



**July 5, 2026**

## **The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

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*Welcome to Christ Church!* We are so glad you are here this morning! Whether you are a “first-timer,” a regular, or somewhere in between, it is a joy to have you here with us this day. May you be blessed by God’s Word in worship today! If you are a **first-time visitor**, please fill out a visitor card and put it in the offering plate, and then make your way to the Chapel (in the back) after worship where we have a small gift for you.

*\*Please stand as you are able*

GATHERING MUSIC      *My Country 'Tis of Thee*      Samuel Smith 1832

PRELUDE      *Battle Hymn of the Republic*      Roger C. Wilson

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Loving God, we come to you because you invite us.

All: **Gentle God, we come to you weary.**

One: We are carrying heavy burdens—of work and family,  
of world news and a struggling planet.

All: **Jesus, give us rest.**

One: You are gentle and humble in heart.

All: **In you we find rest for our souls.**

One: Set your yoke of love upon us, Jesus.

All: **Yoke us to your heart, for your yoke is easy, and your  
burden is light. Alleluia!**

\*WE ALL SING      *America, the Beautiful*      #727

\*OPENING PRAYER

One: Let us pray together.

All: **Holy God, One yet Three, reach into the abundance of  
your companionship to bring forth unity and healing in our  
land. Pour out peace on violent homes and hearts. Shower  
compassion on selfish and short-sighted motives. Rain down  
justice, generosity, and goodness so all are covered in  
blessing and so that we might be a blessing to other nations  
and your name glorified forevermore. Amen.**

\*THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: I invite you to pass the peace of Christ to those  
near you, in whatever way you are most comfortable.

\*Response      *God Welcomes All*      John Bell

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;  
God's love is strong and it never ends.**

# TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

## GIFT OF MUSIC

### THE FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 133

How very good and pleasant it is  
when kindred live together in unity!  
It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron,  
running down over the collar of his robes.  
It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion.  
For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

### THE SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 11: 28-30

[Jesus said,] "Come to me, all you who are weary and are  
carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke  
upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in  
heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy,  
and my burden is light."

### SERMON

"E Pluribus Unum"

Pastor Bob

### \*WE ALL SING

*My Country 'Tis of Thee*

**#731**

### \*STATEMENT OF FAITH

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

**We love and trust you, God, eternal creator,  
present in all times and places.**

**We come to you, Christ, for you are here beside us.  
We are weary and carrying heavy burdens. Give us your rest.  
Place your yoke upon us, that we may learn from you;  
for you are humble and gentle, and you give us rest for our  
souls. We follow you, Christ, for your yoke is easy,  
and your burden is light.**

**We rely upon you, holy Spirit of God. Your presence  
within us keeps us, guides us and sustains us in lives of love  
for the sake of the world. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & PASTORAL PRAYER

• For **Jill U's friend, Nichola**

• from the **Prayer Box**: for the **Ramirez/Olson family** who are grieving a loss

• Continued prayers for **Joan A's grandson, Blair**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## CALLING FOR OUR BEST

One: Siblings in Christ, God is faithful and gracious to us, upholds us, and raises us up. I invite you to show your thanksgiving by giving generously to support ministries that ease burdens and give rest to those in need.

SCAN TO DONATE



## OFFERTORY

*To Our Beloved Country*

Gertrude Haupt Nicholson

## \*WE ALL SING

*Doxology*

tune: Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below,  
Praise God, above you heavenly hosts,  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**All: Spirit of unity, we dedicate these gifts to the ministry of love and acceptance in the world. Help us ever seek to use all of our resources to create a world and a church where all are welcome and honored, loved and fully known. This we pray in the name of Jesus, who welcomed everyone to his table. Amen.**

\*HOLY COMMUNION

\*Invitation to the Table

One: Come to the table of grace...

\*Great Thanksgiving

One: The Holy Living God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts!

**All: We lift them to God!**

One: Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: We thank you God, for your grace.

**All: You create us, claim us, and continually set us free.**

One: In our struggles and our weariness you accompany us in Jesus, saying, "Come to me, you who are weary, and I will give you rest for your souls."

**All: We come, and lay down our burdens, and we are renewed. In humble gratitude we sing your praise with all Creation.**

\*We All Sing

#737

**Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you.**

**My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy Lord!**

**Santo, santo, santo, mi corazon te adora.**

**Mi corazone te sabe decir: santo eres Señor.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

Words of Institution

One: On the night...

there is a place at this table for all people.

