

Worship Guide June 21, 2026

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Worship Assistant Tracy

Call to Worship

Pastor Yvonne Florence

(Pastor moves to lectern left of the Lord's table)

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord...

Many: ...Maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made.

Many: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All: Let us worship God together!

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Song – LYH #151 “Come, Spirit, Come”

Worship Leader Emmanuel

(Note: people do not stand during the candle lighting)

Come, Holy Spirit, dwell here among us.
We need your power, your healing grace.
Show us your favor, grant us your presence
As you have promised, come, Spirit, come.

(Interlude: Child lights candle)

Come, Holy Spirit, dwell here among us.
We need your power, your healing grace.
Show us your favor, grant us your presence
As you have promised, come, Spirit, come.
As you have promised, come, Spirit, come.

Presenting the Word

Worship Leader: Your Word Lord, is eternal.

All: It stands firm in the heavens forever!” Psalm 119:89

(Bible is walked to the table)

Song - PH #582 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines” Worship Leader Emmanuel

Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)

V1 – Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,

and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

V2 – World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Leader: Please be seated

Confession and Pardon

Worship Assistant Tracy

Call to Confession

Leader: Please join me as we confess our sins together.

Prayer of Confession

**All: Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways
to the glory of your holy name.
In Christ's name, hear our silent prayers of return...**

Moment of silence (as people confess their own sins)

Assurance of Pardon

Worship Assistant Tracy

Leader: Hear the good news: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

Many: The old life has gone, and a new life has begun. Thanks be to God!

Doxology PH #608

Worship Leader Emmanuel

Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

Children's Blessing "You are Somebody"

Worship Leader Emmanuel

Leader: Will the children come forward for the blessing

You are somebody, somebody on the Lord's side.
You are somebody, somebody on the Lord's side.
(repeat)

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

(Turn and share the peace with the people around you)

OFFERING

Invitation to Offering

Worship Assistant Tracy

(WA to ask people to return to seats as needed before starting)

Leader: Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.
*The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
The world, and those who live in it. (Ps 24:1)*

Bread and Cup

Leader: For God so loved the world he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life!

(WA to pause and wait for the children to bring up the elements and recess to the back of the chapel)

Leader: Now, as Christ humbled himself and gave Himself on the cross on our behalf, let us consecrate our tithes and offerings to Him! Even more than this: Let us "present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship!

Presentation of tithes and offerings

Song LYH #136 – "Freely, Freely"

Worship Leader Emmanuel

Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)

V1 - God forgave my sin in Jesus' name.
I've been born again in Jesus' name.
And in Jesus' name I come to you
to share his love as he told me to.

(Refrain)

He said, "Freely, freely, you have received,
Freely, freely, give.
Go in my name and because you believe,
others will know that I live.

V2 - All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name,
in earth and heav'n in Jesus' name.
And in Jesus' name I come to you
to share his pow'r as he told me to.

(Refrain)

He said, "Freely, freely, you have received,
Freely, freely, give.
Go in my name and because you believe,
others will know that I live.

Dedication of Offering **Worship Assistant Tracy** (own words for prayer)

Leader: You may be seated.

THE WORD

Story Time: "Whys, Cries and Promises" (Genesis 21:9-21)

Song - "This Little Light of Mine"

Worship Leader Emmanuel

Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel, No! I'm gonna let it shine

Hide it under a bushel, No! I'm gonna let it shine
Hide it under a bushel, No! I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine
Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine
Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

(Children leave during song)

Leader: You may be seated.

(Emmanuel moves lectern to center front for sermon)

Prayer for Illumination

Pastor Yvonne Florence

Leader: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.

Leader: Our scripture today is Genesis 21:8-21. After the text is being read, we will take a few minutes to meditate on God's Word. Hear the Word of the Lord:

Scripture Reading Genesis 21:8-21

⁸The child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. ¹⁰So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." ¹¹The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. ¹²But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. ¹³As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." ¹⁴So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

¹⁵When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. ¹⁶Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat

opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. ¹⁷ And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ¹⁸ Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." ¹⁹ Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

²⁰ God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. ²¹ He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

Response: Thanks be to God!

