

Outdoor Worship

July 12, 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



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: Almighty God, you overwhelm us with love and grace, yet, it takes only a little "yeast" of temptation to cause us to stray and doubt, to forget that we are your children and destined for your Kingdom. Sow in us the fullness of the Spirit, that leavened by the inspiration of your Word, we will grow in good works and faithful lives. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem writes . . . Go, eat your bread with enjoyment, and drink your wine with a merry heart; for God has already approved what you do. Let your clothes always be clean and bright! Douse your head in fragrant oils! Enjoy life with the spouse whom you love all the days of your vain life that are given you under the sun, because that is your portion in life and in your toil at which you toil under the sun. Whatever your hand finds to do, do with your might; for there is no work or thought or knowledge or wisdom in the Place of the Dead, to which you are ultimately going.

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

Psalm

Psalm 104

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord my God, you are very great.

**You are clothed with honor and majesty,
wrapped in light as with a garment.**

*You stretch out the heavens like a tent,
you set the beams of your chambers on the waters,
**you make the clouds your chariot,
you ride on the wings of the wind,***

*you make the winds your messengers,
fire and flame your ministers.*

**You set the earth on its foundations,
so that it shall never be shaken.**

*You cover it with the deep as with a garment;
the waters stood above the mountains.*

**At your rebuke they flee;
at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.**

*They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys
to the place that you appointed for them.*

**You set a boundary that they may not pass,
so that they might not again cover the earth.**

*You make springs gush forth in the valleys;
they flow between the hills,*

**giving drink to every wild animal;
the wild asses quench their thirst.**

*By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation;
they sing among the branches.*

**From your lofty abode you water the mountains;
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.**

*You cause the grass to grow for the cattle,
and plants for people to use,*
**to bring forth food from the earth,
and wine to gladden the human heart,
oil to make the face shine,
and bread to strengthen the human heart.**

*The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly,
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.*

**In them the birds build their nests;
the stork has its home in the fir trees.**

*The high mountains are for the wild goats;
the rocks are a refuge for the coney.*

**You have made the moon to mark the seasons;
the sun knows its time for setting.**

*You make darkness, and it is night,
when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.*

**The young lions roar for their prey,
seeking their food from God.**

*When the sun rises, they withdraw
and lie down in their dens.*

**People go out to their work
and to their labor until the evening.**

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;

the earth is full of your creatures.

**Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.**

Gospel Acclamation

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

The Parable of the Yeast in the Flour

While Jesus was still on the boat and the crowds were gathered on the beach he spoke to them a fourth parable . . .

The Kingdom of the Heavens is like yeast which, a woman taking, conceals in three measures of flour until all of it is leavened.

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

Sermon**Hymn of the Day**

tune: 310

Blest are God's peacemaking ones, Stands against what powers say —
Sent to work in countless ways — It is Jesus' word they share,
God's own daughters, God's own sons, News of God's new breaking day.
Serving without seeking praise.

Yet like leaven in our bread,
They persist to change us all.
By God's Spirit, they are led
To pursue God's peaceful call.

Bless-ed are God's prophets, too,
Called to challenge what we know.
Working for a world that's new,
Calling us to change and grow.
Though the message that they bear

God, through Jesus' love and grace,
May we live what we profess.
In the challenges we face,
May we know what makes us blest.
May we stand against the wrong;
May our thirst for you increase.
Give to us a prophet's song!
May we work to bring your peace!

Text: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Greeting**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 Hymn

Shaping Spirit

tune: 696

1. Shaping spirit, move among us,
living leader, be our friend,
source of our mysterious being,
greet us at our journey's end.

2. Energy of new creation,
work like yeast within the soul;
human savior, heavenly artist,
in your service make us whole.

3. Many are the ways you seek us,
great the joy when each is found.
once your gift of faith ignites it
all the world is holy ground.

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



Sunday, July 12, 2026

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Outdoor worship in the memorial garden weather permitting

11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, July 13, 2026

9:30 a.m. Widowed Support Group

7:00 p.m. Social Ministry/Green Team Meeting

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

9:00 a.m. Peacemakers Quilting Group

Saturday, July 18, 2026

12:30 p.m. Bob Cruickshank funeral

Sunday, July 19, 2026

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Outdoor worship in the memorial garden weather permitting

11:00 a.m. Worship

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