

†OFFERTORY PRAYER

Bountiful God, when we come to you with nothing, you provide us with everything we need – awareness that we all belong to you and to one another. When life's difficulties and perplexities demand more than we think we can manage, you spare us the deadly cost. In tribute and thanks for your matchless blessings, we offer you what we have, trusting in your unending love. Amen.

†HYMN 526

[*The Gift of Love*](#)

GIFT OF LOVE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Gigue in G Major, from the French Suite

J. S. BACH



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

June 28, 2026
10 o'clock

Rev. Fredd Ward, Senior Pastor
Jim Boratko, Director of Worship Arts
Amanda Bethune, Director of Faith Formation

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JUNE 28, 2026

PRELUDES

Andante
Adagio for the Glass Harmonica

JAMES HOOK
WOLFGANG A. MOZART

WELCOME

†CALL TO WORSHIP

NINA LAWRENCE

One: When God’s presence seems far away.

Many: **may we place our faith in God.**

One: When God’s face is hidden from us,

Many: **may we put our trust in God’s steadfast love.**

One: When our eyes behold hateful behavior and our souls bear the pain
of societal discord,

Many: **may we seek God’s strength and speak God’s peace.**

One: Let us remember God’s call upon our lives.

Many: **On this Pride Sunday, may our hearts readily respond!**

†HYMN 494

[They’ll Know We Are Christians](#)

ST. BRENDAN’S

†OPENING PRAYER

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, meet us in our desire for justice and peace. As we enter this house of worship, you know our deepest needs, and you affirm our sincerest hopes. Live in us this day, and quicken our spirits, that we may rise above the storms and struggles that threaten to overcome us. We ask this the name of the one whom you sent to bring us abiding love and abundant life. Amen.

MESSAGE FOR ALL

AMANDA BETHUNE

ANTHEM

Selection
Michael Loveland and Kurt Swanson

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE READING

[Jeremiah 28: 5-9](#)

† Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.

†RESPONSE 263

[Surely the Presence of the Lord](#)

WOLF

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels’ wings; I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

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SERMON

Prophets Who Prophecy Peace

rev.fredd

HYMN 487

[Help Us Accept Each Other](#)

ACCEPTANCE

PROPHETIC POSTSCRIPT

NINA LAWRENCE

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 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.

CALL TO OFFERING

What we have received from God, we are now invited to invest in the “prophet-making”, world-changing ministry of the church.

OFFERTORY

A Distant Shore
Michael Loveland and Kurt Swanson

MARY DONNELLY

†DOXOLOGY 46

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments following the service!