Silent Meditation

Sermon " When Life Gets Messy"

Pastor Yvonne Florence

(Emmanuel moves lectern back to the left of the Lord's table)

Song - PH #66 "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Worship Leader Emmanuel

Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)

(Refrain)

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

V1 - Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke,

Out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.

Looked all around me, it looked so fine,

Till I asked my Lord if all was mine.

(Refrain)

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

V2 - Jordan River, chilly and cold,

it chills the body but not the soul.

There is but one train upon this track.

It runs to heaven and then right back.

(Refrain)

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Confession of Faith

Worship Assistant Tracy

Leader: Please remain standing as we confess our faith from the Apostles' Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Leader: You may be seated.

Prayers of the People

Worship Assistant Tracy

Song PH #626 "As the Deer" Worship Leader Emmanuel

Leader: Please rise as able (or indicate rising with hands)

V1 - As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.

(Refrain)

You alone are my strength, my shield;
to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.

Leader: You may be seated.

COMMUNION Led by Pastor Yvonne Florence

(Pastor moves behind the Lord's table)

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Pastor: As we prepare our hearts and minds for Communion, let us remember that this is not Christ's Community Church's table, or a Presbyterian table. This is God's table. Christ invites all who seek him to be nourished in communion with God and with one another.

And so, my friends...

Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: Praise to you, O God, for all your works.
You created the world and called it good
and made us in your image to live together in love.
You made a covenant with us,
and even when we turned from you,
you remained ever faithful.
Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:

Song LYH #125 – "Great Thanksgiving" (Part 1)

Praise Team

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed in the he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!
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Pastor: Thank you, O God, for sending us your Son.
He lived among us and told your story.
He healed the sick and welcomed sinners.
He shared our pain and died our death,
then rose to new life that we might live,
and all creation be restored.
Remembering your boundless love
revealed to us in Jesus Christ,
we break bread and share the cup,
giving ourselves to you
to live for him in joy and praise.
Great is the mystery of faith:

Song LYH #125 – “Great Thanksgiving” (Part 2)

Praise Team

**Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.
Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and of the vine
that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ
and that we may be his body for the world.
By your Spirit unite us with Christ and one another
until we feast with him and with all your saints in
your eternal realm of justice and peace.
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forever.

Song LYH #125 – “Great Thanksgiving” (Part 3)

Praise Team

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen,

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray for God's rule on earth as Jesus taught us:

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Pastor:

We give you thanks, God,
that on the night before he died,
Jesus took bread,
and after giving thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.
And in the same way, Jesus took the cup, saying:
This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.
For as often as you eat of this bread and drink of this cup,
you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes in glory.
With thanksgiving, let us offer God all that we are.
Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!

Communion of the People

Pastor: The table is set. Our savior joyfully awaits. After the servers come forward, you are invited to come to the table, take one piece of bread, dip it into the cup of grape juice, and rake both elements at the same time. There are also individual serving cups if you would prefer. If you need to be served in your seat, just raise your hand and the servers will come to you.
Would the servers please come forward at this time?

(Musical Interlude)

Prayer after Communion

Pastor: Living Christ, as you open the scripture to us you make yourself known in the breaking of the bread. Let us now go forth from this place, fed at you table and filled by the Spirit.

**All: Let us walk with you all the days of our lives,
and proclaim the glory of your resurrection
to all the world. Amen.**

SENDING

Charge and Blessing

Pastor Yvonne Florence

(Pastor may stay behind the Lord's table or come out in front of it)

Pastor: Please stand for the benediction

(Pastor returns to pew)

Song LYH #50 "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Worship Leader Emmanuel

V1 - Lord the light of your love is shining
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us:
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain: Shine Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your Word, Lord and let there be light!

(Pastor recesses down from aisle to the back of the Chapel)

V2 - Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness:
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain: Shine Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your Word, Lord and let there be light!

Close