**All: For the love of God transcends every power that tries to contain it.**

Prayer of Consecration

Breaking and Pouring

Distribution

*We serve both bread and gluten-free wafers, wine, and white grape juice. Come forward via the center aisle, take a piece of bread or wafer and eat, then move to the right or left to take a cup of wine or grape juice and drink. Return to your seats via the outside aisles.*

Prayer of Resolution

**Gracious God, we thank you for this mystery in which you have given yourself to us. In gratitude we give you our lives. Receive them with love, bless them with grace and use them according to your will. Yoke us together with Christ in love and service for the sake of the healing of the world, in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

\*WE ALL SING                      *This Is My Song*                      (see insert)

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE                      *The Trees of the Field*                      **#710**

\*POSTLUDE                      Land Of The Free                      Stephen Otis

Worship Notes

Our Opening Prayer is adapted from *Independence Weekend Prayer for Unity* © 2021 Lisa Ann Moss Degrenia, [www.revlisad.com](http://www.revlisad.com)

Our Communion Liturgy is adapted from *Unfolding Light* by Steve Garnaas-Holmes, [www.unfoldinglight.net](http://www.unfoldinglight.net).

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**THIS WEEK at CHRIST CHURCH**

**Today**

BVCC Donations

**NEXT SUNDAY**

Assemble lunch bags for laundry ministry

**Greeters:** Karen Nack

**Counters:** Sarah Rogers, Mark Pfeifer

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Thank You!** | Many thanks to everyone that contributed to the Habitat for Humanity Welcome Basket. Thanks to our wonderful congregation, we received every item on the list. What a wonderful gift for a family starting in their new Habitat home. We are truly blessed to have such a caring congregation. With grateful hearts & thanks! *Your Social Concerns Committee*

**Laurel Dayton** had a fall and was in the hospital and is now in rehab for a couple of weeks. Her daughter said that if you'd like to send a card to cheer her up, her mom would love that! You can send it here:

Laurel Dayton  
St. Camillus  
10101 W. Wisconsin Ave  
Wauwatosa, WI 53226

**Supporting Tippe Divine Intervention Laundry Ministry** | On **July 12**, Christ Church is providing 30 bag lunches for Tippe's laundry ministry. The bag lunches will include sandwiches, granola bars, a piece of fruit, small bag of chips and a bottle of water. We will be assembling these bags after church service on July 12 so they can be distributed at CA Coin Laundries at 3310 S Howell Ave between 1pm and 3pm. There will be a sign up sheet on the Lenox Street bulletin board for items needed as well as two volunteers to deliver and distribute the bags. We are also collecting quarters to do laundry, and there will be a jar labeled for that purpose for the next few weeks at church. Please consider volunteering for this much needed ministry. Thank you, *Jan Naefken, Mary Ann Mowery, Randene Wick, Debbie Hansen, Sara Rogers, Vicki Teal, and Peggy Carew*

**Hunger Task Force** | We'll be working at Hunger Task Force (5000 W Electric Ave) on **Wednesday July 15, from 9am to 11am** assembling food boxes for seniors. This is a fun and fast-paced opportunity to do some real good for our seniors. Please sign up on the Lenox Street bulletin board. Any questions, see *Andy Oren*.

**Christmas in July** | Christmas doesn't have to be only once a year. Join us for worship on **July 19**, and we'll be celebrating Christmas in July! We will sing familiar carols and hear the story of Jesus' birth. Christmas is also a time of giving. Will you make a gift to our "Christmas in July Offering"?

This summer, we are making some much-needed repairs to our boiler and having the east side of our building repaired and repainted. Stewardship has set a fundraising goal of \$5000 to offset these capital expenditures. They hope to have that in **by July 31st**. Please consider making a \$250 gift in recognition of the 250th anniversary of the US. Of course, a gift of any size is appreciated. Please note: When offering your Christmas gift, please place it in its own envelope, marked "My Christmas In July Offering", separate from your weekly offering envelope. Join us for Christmas in July. Bring your generous gifts. Invite a friend to come along as well. The more the merrier! Merry Christmas! *Pam Kothrade*



Monthly Activity	May	YTD
Contributions & Other Income	\$34,528	\$90,623
Expenses	\$18,697	\$99,920
Budgeted Amount	\$18,051	\$90,258
<i>Last week's offering: \$771</i>		

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