



יְהוָה עַד-אֲנִי

Wie lange noch, HERR?

Jusqu'à quand, Éternel?

Fino a quando, SIGNORE?

Co ancunter, Segner?

How long, O LORD?



Sunday, June 7, 2026  
Second Sunday after Pentecost

## **ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE**

*During the Prelude, you are invited to meditate on the Psalm of the Day as you prepare your heart and mind for worship.*

**Welcome and Gathering Prayer**

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

### **Psalm of the Day – Psalm 23**

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
he leads me beside quiet waters,  
he refreshes my soul.  
He guides me along the right paths  
for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk  
through the darkest valley,  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Surely your goodness and love will follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
forever.

### **Prelude**

Tonstück op. 22 no. 1 in F Major Moderato  
Nils Wilhelm Gade (1817-1890)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

## **Introit**

“Praise the Lord!”

Music: Heinz Werner Zimmermann

IPC Choir  
Chandler Cudlipp, Director

## **\*Call to Worship – Psalm 92:1-2**

Bemi Okorodudu

Leader: It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O  
Most High,

**People: proclaiming your love in the morning and your  
faithfulness at night.**

## **\*Hymn of Praise – #460 “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”**

## **Prayer of Confession**

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

Leader: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in  
thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have  
left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and  
strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**People: In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend  
what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in  
your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.  
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## **Assurance of Pardon – John 3:16-17**

Leader: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,  
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

**People: For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn  
the world, but to save the world through him.**

## **God's Gracious Will for Our Lives – Matthew 22:34-40**

Leader: Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

**People: All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”**

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

## **RECEIVING THE WORD OF GOD**

### **Song**

“Sing with Joy, Children of God”

Words and music: Lynn Shaw Bailey (Psalm 100)

Children's Choir  
Janet Deden, Piano  
Christine Weeks, Director

### **Children's Message**

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

### **Choral Prayer of Illumination**

“Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet

Music: Howard Nelson

**Old Testament Reading – Psalm 13 (pp. 548-549)**

Bemi Okorodudu

**New Testament Reading – Romans 8:18-25 (p. 1135)**

**Sermon – “How Long, O Lord?”**

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

**\*Hymn of Response – “How Long Will You Forget Me, Lord” (*insert*)**

# PROFESSING WHAT WE BELIEVE

## Song

“Credo” (“I Believe”)

IPC Choir

Text: Apostles’ Creed; Music: Gordon Schultz

*The congregation is invited to say the words of the creed  
silently in their hearts while the choir sings.*

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived  
by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius  
Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated  
at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and  
the dead. I believe, I believe! I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy  
catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the  
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## GATHERING AT THE LORD’S TABLE

### Invitation

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

Leader: With joy we praise you, gracious God...

### Words of Institution

Leader: Therefore, we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this  
sacrament saying:

**People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

## **Prayer of Consecration**

Leader: Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit...

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray saying:

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## **The Bread and the Cup**

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

### **Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings**

Tariq Dennison, Treasurer

### **Offertory**

"Open the Gates"

IPC Choir

Words & Music: Stan Pethel

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

## **OFFERING OUR PRAYERS TO GOD**

### **Prayers of the People**

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

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

### **Welcoming of Visitors**

Tariq Dennison

## Announcements

**\*Hymn of Dedication – #555 “Now Thank We All Our God”**

**Sending and Benediction**

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

**Choral Benediction**

Danish Amen

**Postlude**

Fugue from Sonata op. 65 Nr. 2 in C minor  
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

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

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

*Today's bulletin cover features the opening words of Psalm 13 rendered in six different languages: the original Old Testament text (Hebrew), the four official languages of Switzerland (German, French, Italian, Romansch), and the language of IPC (English).*

*Today's additional readers are Jos Hartman, Manuel Constam and Nicholas Edmonds.*