



9 AM Contemporary Service • Sunday, June 7, 2026

Order of Worship

THE GATHERING:

Countdown

Opening Song – ***“Good Good Father”***

Welcome

Kyle Ripley

Invitation to Worship

Kady Peck

Leader: Jesus taught the first disciples that God’s Spirit would come and dwell among them and within them. Today we gather to listen for the Spirit's voice, to receive God's love, and to be led more deeply into the truth of Christ.

All: Come, let us worship the living God!

Opening Prayer

Kyle Ripley

Praise Song – ***“Marvelous Light”***

Recognition of High School Graduates

Introduction of our Graduating Seniors

Tara DenHerder

Leader: Today we give thanks for the accomplishments of our graduating seniors. We celebrate not only what they have achieved, but also who they are becoming as beloved children of God. Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would guide his followers into truth and remain with them wherever life may lead. As these graduates prepare for new journeys, we affirm God's presence and pray for the Spirit's guidance in the years ahead.

They are: Mason Cannon, Jonah DenHerder, Carter Denoyer, Gillian Evina, Sophia McDonald, Cora Moore, Cohen Reinhardt, Brynne Schulte, Kathryn Wonacott.

Prayer for Graduates

Erin Conrad

Gracious God,

We thank you for these graduates and for the gifts you have placed within them.

Thank you for their families, teachers, mentors, and friends who have helped shape them.

As they enter a new chapter of life,

fill them with courage when they face uncertainty,

wisdom when they make decisions,

and compassion in all their relationships.

May your Holy Spirit guide them into truth,

strengthen them in times of challenge,

and remind them always that they are deeply loved by you.

Bless their futures,

their dreams,

their work,

and their service.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Greet your neighbor!

(Before you sit down, please turn and greet your neighbor. Also, please take a moment to sign the Friendship Pad located at the end of each pew and pass it along to the person next to you. Thanks!)

THE WORD:

Scripture Readings – John 14:15-17
John 16:5-15

Message – “Be Rebels for Good: Living in the Spirit of God”

Rev. Jim Porter

RESPONSE & SENDING:

Time for Reflection and Song of Response – **“Oceans (Where Feet May Fall)”**

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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 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.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

For Communion today everyone is invited to come forward by the center aisle to receive the gluten free bread and juice. After partaking of the elements, you may return to your seat by the side aisle.

Prayer after Communion

**All: Gracious God,
We thank you for feeding us
with the bread of life and the cup of salvation.
By your Holy Spirit,
strengthen us to live as Christ's disciples,
to speak the truth in love,
to serve with compassion,
and to follow wherever you lead.
Send us now into the world
to bear witness to your grace.
Amen.**

Giving Back to God

- Our Offering- Your gifts honor God and help provide financial support of the ministries and mission of this church.
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Announcements

Rev. Jim Porter

- Future Planning Update- Do the Survey Today!

Closing Song – **“My Life is in You, Lord”**

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Benediction

Leader: Go into the world trusting the presence of the Holy Spirit.

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listen for God's guidance.

When truth is difficult,

follow Christ faithfully.

When love is costly,

remember the love that first claimed you.

Walk boldly, knowing that God is with you and within you.

All: Amen!

Postlude

Worship Concludes – Service Begins!

Thank you. Special thanks to our ushers: Jerry & Felicia Blight, our snack volunteer, and our coffee volunteer: Lorraine Berak.

Thank you to our communion servers: Lorraine Berak, Judy Brummeler, Anne Conrad, and Kathy Rogols.



10:30 AM Traditional Service • Sunday, June 7, 2026

Order of Worship

Countdown to Worship

Prelude – *“Rejoice, the Lord is King”* arr. by Forrest

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jim Porter

- Celebrating Our Graduates: Mason Cannon, Jonah DenHerder, Carter Denoyer, Gillian Evina, Sophia McDonald, Cora Moore, Cohen Reinhardt, Brynne Schulte, and Kathryn Wonacott

Invitation and Centering Words

Leader: Jesus taught the first disciples that God's Spirit would come and dwell among them and within them. Today we gather to listen for the Spirit's voice, to receive God's love, and to be led more deeply into the truth of Christ.

Ringling of the Historic Church Bell

Call to Worship

Joanne Teague

Leader: Jesus promised, "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you."

People: Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, Christ is with us still.

Leader: The Spirit leads us into God's truth and reveals God's love.

People: The Spirit opens our hearts and guides our lives.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, fill this place.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts.

