



SOTC Worship  
July 5, 2026  
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

————— **GATHERING** —————

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

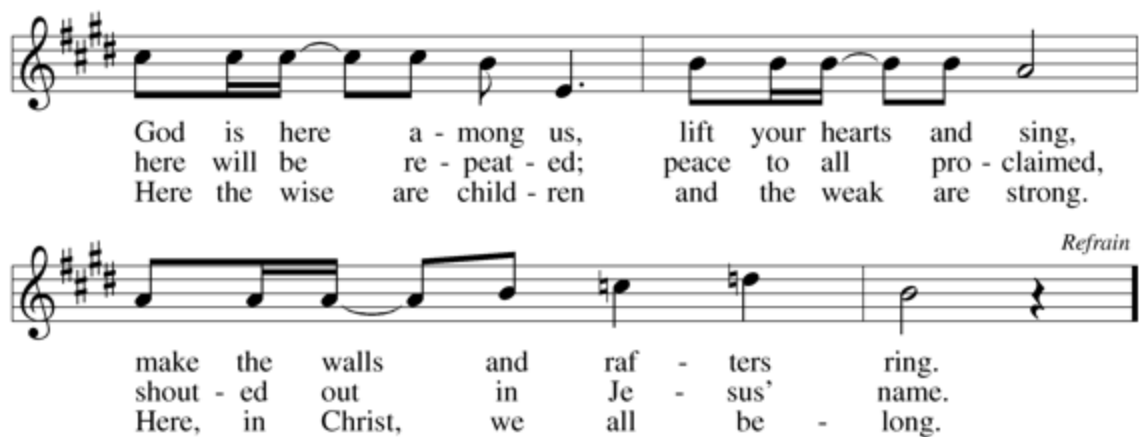
I WAS GLAD

*Refrain*

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

1 Called from ev - 'ry na - tion, called from ev - 'ry race,  
2 Words that must be spo - ken, grace that must be heard,  
3 Here the poor are wel - comed, here the lost are claimed.

gath - ered here for wor - ship in this ho - ly place;  
mer - cy and for - give - ness from God's ho - ly word,  
Bro - ken lives are mend - ed, deep - est fears are named.



God is here a - mong us, lift your hearts and sing,  
 here will be re - peat - ed; peace to all pro - claimed,  
 Here the wise are child - ren and the weak are strong.

*Refrain*  
 make the walls and raf - ters ring.  
 shout - ed out in Je - sus' name.  
 Here, in Christ, we all be - long.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, source of hope in every nation, rest for the weary, glory and peace to the ends of the earth. **Amen.**

Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God's mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**We have sinned against you, our neighbors, and your creation. Within ourselves and our communities, our desire to do what is good is at war with the evil that dwells in us. We lament the evil that holds us captive. We repent of the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Rescue us, forgive us, and restore us for lives of compassion and courage through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

All-merciful, almighty God, forgive you all your sins through the grace of + Jesus Christ, and by the Spirit's power strengthen you in doing what is good..

**Amen.**

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## KYRIE

See liturgy packet

## HYMN OF PRAISE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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**WORD**

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STORYTELLING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*In preparation to receive God's Word, we light the Christ candle and pray for illumination from God's word. Take a moment for silent reflection.*

READINGS: ZECHARIAH 9:9-12; PSALM 145:8-14; ROMANS 7:15-25a

*In response to the readings:*

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: MATTHEW 11:16-19, 25-30

*The Gospel is announced:*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 11th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN

THIS IS MY SONG

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STATEMENT OF FAITH

**We believe in God above us,  
maker and sustainer of all life,  
of sun and moon, of sky and sea, of mountain and valley.**

**We believe in God beside us,  
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,  
born of a woman's womb, servant of the poor.  
He was tortured and nailed to a tree.  
A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.  
He descended into the earth to the place of death.  
On the third day he rose from the tomb.  
He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present,  
and his kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us,  
the Holy Spirit of pentecostal fire,  
life-giving breath of the Church,  
spirit of healing and forgiveness,  
source of resurrection and of life everlasting.  
Amen.**

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Response to "Lord in your mercy" is "hear our prayer."*

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!  
**And also with you!**

*Congregation is invited to share a sign of peace with others.*

## ————— MEAL —————

OFFERING AND OFFERING SONG

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OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Together we receive God's gift of love given to us in the sacrament of communion. All are welcome at the table, where Christ is our host.*

*Receive the bread with open hands, and receive either the wine (red liquid) or juice (clear liquid). If you do not desire to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest as an indication to the server.*

## LAMB OF GOD

See liturgy packet

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### SENDING

## BLESSING

## SENDING SONG

## MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT



Make me an in- stru- ment of your love. Let me be a



chan- nel from a- bove. Make me an in- stru - ment of your love,



an in - stru - ment of your love.



When a friend is in need of an op - en heart,  
When some-one is hungry, when some-one is cold,  
If some-one should wonder is God still a - live,



let me be there, oh let me be there. When a friend is lost with  
let me be there, oh let me be there. When some-one needs help to  
let me be there, oh let me be there. If some-one should wonder does



no - where to go, let me be there.  
car - ry their load, let me be there.  
God real - ly care, let me be there.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Seek liberty and justice for all.

**Thanks be to God.**

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