



July 5, 2026

*for those who wish to stand

Bold print indicates congregational participation

Today's Liturgy written by Philip K. Gladden for Presbyterian Outlook, 2026

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Phil Price

*please sign the act of friendship pad

BREATH PRAYER

Inhale: "Liberation is ours."

Exhale: "God, teach us the sound of freedom."

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 95)

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

One: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

All: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

One: Let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN

This Is My Song

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, forgive us when we turn a deaf ear to your call in Jesus Christ and to the cries of those in the world who need your love and our help. Forgive us when we treat discipleship as a yoke of oppression rather than a blessing and gift for leading a faithful life as your people. O Lord, forgive our sin. Help us to know and love you with all that we are that we may love our neighbors as we love ourselves. We pray for the strength of your Holy Spirit to equip us for our calling as followers of Jesus Christ, in whom we have our hope and put our trust.

TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: The apostle Paul also wrote to the believers in Galatia, "For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters;‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’" Hear and believe the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Glory to God

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, Glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

WELCOME THE CHILDREN

Phil Price

This, this is where children belong. Welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song:

This is where children belong.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Zechariah 9:9-12

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One: The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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One: This is God's word to us.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Gracious Invitation

Phil Price

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from The Theological Declaration of Barmen)

"Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption" (1 Corinthians 1:30). As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords — areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(written by Rev. Thom M. Shuman)*

One: The Lord of rest be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: All who are weary, yoke yourselves to the Lord of life.

All: We join our hearts with God's Heart of compassion.

One: People of God, lift your glad songs to the One who loves us.

All: Praise is on our lips, thanksgiving overflows from our hearts.

One: At the first moment of time, you drew from the.... So, with every generation before us, with all who will come after us, we lift our voices in praise to you:

All: Holy, holy, holy, God of the weary soul. Creation celebrates your name in all generations. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who offers our souls rest. Hosanna in the highest!

One: Holy are you, God of every moment, and blessed is Jesus Christ....to this meal prepared for us, we celebrate that mystery of faith given to every generation:

**All: Christ died, gentle and humble to the end;
Christ rose, delighting in the new life given to him;
Christ will return, offering us the yoke of resurrection.**

One: To what shall we compare your grace, God of all hope and joy? ... God in community, Holy in One, as your Son has taught us to pray:

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Today's communion is served by intinction. After the choir is served, please come forward using the center aisle. Please take a piece of bread and then dip it into the cup and commune.

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

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CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY

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*OFFERTORY PRAYER

SENT OUT TO BEAR GOD'S WORD IN THE WORLD

*SENDING HYMN

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS:

Communion Preparers & Servers: *Sarah Payne*

Hospitality Host: *Betty Norman*

Ushers: *The Payne Family*

Weekly Glance

MONDAY, July 6: 9:30am – Card Making, Conference Room
3:30pm – Personnel Committee

WEDNESDAY, July 8: Salina Grace meal prep & serve

SUNDAY, July 12: 9:00am – Adult Class
10:00am – Worship, Sanctuary
11:15am – Adult Class

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