

PRIDE SUNDAY

June 28, 2026 | Order of Worship | *Congregational responses are in bold*



Prelude

Gabby Vallee (she/her)

Welcome

Deacon Kaitlyn Cooper-Ricci (she/her)

Call to Worship

Led by Aleigha Monroe (she/her) & Martha Livingston (she/her)

God is calling us
Out of the places we hide
Out of insecurity
Out of shame
Out from under that which silences love and justice.

Come out, people of God!

Though we may be afraid
Though we will be at risk
Though the cross stands as a threat

God calls us to courage!

Our God is a god of resurrection. Of new life after devastation. Of hope in the grip of evil.
And so we dare to proclaim, with pride and faith, our truths:

We believe in the power of love.

We believe in solidarity with the suffering.

We believe we are each valuable.

We believe that our togetherness is transformative.

The world is longing for Holy truths that reveal, voices that speak real words of hope.

Come out, people of God!

Hymn *(please rise in body or spirit)*

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
No. 23 in the Black Hymnal

Centering Words

"God Says Yes to Me" | Kailyn Haught
Read by Deacon Kaitlyn Cooper-Ricci (she/her)

I asked God if it was okay to be melodramatic
and she said yes
I asked her if it was okay to be short
and she said it sure is
I asked her if I could wear nail polish
or not wear nail polish
and she said honey
she calls me that sometimes
he said you can do just exactly

what you want to
Thanks God I said
And is it even okay if I don't paragraph
my letters
Sweetcakes God said
who knows where she picked that up
what I'm telling you is
Yes Yes Yes

We Pass the Peace of Christ

Hymn *(please rise in body or spirit)*

My Lighthouse | Insert

Celebration of Gratitude

"If the only prayer you said was thank you, that would be enough."

-Meister Eckhart

As we name the abundant blessings of our lives (anniversaries, birthdays, clean-and-sober milestones, and many more!), we offer a gratitude gift in any amount, so that the blessings we have received from God may be multiplied and shared with all who long to experience God's extravagant welcome in this church and beyond.

Please consider using a gratitude heart, located in the racks in the pews, if you choose to make a gratitude gift.

We Sound the Bell

A Message for all Children of God

♪ Go now in peace, go now in peace
May the love of God surround you!
Everywhere, everywhere you may go ♪

Sharing Our Sacred Story

Read by Deacon Kaitlyn Cooper-Ricci (she/her)

Reader: Friends, hear what the Spirit is saying to the church today.

✦ Selections from The Acts of Paul and Thecla chapters 2, 6, and 9

Reader: This is the story of life for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Pastor Spencer Law (he/him)

Hymn *(please rise in body or spirit)*

Holy God of All Creation | Insert

Prayers of the People

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

Offering of Love & Promise

Diane Pennessi (she/her)

Offertory Music

By Way of Sorrow | Julie Miller

Pastor Spencer Law (he/him) & Gabby Vallee (she/her)

Words of Thanksgiving *(please rise in body or spirit)*

Praise God, from whom blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that Love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication *(please rise in body or spirit)*

Loving and Holy God, we ask that You would pour out Your blessing on this offering today. Guide us in Your way and use these gifts to make our church and our world even more:

We call out words like “joyful, kind, just” to bless our church and world

Benediction

Postlude

Halle, Halle, Halle | Marty Haugen

Gabby Vallee (she/her)

Service Credits:

Call to Worship written by M. Jade Kaiser; Centering Words are “God Says Yes to Me” by Kailyn Haught; Benediction is by Tony Kushner, from Angels in America.

All are warmly welcome to join us downstairs following worship for Snack & Chat!
Come enjoy some delicious food and drinks and the joy of being together! ❤️

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL HOT DOG SALE!

Our annual **Fourth of July** Hot Dog Sale is just around the corner! The **sale begins at 9:00 am** outside the Oberg Building, and we'd love your help to make it a success. **Volunteers are needed from 8 am until approximately 2 pm.**

There are plenty of ways to help, whether it's setting up, selling hot dogs, restocking supplies, cleaning up, or donating baked goods. If you'd like to volunteer, please see the weekly email to sign up. Any help is greatly appreciated!

