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Sunday, June 21, 2026
Third Sunday after Pentecost

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

Welcome and Gathering Prayer

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 46:1-7

God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.

God is within her, she will not fall;

God will help her at break of day.

Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Prelude

Prelude in G Major BWV 550
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

*Call to Worship – based on Psalm 57:9-11

Spencer Bliven

Leader: We will praise you, Lord, among the nations;

People: we will sing of you among the peoples.

Leader: For great is your love, reaching to the heavens;

People: your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

Leader: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;

People: let your glory be over all the earth.

*Hymn of Praise – #263 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Sunday School Graduation

Students:

Emory Mütschard
Joash Chintapalli
Johanna Florina
Joscha Fisher
Katherine Weeks
Valerie Crone

Teachers and Assistants:

Bitty & Jaco Meades (Head
Teachers)
Amy von Boyen
Hortensia Kolo
Jeannette Mitterhofer
Karen Dennis
Marlene Fisher
Muriel Numao
Nathan Wannemacher
Raja Chintapalli
Shin Numao
Sophie Somm

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

Leader: Faithful God, forgive us, your faithless people.

People: Forgive us for questioning your goodness.

Leader: Forgive us for doubting your greatness.

People: Forgive us for distrusting your promises.

Leader: Forgive us for mistrusting your character.

People: Through your Holy Spirit, help us to embrace you, our loyal, loving God.

Leader: In Jesus Christ we pray.

People: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon – Psalm 103:8-13

Leader: The Lord is compassionate and gracious,

People: slow to anger, abounding in love.

Leader: He will not always accuse,

People: nor will he harbor his anger forever;

Leader: he does not treat us as our sins deserve

People: or repay us according to our iniquities.

Leader: For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

People: so great is his love for those who fear him;

Leader: as far as the east is from the west,

People: so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Leader: As a father has compassion on his children,

People: so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.

God's Gracious Will for Our Lives – Hebrews:11:1-2;39-40,10:23

Leader: Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

People: This is what the ancients were commended for.

Leader: These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised,

People: since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

Leader: Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess,

People: for he who promised is faithful.

*Gloria Patri #579 "Glory Be to the Father"

RECEIVING THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Reading – Habakkuk 1:12-2:5 (pp. 940-941)

Spencer Bliven

New Testament Reading – Hebrews 11:1-2 (p. 1209)

Sermon – "Are You Really God?"

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Response – #383 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”**

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Tariq Dennison, Treasurer

Offertory

“Trust His Heart”

Words and Music: Eddie Carswell and Babbie Mason

Cheyne Davidson, Baritone

Gordon Schultz, Piano

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

Prayers of the People

Tariq Dennison

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

Tariq Dennison

Announcements

Moment for Mission – Gemeinde der Versöhnung

Rajan Nainar

***Hymn of Dedication – #399 “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”**

***Sending and Pastoral Benediction**

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

Benediction Response

“On Eagle's Wings”

Words: based on Psalm 91

Music: Michael Joncas, Arr. Jack Schrader

Cheyne Davidson, Baritone

Gordon Schultz, Piano

Postlude

Fugue in D Major

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

Please remain quietly seated during the postlude. If you need to leave, please do so quietly.

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

Today's bulletin cover features a portrait of the Old Testament prophet Habakkuk, as rendered by an unknown 17th century British painter. The work is part of the collection of the National Trust, Chastleton House (UK).