

# WORSHIP PLAN FOR JUNE 7TH, 2026 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

### WE GATHER TOGETHER

#### L: FIRST READING HOSEA 5:15-6:6

*The first reading is an excerpt from Hosea chapters 5 and 6. Because the people have trusted in military powers and not God, God decides to withdraw from the scene until Israel acknowledges its guilt and seeks God's face. However, the people do not acknowledge this guilt. God desires loyalty rather than words or meaningless deeds. Here is the reading:*

<sup>15</sup> I will return again to my place  
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.  
In their distress they will beg my favor:

<sup>6:1</sup> "Come, let us return to the Lord,  
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;  
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

<sup>2</sup> After two days he will revive us;  
on the third day he will raise us up,  
that we may live before him.

<sup>3</sup> Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord;  
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;  
he will come to us like the showers,  
like the spring rains that water the earth."

<sup>4</sup> What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?  
What shall I do with you, O Judah?  
Your love is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;  
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,  
and my judgment goes forth as the light.

<sup>6</sup> For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

L: May the church hear what the Spirit is saying.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 50:7-15**

- <sup>7</sup> “Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you;  
for I am God, your God.
- <sup>8</sup> **I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;  
your burnt offerings are always before me.**
- <sup>9</sup> I will not accept a calf from your stalls,  
nor goats from your pens;
- <sup>10</sup> **for all the wild animals of the forest are mine,  
the cattle on a thousand hills.**
- <sup>11</sup> I know every bird of the mountains,  
and the creatures of the fields are mine.
- <sup>12</sup> **If I were hungry, I would not tell you,  
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**
- <sup>13</sup> Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,  
or drink the blood of goats?
- <sup>14</sup> Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and make good your vows to the Most High.
- <sup>15</sup> Call upon me in the day of trouble;  
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

**SECOND READING: ROMANS 4:13-25**

*The second reading is an excerpt from Romans chapter 4 in which Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationship with God.*

<sup>13</sup> The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

<sup>16</sup> For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup> Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So shall your descendants be.” <sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. <sup>20</sup> No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> Therefore “it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup> Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup> who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

**L:** May the church hear what the Spirit is saying.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 9:9-13, 18-26**

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup> And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>12</sup> But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup> Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

<sup>18</sup> While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." <sup>19</sup> And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. <sup>20</sup> Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, <sup>21</sup> for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." <sup>22</sup> Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. <sup>23</sup> When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, <sup>24</sup> he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup> But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. <sup>26</sup> And the report of this spread through all of that district.

P: The Gospel of Christ. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

***Prayers of the People***

L: Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world saying God of grace and responding hear our prayer.

*A brief silence.*

God of mercy, you call us to a life filled with acts of mercy. Ground us in following Christ, that we might extend the mercy we receive. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, all you have made is yours. The Assiniboine, Red, and Seine Rivers, the forest spaces and the sprawling fertile fields of our province are each of your making. Revive lands in need of healing and make us wise stewards of all you have given us to tend. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of the nations, you promise to deliver those who call on you. Bring an end to conflict, bigotry, and injustice in all their forms wherever they are found. Surround all who celebrate PRIDE this weekend with a sense of loving acceptance and supportive community. Let this be a healthy, growing time for our city. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of comfort, you provide for those in need. Bring an end to addiction. Comfort people as they mourn. Provide tenderly for those in need whether they struggle with physical ailments, stress, broken-relationships, or the challenges of aging. We pray especially for Jose, Joan, Terri, Martha, Tim, Roxie, Alfred, Terry, Eleanor, Bea, Abdulaziz, Meryem, Aysa, Hasan, Alma, Sylvia, George, Harold, Orville, Byron and all those we carry in our hearts and minds this day, silently or named aloud at this time... (brief pause). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of blessings, you send the Holy Spirit to provide varieties of gifts in the body of Christ. Accompany us in the many things that June brings – safe travel, joyous gatherings, school examinations, graduations and transitions. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**