



Order of Worship

Second Sunday of Pentecost
June 22, 2025

Call to worship (based on Psalm 42)

As a deer longs for flowing streams, our souls long for you, O God.

Our souls thirst for God, for the living God.

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

Hope in God, for we shall again praise the Lord, our help and our God.

Call to confession

In the prophet Isaiah, God declares a readiness to be sought out, even by those who did not ask, and a willingness to be found, even by those who do not seek. With confidence in God's readiness to receive us however we are, let us boldly pray this prayer of confession.

Prayer of confession

God of gospel freedom, we find it difficult to imagine that we could indeed be your children through faith. We cannot believe that we could belong to Christ and be heirs of the promise made to Abraham and his offspring. Help our unbelief; rekindle our imagination. Tame our rebellion. Bring us back to ourselves and to you.

Assurance of pardon (from Galatians 3)

In Christ Jesus, we are all children of God through faith; we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. We are heirs according to the promise and made free in Christ Jesus. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

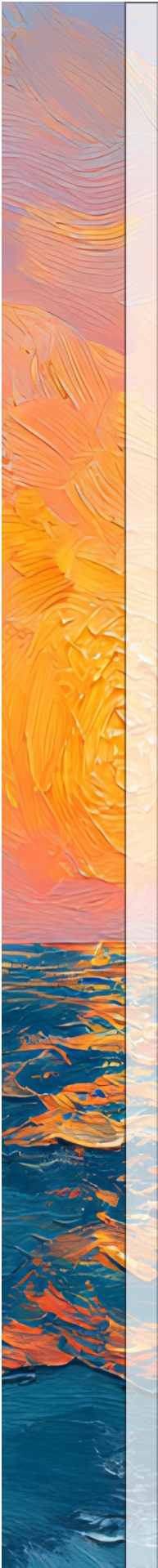
Prayer for illumination

God revealed in fire, earthquake, and silence, reveal yourself to us now in the reading of your holy Word. Amen.

Scripture readings

Sermon





Affirmation of faith (from The Book of Order, F-1.0301)

The Church is the body of Christ. Christ gives to the Church all the gifts necessary to be his body. The Church strives to demonstrate these gifts in its life as a community in the world:

The Church is to be a community of faith, entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of losing its life.

The Church is to be a community of hope, rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that, in Christ, God is making a new creation. This new creation is a new beginning for human life and for all things.

The Church lives in the present on the strength of that promised new creation.

The Church is to be a community of love, where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down.

The Church is to be a community of witness, pointing beyond itself through word and work to the good news of God's transforming grace in Christ Jesus its Lord.

Call for the offering

After being healed of his affliction, Jesus told the man possessed by demons to return home and declare how much God has done for him. As a grateful testimony of what God has done for us, let us return a portion of our treasures.

Prayer of dedication

Generous God, may these gifts empower our witness to your work in the world. Amen.

Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

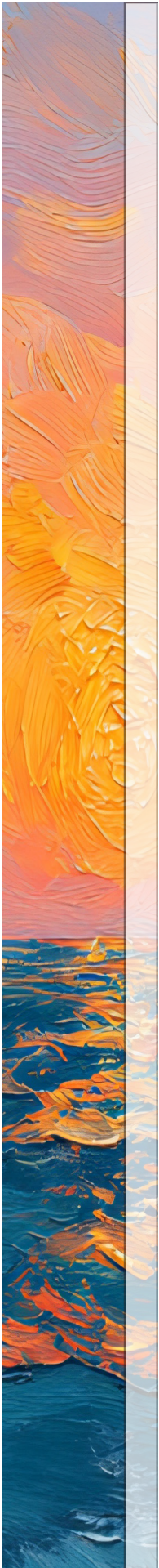
Eternal God, we give you thanks, for you are good and your steadfast God of this gathered people and God of faraway places, be among us now. You exercise power over all the world, on the shoreline, in the tombs, along the clifftops, and in our lives. Help us to see your power at work in a world as troubled as ours.

Cast out the demons that torment us. Heal what ails us. Answer the groans of your creation and our sighs too deep for words. Empower your church and us, your people, to be faithful. Give us the courage to do your work.

Comfort us in our mourning. Reunite us where we are separated. God of earthquakes, winds, and fires, we look at the world and fear you have gone silent. Remind us that you reveal yourself in the hidden places of your creation. Give us the faith to know that in this silence, you have a word for us.

We make this prayer in the name of your word made flesh, who taught us to pray together saying, **"Our Father..."**





Charge and benediction

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit be with you, those you love, and for whom you pray, this day and forevermore. Amen.

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