

Outdoor Worship

June 21, 2026

Opening

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Praise the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.

C: Those who keep the Sabbath and call it a delight shall rejoice in God's kingdom.

P: All who hallow the seventh day shall be gladdened by God's goodness.

C: This day is the festival of the spirit, sanctified and blessed by God, the most precious of days, a symbol of the joy of creation.

Gathering Hymn



Lord pre - pare me to be a sanc-tu - a - ry
I will live Lord, as you ask me,
With your Spir - it, Fath-er, fill me;
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,



pure and ho - ly tried and true - -
find - ing truth in your com - man - -
let me know your pres-ence he - - -
Al - le - lu - ia, A - men. _____



- With thanks - giv - ing I'll be a li - ving
ds 'Gainst all e - vils and temp - ta - tions,
re. I am long - ing for your sal - va - tion.
— Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,



sanc - tu - a - ry fo - r you.
as your faith - ful, I will stand.
Come, I want you to be near.
Al - le - lu - ia, A - men.

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you

Dialog & Prayer of the Day

P: For the beauty of the earth, Creator God,

C: We give you thanks.

P: For the rich abundance of the natural order, Lord,

C: We give you thanks.

P: For the many ways that you provide for all creation, Sustainer,

C: We give you thanks.

P: For the material things that enable our survival and provide for our comfort, gracious God,

C: We give you thanks.

P: As we strive first for the Kingdom of God and its righteousness,

C: Teach us to pursue the work of justice.

P: We live in a world that has the resources to satisfy everyone's hunger, if only we will share our food.

C: Teach us to love kindness.

P: We long to live lives characterized by reckless generosity and hospitality.

C: Teach us to walk humbly with you.

P: We commit to sharing all that you have entrusted to us with all people,

C: That in so doing, we might be transformed into more faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

P: Let us pray:

C: With eager ears, willing hearts and open minds we listen for Your word, Lord God. Through the inspiration of Spirit, let it take root, blossom and bear the fruits of wisdom, understanding and action. For the sake of Jesus and a world hungry for your Kingdom, do not leave us barren and wilting. Amen.

In this promise of salvation through Christ you all rejoice, even if now, for a little while, you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith--being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire--may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. . . For this reason, then, get your minds ready! Be attentive and aware! Set all your hope on the grace being brought to you in the revelation of Jesus Christ. Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly followed in your ignorance. Instead, as Jesus, who called you, is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; for it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy. . ." Your souls are purified in the obedience of the Truth, into genuine loving fellowship which comes from the heart of each other - love wholistically and intently! You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. For,

*"All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers,
and the flower falls,
but the word of the Lord endures forever." [Is 40:6-8]*

That word is the good news that was announced to you. So, then, rid yourselves of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation-- if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

R: The word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm

Psalm 107

*O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;
for the Lord's steadfast love endures forever.*

**Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
those the Lord redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**

Some wandered in desert wastes,

*finding no way to an inhabited town;
hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.*

**Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and the Lord delivered them from their distress;**

*the Lord led them by a straight way,
until they reached an inhabited town.*

**Let them thank the Lord for the Lord's steadfast
love, for the Lord's wonderful works to humankind.**

*For the Lord satisfies the thirsty,
and the hungry the Lord fills with good things.*

**Let them extol the Lord in the congregation of the
people, and praise the Lord in the assembly of the
elders.**

*The Lord turns rivers into a desert,
springs of water into thirsty ground,*

**The Lord turns a desert into pools of water,
a parched land into springs of water.**

*And there the Lord lets the hungry live,
and they establish a town to live in;
they sow fields, and plant vineyards,
and get a fruitful yield.*

**By the Lord's blessing they multiply greatly,
and the Lord does not let their cattle decrease.**

*When they are diminished and brought low
through oppression, trouble, and sorrow,
the Lord pours contempt on princes
and makes them wander in trackless wastes;
but the Lord raises up the needy out of distress,
and makes their families like flocks.*

**The upright see it and are glad;
and all wickedness stops its mouth.**

*Let those who are wise give heed to these things,
and consider the steadfast love of the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

Matthew 13

The Parable of the Sower and the Seeds

While Jesus was still sitting in the boat and the crowds were gathered on the beach, he spoke to them in parables, saying . . .

"Listen! A farmer came out to sow and in the sowing some of the seeds fall alongside the way and the birds come to devour them. But other seeds fall on the rocky ground where it did not have much soil, and it immediately springs up because the soil was so shallow. The rising sun then scorches it, and it dries up because it has no root. But other seeds fall on the thorns, and those thorns grow up and choke them out. But other seeds fall on the good ground, and it yields grain, some a hundredfold, but some sixty, but some thirty. If you have ears – hear!"

Then Jesus said to the disciples - those who were intended to hear and understand: "Hear the parable of the one sowing.

To everyone hearing the Word of the Kingdom and not understanding comes the Evil and snatches away what is being sown in their heart – this is what is being sown along the way.

But, as for what is being sown into the rocky ground - these are those hearing the Word and immediately receiving it with joy but do not have root in themselves, but have short attention spans and when struggles because of the Word or outright persecution because of the Word come, they are immediately scandalized and their faith withers.

But, as for what is being sown into the thorns - these are those hearing the Word and then the anxiety of the age and the trickery of riches choke the Word and make it unfruitful.

But, as for what is being sown in good soil - these are those hearing the Word and understanding; who, indeed, bear good fruit and yield, some, a hundredfold, but some sixty, but some thirty.

P: The Gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Christ Taught Us

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Christ taught us of a farmer who went out sowing seeds.
A few had trouble growing among the rocks and weeds.
But others grew till harvest in soil that was so good.
O God, you sow the gospel: The seed is your own word.

You sowed your word of love here so many years ago.
Your message found a welcome; your word began to grow.
By grace, this church was built here by saints who followed you.
The seed took root and flourished: we hear and follow, too.

We thank you for each laborer who lives in loving ways,
For those who seek to serve you without expecting praise.
For hearts and songs uplifted, for work and sacrifice.
The seed you planted grows here: we grow in Jesus Christ.

In times of joy we praise you, in struggling times we search,
And always we are learning to be your faithful church.
Your Spirit gives us vision, and hearts and lives made new.
Your harvest is for sharing: sent out, we work for you.

Prayers & Passing of the Peace

Words of Institution

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and responsible that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. We recall and proclaim that in your great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who came as the Messiah, reaching out to heal the sick and suffering, preaching good news to the poor, and inviting all to your table through his sacrifice on the cross.

In that night in which he was handed over . . .

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: 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 and ever. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray.

C: We rejoice that you use the harvests of the field, the fruit of the vineyard and the fellowship of the table to fulfill your promise of an abiding presence in our lives. As we leave this sacred time lead us out to faithful lives that manifest that presence through all that we say and do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Benediction

Final *Гимн*

We Plow the Fields

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1 We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,
 2 You on - ly are the mak - er of all things near and far.
 3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,

but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand,
 You paint the way - side flow - er, you light the eve - ning star.
 the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.

who sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are fed;
No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts,

the breez-es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.
much more to us, your chil - dren, you give our dai - ly bread.
but what you most would trea - sure—our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

Refrain

All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove.

We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

Dismissal A: Go in peace, serve the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!