All: Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

Joanne Teague

All: Holy and gracious God, you have not left us alone. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, you have drawn near to us, and through your Holy Spirit you continue to guide, comfort, and strengthen us. Open our hearts to your presence this day. Quiet the voices that distract us, soften the places that have grown hard, and awaken us to the movement of your Spirit among us. Lead us deeper into your love, deeper into your truth, and deeper into the life you desire for your people. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn 65 – ***“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”***

Prayer of Confession

Joanne Teague

All: Holy God, you call us to walk in the way of Christ, yet we often resist the leading of your Spirit. We cling to old fears when you offer courage. We settle for half-truths when you call us into Your truth. We hold tightly to our own plans instead of trusting your guidance. Too often we fail to love as Christ loved us. We ignore your promptings, neglect your presence, and forget that you dwell within us. Forgive us, O God. Renew us by your Spirit. Lead us once again into the fullness of your love and truth. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Please pause for prayers of silent meditation)

Assurance of Pardon

Joanne Teague

Leader: Hear the good news: Jesus promised that God's Spirit would remain with us forever. The Spirit reminds us that we belong to Christ, that we are beloved children of God, and that nothing can separate us from God's love. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, renewed, and set free to live by the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace

Joanne Teague

Leader: The peace of Christ is a gift of the Holy Spirit, binding us together in love and grace. May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you. Let us share signs of Christ's peace with one another.

(Share signs of Christ's peace with one another. Also, please take a moment to sign the Friendship Pad at the end of the pew and pass it along to those sitting beside you.)

Anthem – ***“You Are the Bread”*** by Schram

Scripture Readings – John 14:15-17

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Sermon “Be Rebels for Good: Living in the Spirit of God”

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Responsive Hymn 530 – ***“One Bread, One Body”***

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Doxology – ***“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”***

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Closing Hymn 753 – ***“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”***

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All: Amen!

Benediction Response – ***“Let There Be Peace On Earth”***

Postlude

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Thank you. Special thanks to our ushers: Susan Harvey, Les & Joanne Teague, our snack volunteer, and our coffee volunteer: Lorraine Berak.

Thank you to our communion servers: Ginny Dorner, Sandi Gray, Lynda Nichols, and Don Reynolds.

Thank you for your generous support! Your gifts help sustain the ministries and mission of our church. You can give by mail (404 Spruce St., Elk Rapids, MI 49629), online at www.erfpc.org (click "Giving"), or by contacting Treasurer Mike Husby at finmanager@erfpc.org. Thank you!

Thank You for a Wonderful Community Dinner Season! Our final Free Community Dinner of the season was our largest yet! Thank you to everyone who helped make this ministry such a success. From preparing and serving food to welcoming guests, donating desserts, setting up, cleaning up, and sharing fellowship, your generosity and dedication made a meaningful difference. The Fellowship Hall was filled with joyful conversation, warm hospitality, and delicious food. Thank you for giving your time, working together as a team, and faithfully supporting our Free Community Dinner program throughout the season. Your efforts have been a blessing to our church and community.

Nursery – Qualified caregivers welcome infants and children during the service.



Today is Loose Change Sunday – All donations placed in the red bucket in the narthex today will support One Great Hour of Sharing, a special Presbyterian offering that helps people in need through disaster relief, hunger programs, and community development initiatives. Every gift—large or small—helps bring hope, healing, and justice to communities around the world.

Graduation Recognition – Today

Today we recognize the following persons from our church who have graduated from high school or college. We will be praying for them as they take the next big step in their life.

Mason Cannon

Son of Jeremy and Amy Cannon

Graduate of Elk Rapids High School; plans to attend NMU to study Construction Management.

Jonah DenHerder

Parents: Jesse and Tara DenHerder

Graduate of Elk Rapids High School; plans to attend MSU in the fall and has been accepted into the Residential Business College where he plans to study Accounting.

Carter Denoyer

Parents: Terry and Jennifer Denoyer

Graduate of Elk Rapids High School; plans to take a year to travel and work at a ski resort, hopefully overseas. He then plans to pursue an electrical program to become an electrician.

Gillian Evina

Parents: Robert and Regina Evina

Graduate of Elk Rapids High School; plans to travel abroad and apprentice with her father in the family business.

Sophia McDonald

Parents: Stephen and Kristy McDonald

Graduate of Elk Rapids High School; currently getting her private pilot's license at Giving Wings Air School and will be attending GVSU in the fall to study Aviation Leadership.

Cora Moore

Parents: John and Shana Moore

Graduate of Elk Rapids High School; plans to spend two years at Northwestern Michigan College completing prerequisites before transferring to pursue a career in psychology.

Cohen Reinhardt

Parents: Bo and Courtney Reinhardt

Graduate of Elk Rapids High School; plans to attend Northwestern Michigan College in the fall with the hopes of transferring to MSU to study AG Business.

Brynne Schulte

Parents: Keith and Jaci Schulte

Graduate of Elk Rapids High School; received a full Naval ROTC scholarship and has been accepted into the School of Nursing at the University of Michigan where she will begin classes in the fall.

Kathryn Wonacott

Parents: Paul and Judith Wonacott

Graduate of Elk Rapids High School; plans to attend the University of Michigan to major in psychology on a pre-med track to occupational therapy, and minor in dance.

Congratulations to our graduates! Deacons have provided a cake reception in the narthex to honor our graduates.