SUMMER OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERIES

If you're looking for more opportunities for worship and fellowship this summer, mark your calendar for our Summer Outdoor Worship series!

- **Wednesday, July 15:** Cookout & Campfire Dinner Church on the First Church lawn (starts at 6pm with burgers, veggie burgers, and hot dogs provided– bring a side or dessert to share!)
- **Wednesday, July 29:** Pondicherry Bible Study & Picnic (meet at church at 10am to hike or 11am to picnic)
- **One Saturday in August:** Paddle & Pray Boat Church (date and time TBD, likely a Saturday in August at Highland Lake)

NEW MEMBERS GATHERING & JOINING

Do you love it here? Are you ready to make things official, and claim us as your church family? Whether you're ready to jump in, or curious to learn more about our church, you are invited to our New Member Gathering on **Sunday, July 12 from 12:30 – 2:30 pm.** At this gathering, church leaders will share information about our church, answer your questions, and we will all get to know each other a bit more. If you're wanting to connect more deeply with First Church, please plan to join us!

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Senior Pastor

Rev. Emily C. Goodnow (*she/her*)

Minister for Intergenerational Innovation

Pastor Spencer Law (*he/him*)

C.E. Coordinator

Sandy Wissmann (*she/her*)

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Cassie Cooper-Ricci (*they/them*)

Guest Musician

Gabby Vallee (*she/her*)

Office Manager

Kylie Morel (*she/her*)

Co-Moderators

Rosemary Wiser (*she/her*)

Marita Wiser (*she/her*)

Treasurer - Asst. Treasurer

Peter Clark (*he/him*)

Gail McBride (*she/her*)

Trustee of the Week

Bob Wentworth (*he/him*)

Deacon of the Week

Kaitlyn Cooper-Ricci (*she/her*)

Greeters-Hospitality

Leslie McAllister, Price Hutchins,
Eileen Perry

C.E. Leaders

Jess & Edna Engstrom

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 28

- Trustees' Meeting, 8 am
- Council Meeting, parlor, 9 am
- Pride Sunday, 10 am, Pastor Spencer preaching
- Snack & Chat, fellowship hall, following worship

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

- Jeanette's Closet, 9-11 am
- Tiny Tots, 9 - 10 am
- Staff Meeting, 10:30 am

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

- Bible Study, 10 am with Rev. Emily

SATURDAY, JULY 4

- Annual Hot Dog Sale! 9 am

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 5

- Worship, 10 am, with the Rev. Emily preaching
- Potluck Snack & Chat, fellowship hall, after worship
Our regular potluck will take place on July 12 to coincide with our scheduled New Members' Gathering
- GAT Meeting, 12 pm

Church office is open 9 am - 12 pm, Mon-Fri
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My Lighthouse

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea, woah
You are the peace in my troubled sea, yeah

In the silence, You won't let go
In the questions, Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea, woah
You are the peace in my troubled sea, yeah

[Refrain]

My lighthouse, my lighthouse
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My lighthouse, my lighthouse
I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore
Safe to shore
Safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea, woah
You are the peace in my troubled sea, yeah

