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**Sunday, June 14, 2026**  
**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

## ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

*During the Prelude, you are invited to meditate on the Psalm of the day.*

### Welcome and Gathering Prayer

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

### Psalm of the Day – Psalm 10:1-11

Why, Lord, do you stand far off?  
Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?  
In his arrogance the wicked man hunts down the weak,  
who are caught in the schemes he devises.  
He boasts about the cravings of his heart;  
he blesses the greedy and reviles the Lord.  
In his pride the wicked man does not seek him;  
in all his thoughts there is no room for God.  
His ways are always prosperous;  
your laws are rejected by him;  
he sneers at all his enemies.  
He says to himself, "Nothing will ever shake me."  
He swears, "No one will ever do me harm."  
His mouth is full of lies and threats;  
trouble and evil are under his tongue.  
He lies in wait near the villages;  
from ambush he murders the innocent.  
His eyes watch in secret for his victims;  
like a lion in cover he lies in wait.  
He lies in wait to catch the helpless;  
he catches the helpless and drags them off in his net.  
His victims are crushed, they collapse;  
they fall under his strength.  
He says to himself, "God will never notice;  
he covers his face and never sees."

### Prelude

Prelude in C Major BWV 531  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

### Introit

"Rejoice, Rejoice"  
Words & Music: Mark Patterson

IPC Choir  
Chandler Cudlipp, Director

### \*Call to Worship – Psalm 86:8-10

Josh Brawand

Leader: There is none like you, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

**People: All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.**

Leader: For you are great and do wondrous things,

**People: you alone are God.**

**\*Hymn of Praise – #461 “God Is Here”**

**Prayer of Confession**

Nathan Wannemacher

Leader: Lord, you come to us, but we do not recognize you; you call, but we do not follow; you command, but we do not obey; you bless us, but we do not thank you.

**People: Please forgive and help us.**

Leader: Lord, you accept us, but we do not accept others; you forgive us, but we do not forgive those who wrong us; you love us, but we do not love others.

**People: Please forgive and help us.**

Leader: Lord, you showed us how to carry out your mission, but we still insist on our own; you reached out to the unloved and undesired, the unimportant and unvalued, but we pursue the rich and powerful, the ambitious and successful; you suffered and died for the sake of all, but we do not give up our comfortable lives.

**People: Please forgive and help us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon – Romans 5:8-9**

Leader: God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**People: Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him!**

**God’s Gracious Will for Our Lives – Romans 15:1-7**

Leader: We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

**People: Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me.”**

Leader: For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People: Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.**

**\*Gloria Patri #579 “Glory Be to the Father”**

**RECEIVING THE WORD OF GOD**

**Choral Prayer of Illumination**

“Lord, Be Thy Word My Rule”

Music: Henry Lawes

**Old Testament Reading** – Habakkuk 1:1-11 (p. 940)

Josh Brawand

**New Testament Reading** – Romans 11:33-36 (p. 1139)

**Sermon** – “Why, God, Why?”

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

## **RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

**\*Hymn of Response** – “God Moves in a Mysterious Way” (*insert*)

**Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings**

Suresh Theodore, Elder for Outreach  
& Missions

### **Offertory**

“Fill-a Me Up!”

Words & Music: Pepper Choplin

**\*Doxology #592** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Prayers of the People**

Suresh Theodore

**The Lord’s Prayer** (*in unison in English or the language of your choice*)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## **GOING WITH GOD’S MISSION AND BLESSING**

**Welcoming of Visitors**

Suresh Theodore

### **Announcements**

**\*Hymn of Dedication** – #446 “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

**\*Sending and Pastoral Benediction**

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

### **Choral Benediction**

“Amen”

African-American

### **Postlude**

Fugue in C Major BWV 545

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Johann Sebastian Bach

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***\*Please stand if you are able.***

*Today’s bulletin cover features French artist James Tissot’s “The Prophet Habakkuk” (ca. 1898). This work is part of the Jewish Museum’s collection in New York City.*