

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

JUNE 28, 2026

INSTRUCTION

Message: "A Struggling Servant"

Pastor Eric Walter
Isaiah 49:1-6 (ESV)

Scripture:

But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God." Isaiah 49:4

Preservice Hymn Sing!

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Josh Desch

1. Times of Disappointment

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: *The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice;*

People: let the many coastlands be glad!

Pastor: *The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,*

People: before the Lord of all the earth.

Pastor: *The heavens proclaim his righteousness,*

People: and all the peoples see his glory.

Pastor: *For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;*

All: *you are exalted far above all gods.*

Psalm 97:1, 5-6, 9 (ESV)

Hymn: "All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name"

Hymn 6

Hymn: "His Mercy Is More"

Hymn 123

Doxology:

Hymn 384

Kid's Church Dismissal

OFFERTORY

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Desch

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.

Anthem: "Because of Jesus"

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You made a covenant with me, signed by the blood that still speaks. Now I'm forgiven, I'm made righteous, I'm made clean. There on the cross at Calvary, You gave it all to purchase me. You are the Savior and the God who set me free. Now my heart cries "This is my Redeemer!" With my whole life I will give You praise! All the glory to the One Who's worthy! Because of Jesus, I have been changed! You made a way for me to enter into Your holy place forever. And now I am hidden, I am covered, I found peace. Into your likeness You transform me, making me holy, like You're holy. No longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me. You bring freedom to the captives, good news to the poor, healing to the broken, and joy to those who mourn. You turn ashes into beauty, the ruins You restore. I am a testimony of the goodness of the Lord!

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Pastor Walter

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified; who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

COMMUNION

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Hymn: "Christus Victor"

Hymn 224

Benediction

Pastor Walter

Postlude: "Cadenza from the Left Hand Concerto"

Comp: M. Ravel

Matthew Booth

Guidelines for Reception of the Lord's Supper: The Lord's Supper, also called Communion or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who have believed the good news, have repented of their sins and are baptized members in good standing in the Lord's Church. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the Church.

Note About Partaking: "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself." (1 Corinthians 11:27-29)

Prayers of Reflection for Those Not Partaking: If you are not able to receive the Lord's Supper this morning, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth: Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer for Awakening: Lord Jesus, I have heard teaching from the Bible for years, and have been in church for years, but very little of this even seems real to me. Please show me the reality of what you are saying. Unnerve me with the badness of the bad news. Captivate me with the goodness of the good news. Make what is familiar seem new. Amen.

Prayer of Belief: Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

Let Us Know You're Here!



Thursday, 07/02	Student Ministry Bible Study
Friday, 07/03	Office Closed, Independence Day
Sunday, 07/05	Combined DH 1, Grand Hall

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