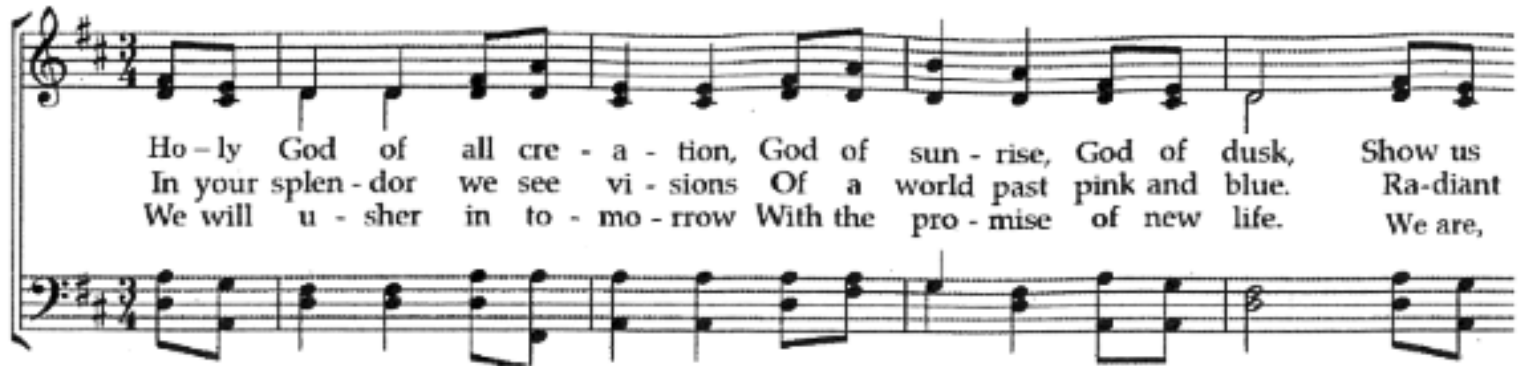
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[repeat]

Holy God of All Creation

Written by Pastor Spencer Law to the tune of Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing,


2022



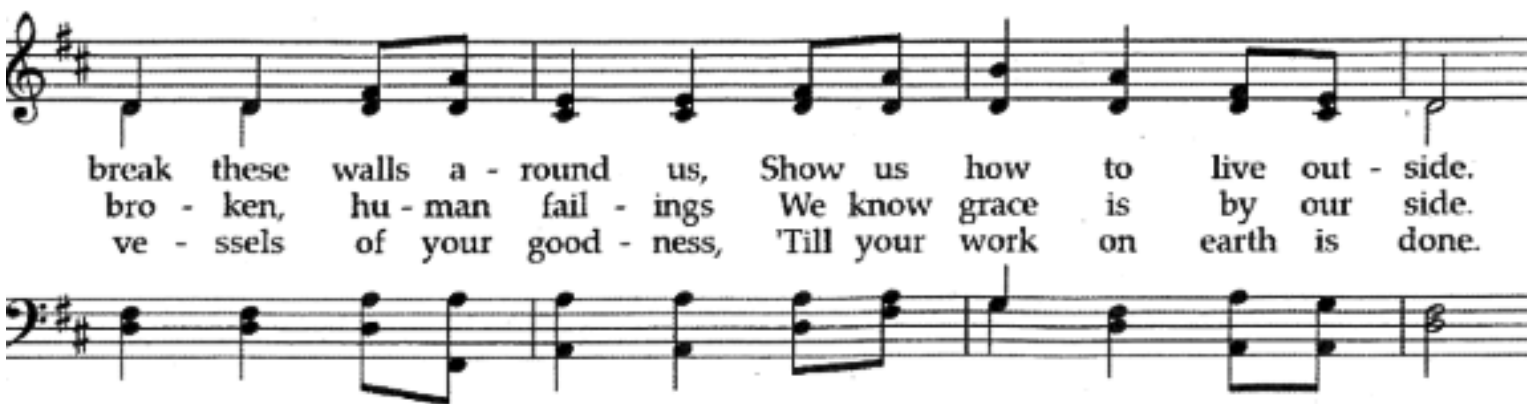
Ho - ly God of all cre - a - tion, God of sun - rise, God of dusk, Show us
In your splen - dor we see vi - sions Of a world past pink and blue. Ra - diant
We will u - sher in to - mo - row With the pro - mise of new life. We are,



wide - ness in your mer - cy, Let your love de - li - ver us. We have
pur - ple, green, and o - range, We re - flect your e - very hue. God of
in you, new cre - a - tions, No more bound by earth - ly strife. Let your



built such fra - gile bo - xes and we guard them with our lives: Help us
won - der and tran - scen - dence, God who draws no bor - der - lines: In our
rain - bow shine a - bove us, As the sign of good to come. We are



break these walls a - round us, Show us how to live out - side.
bro - ken, hu - man fail - ings We know grace is by our side.
ve - ssels of your good - ness, 'Till your work on earth is done.