Youth Mission Project – Purchase a Personalized Brick Paver

Support the Youth Mission Project by purchasing a personalized brick paver for \$50! These engraved pavers will line the new gravel patio behind the Lighthouse and serve as a lasting reminder of your support. The Youth Mission Project takes place June 22–26. Order forms may be picked up at the Activity Center or completed online. All orders are due by June 8.



Vacation Bible School – Register Your Children Today!

Mark your calendar for VBS week, June 22-26 from 9:00 a.m.-12 noon and register your children today on the VBS banner on the homepage of our website (www.erfpc.org) or by scanning the QR code here. Bring your children, grandchildren and friends to this exciting program!

Vacation Bible School Volunteers Still Needed – June 22-26

We still need volunteers for our VBS program the week of June 22. If you are available to volunteer in any capacity during the week of June 22–26, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., please contact Tara DenHerder at taradenherder8@gmail.com or 231-590-5346. Your help makes a difference!

Listening for God – New Contemplative Prayer Group

A new Contemplative Prayer Group, *Listening for God*, begins next Tuesday, June 9 at 12:00 noon in the Sanctuary. This group offers a quiet space to deepen your relationship with God through prayer, silence, and reflection.

What is Contemplative Prayer? Contemplative prayer is a form of Christian prayer that emphasizes silent awareness of God's presence rather than speaking words, making requests, or actively meditating on ideas. This group will offer a quiet space in the church sanctuary to deepen your relationship with God through prayer, silence, and reflection.

The group will meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Due to Vacation Bible School, the June schedule will be adjusted, and the second June gathering will be held on Tuesday, June 30 (the fifth Tuesday) instead of the fourth Tuesday.

All are welcome to join us as we seek to listen for God's presence and guidance together.

Picture Sundays – Sundays, June 7 & 21

As we begin the summer season, it is a great time to update your family or individual picture on the church directory. On Sunday, June 7 and June 21, we will have a spot in the Narthex to help you update your pictures with a quick photo. Remember that this is only one of the ways that you can get you or your families updated pictures in the directory – you can also upload your own snapshot directly or send one to info@erfpc.org and Ellen will upload it for you.

If you haven't yet been added to the directory, now is a great time to join in the fun. It's an easy way to have access to your church family through your smart phone, IPAD or computer.

This will also be an opportunity to ask questions about the directory app and provide us with an email if you don't have one on file as this is the **ONLY WAY TO GET ACCESS** to the online directory. This directory is only for our church family and requires an email and password to access online.

Church Family Mission Trip to Presbytery Point – June 11-14

We are planning a Church Family Mission Trip to Presbytery Point on June 11–14 (Thursday night - Sunday morning)! Join us for a weekend of service and fellowship in the beautiful U.P. as we help Presbytery Point Camp prepare for their summer season. Projects will be available for all ages, skill

levels and abilities. All individuals and groups alike are encouraged to join us for this meaningful weekend. If interested, please contact Shannah Vergote at 231-342-9098.

Resources for Grief Care – Stephen Ministry offers one-on-one support and grief resources, including pamphlets and a display in the narthex. Information on local counseling options is also available. To meet with a Stephen Minister, please contact the office or a Stephen Minister directly.

Alzheimer’s & Dementia Caregiver Support Group – 3rd Friday of Each Month at 2PM For those caring for a loved one with Alzheimer’s or dementia. Share support, encouragement, and guidance in a welcoming environment. The group meets on the 3rd Friday of each month from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Please contact facilitator Kathy Dork at 248-568-4651 if you’d like to attend or if you have questions.

Community Cupboard –Thank you for supporting the Elk Rapids Community Cupboard! The Cupboard is open twice every other week: Saturday from 9:00–11:00 a.m. and Tuesday from 4:00–6:30 p.m. Visit elkrapidscommunitycupboard.com or call Pam Coleman at 847-445-8239 for more information.



Discover Your Gifts! Take our quick Ministry Match Survey to find where you can best serve. Scan the QR code or use the link: volunteeraccelerator.ministryarchitects.com/ERFPC/survey.html Thanks for your willingness to help out!

This Week’s Activities

- Sun. 6/7**
 - 9:00 a Contemporary Service Reception for Graduates between services
 - 10:30 a Traditional Service
- Mon. 6/8**
 - 9:00 a PEO – FH
- Tues. 6/9**
 - 10:00 a Women’s Sm. Grp. – Cf
 - 12:00 p Prayer Group – Sanc
- Wed. 6/10**
 - 9:00 a Finance Comm. – Cf
 - 6:30 p Praise Team Prac.
 - 7:00 p Personnel – Cf
- Thurs. 6/11**
 - 7:30 a Men’s Bible Study – AE
 - 7:00 p Trustees – FH
- Fri. 6/12**
 - 10:30 a Choir Rehearsal – FH
 - Family Mission Trip thru Sunday