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PROGRAM	LOCATION	TIME
Coffee Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall (L.L.)	9:00 a.m.
Worship	Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.

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Designated Pastor	J. Martin Westermeyer	Shaman4@zoomtown.com
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Church Office Hours	
Monday	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday	Closed
Friday	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Calls will be answered off-site on days when the office is closed.	



June 14, 2026
10:00 a.m.

Third Sunday After Pentecost



Prayer of Meditation before Worship

God of grace, we meet you today as if for the first time. We come, hungry for the spiritual food that only you can offer. Too often we seek meaning and purpose in our lives in things that ignore your sovereignty over the created order. Remind us that every good and perfect gift comes from you. Today, may we walk into your Scripture with our whole being and may it bestow to us the meaning for which we strive. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“Sabbath Meditation”

(George Frederick McKay)

***Call to Worship**

This is the Good News: The rule of God is drawing near.

Thanks be to God!

This is the Good News: While we were still estranged from God, Christ gave his life for us.

Thanks be to God!

Thanks be to God for this day and our church.

May we Worship God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength.

This is the Sabbath. May we rejoice in giving God praise and honor.

Glory be and thanks to God!

Let us Worship God!

*Hymn #358

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

(Beecher)

***Prayer of Adoration and Confession**
We thank you, Lord, for a good night’s rest and for the anticipation of another day.
We know that the day brings many opportunities to thank you and to praise you.
Remind us that the pain and suffering in life are minimal in comparison to the many unhindered days of joy and peace we enjoy as your people. Let us live in thanksgiving.
Too often, O God,
we have passed by strangers when we could have shown hospitality.
Too often, O God,
suffering has made us bitter rather than loving and strong.
Too often, O God, we have heard your call to mission and ministry
and have preferred our own comfort and contentment.
Forgive us, mend us, embolden us, open our eyes,
and by the power of your Spirit pour love into our hearts. Amen.

***Assurance of Grace**
Hear the Good News! All are justified by God’s free grace alone, through His act of liberation in the person of Christ Jesus. Therefore, I announce to you in the name of Jesus Christ that you are from this time forward set free:
- set free from you enslaving bonds of your past;
- set free to live powerfully in every present moment;
- set free to love God, to love your neighbor, and to work with sisters and brothers in building a peaceful world. Dearly Beloved, believe the Good News!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, now and forever. Amen.

***Gloria Patri** *(Creatorex)*
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

From the Poetry of the Old Testament: Psalm 100
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.
Know that the Lord is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him; bless his name.
For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Liturgist: Robert Pettus

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Chancel Choir Director: Tony Burdette

Sound Technician: Rose Wendling

Greeters: Laura Haas & Tom Williams

Ushers: Steve Twehues & Mike Hanson

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This Week

Sunday, June 14: 10am Worship Service

Monday, June 15: 7pm AA & Al-Anon Meeting

Tuesday, June 16: 7pm NA Meeting
7pm East Row Garden Club Meeting

Thursday, June 18: 3pm - 4pm Yoga Class Fellowship Hall

Friday, June 19: **Juneteenth-Church Office Closed**

Saturday, June 20: 9am AA Meeting
10am - 11am Bible Discussion Saturday

Sunday, June 21: 10am Worship Service/Father’s Day

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GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE LORD THANKS BE TO GOD!

WELCOME!

Welcome to this house of prayer and worship!
We pray that your experience of worship will deepen your faith and prepare you for the week ahead. We believe God's Spirit is present in our listening to the Word and our response of discipleship. In our greeting of one another we sense the presence of Christ.

May you know His grace and peace today!

Please sign the guest register when it comes to your seat.



The greenery at the pulpit and baptismal font are provided by the church.

Open flower dates are June 21st & 28th
To reserve your special date, please call the church office.

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 14TH

June 20th: Betty Jo Haas

ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS

For online giving, please scan the QR code.



Solo

“Deep River”

(arr. Lloyd Larson)

(Evan Stewart - soloist)

Deep river, my home is over Jordan
Deep river, Lord
I want to cross over into camp ground

Oh, don't you want to go
To that gospel feast
That promised land
Where all is peace

Deep river, my home is over Jordan
Deep river, Lord
I'm want to cross over into camp ground

Shall we gather at the river,
Where bright angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God?

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.

From the Gospels in the New Testament: Matthew 9:35-10:1-15

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness.

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

Sermon

“The Twelve”

Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

***Affirmation of Faith:** A New Creed, United Church of Canada,1980
We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Hymn #345**

“Jesus Calls Us o’er the Tumult”

(Galilee)

Gathering Together in Prayer
Joys & Concerns – Silent Prayer – Pastoral Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Response

(Amazing Grace)

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Offertory Invitation
In gratitude and devotion, we approach this time of giving. What are we willing to sacrifice for the sake of the gospel? God has provided for us in unexpected ways. Let us worship with joy through our offerings.

Offertory

“People Need the Lord”

(Steve Green)

Every day they pass me by
I can see it in their eyes
Empty people filled with care
Headed who knows where?
On they go through private pain
Living fear to fear
Laughter hides their silent cries
Only Jesus hears

People need the Lord
People need the Lord
At the end of broken dreams
He's the open door
People need the Lord
People need the Lord
When will we realize
People need the Lord?

We are called to take His light
To a world where wrong seems right
What could be too great a cost
For sharing life with one who's lost?
Through His love our hearts can feel
All the grief they bear
They must hear the words of life
Only we can share

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***Doxology**

(Old 100th)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost Amen

***Prayer of Dedication**
O Giver of all good gifts, our gifts to You are partial and fragmentary;
Your gifts to us are lavish and extravagant.
You offer us love and we offer You indifference and anger;
You call us to a high and noble mission
and we prefer the narrowness and boredom of routine.
Yet You take what we offer and transform it by love into something rich. Grant that
the gifts we offer this day may be caught up by grace into the work of Your realm;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn #96**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

(Azmon)

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

“Love Divine All Loves Excelling”

(Gordon Young)