredith

Henry Repp

Evelyn Cornwell

Jen Phlegar

Jay Morrison