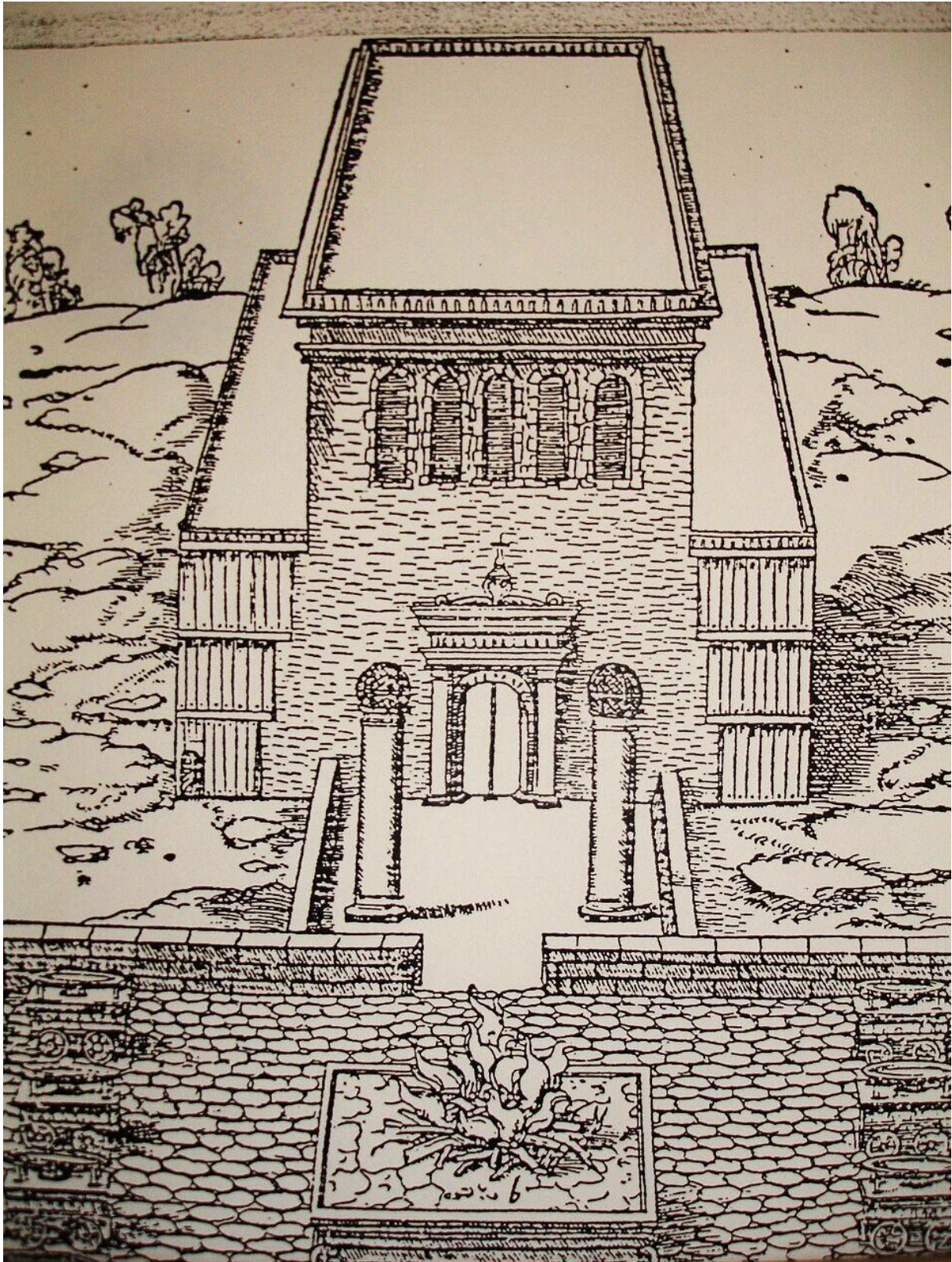




Sunday, July 5, 2026
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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 16:5-11

Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup;
you make my lot secure.
The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
surely I have a delightful inheritance.
I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;
even at night my heart instructs me.
I keep my eyes always on the Lord.
With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.
Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest secure,
because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
nor will you let your faithful one see decay.
You make known to me the path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Prelude

Little Prelude no. 8 in B Flat Major BWV 560
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

***Call to Worship – Psalm 92:1-2**

Aaron Cherukara

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 – #417 “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”**

Prayer of Confession

Nathan Wannemacher

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

“Clap Your Hands!” by Jeff Reeves

Children’s Choir

Christine Weeks, Director; Janet Deden, Piano

Children’s Message

Nathan Wannemacher

Prayer of Illumination

“Thy Word Is a Lantern”

Music: Henry Purcell & William Boyce

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 84 (p. 595)

Aaron Cherukara

New Testament Reading – Ephesians 2:11-22 (p. 1174)

Sermon – “Seeking the Presence of God”

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

***Hymn of Response** – “How Lovely is Your Dwelling” (*see insert*)

PROFESSING WHAT WE BELIEVE

The Apostles’ Creed

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 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

Annelies Guthman, Elder for
Adult Education & Retreats

Offertory

"Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel!"
Aria of Elijah from *Elijah*
Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy (1809-1847)

Kai Bischoff, Bass-Baritone
Ruth Pfister, Organ

***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

Annelies Guthman

Announcements

Recognition of New Members

***Hymn of Dedication – #281** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Sending and Benediction

Rev. Mark W. van Stee

Postlude

Prelude in G Major BWV 568
Johann Sebastian Bach

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 French artist Francois Vatable's "The Temple of Solomon" (1546). Used for the 1546 Paris Bible that was produced by the well-known renaissance printer Robert Etienne, this illustration of the temple was created by Vatable based on descriptions from the Biblical text. In today's sermon, we'll explore Psalm 84, a psalm associated with pilgrimage to the temple.