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June 14, 2026 Liturgy

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

P: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

P: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

P: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy virtual space, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

P: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

P: Amen.

L: Let us pray the Sarum Prayer together:

God be in my head; and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes; and in my looking;
God be in my mouth; and in my speaking;
God be in my heart; and in my thinking;
God be at my end; and at my departing.

L: The first lesson is from the nineteenth chapter of Exodus, verses 2 through 8.

They journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to

myself. Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one, “Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.” Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.

L: Let us say Psalm 100 together.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is he that 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.

L: The Gospel according to Matthew, the ninth and tenth chapters.

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. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

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.

“I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues, and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you at that time, for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Sibling will betray sibling to death and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in this town, flee to the next, for truly I tell you, you will not have finished going through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”

L: Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

Sermon

L: Now we pray the Prayers of the People. Let us pray for our loved ones.

P: We pray for Abby, Joann, Kinley, Caleb, Erin, Becky, Auggie, Jay, George, Ryan, Peter, the Pritcher family, Raymond, Ezra, Mimi, Everlee, Tim, Kristy, Dark Angel, Joseph, Nicole, Wendi, Constance, Erica, Ashton, Landon, the Sarr family, George, Laura, Haevyn, Mindy, Calob, Bishop Yvette Flunder, Bishop Bonnie Perry, Bishop Darrell Goodwin, Bishop Tim Wolfe, Leah, David, Hope Clinic, JFS, Ozone House, immigrants, the Ypsilanti Youth Choir and those we lift up in silence.

L: We pray for gratitude, and for all the things we have to be grateful for.

P: Lord, hear our prayers.

L: We lift up the sick, the homebound, their caregivers, and those who mourn and grieve this week.

P: Lord, hear our prayers.

L: We pray for the poor, the unemployed, the addicted, those in prison, those afflicted by violence, the hopeless, and the heartbroken.

P: Lord, hear our prayers.

L: Deepen our gratitude for all you have made and awaken in us a renewed commitment to care for the earth and each other.

P: Lord, hear our prayers.

L: We remember that white supremacy is a deep and abiding sin in our nation. We ask God to show us how we can do our part in dismantling it. Let's face this painful reality by remembering some of the names of dear children of God lost from the effects of white supremacy.

P: We remember: Emmanuel Damas, AJ Owens, Breonna Taylor, Keenan Anderson, AJ Laguerre Jr., Jaheim McMillan, Aidan Ellison, Geraldo Lunas Campos, James Williams, Pearl Young, Daoyou Feng, Riah Milton, Kirby Paradise, Winston Smith, Elcias Hernandez-Ortiz, Elijah McClain, Aaron Salter, Duvall Princess, Malcolm Harsch, Andrew Brown Jr., Ma'Khia Bryant and those we haven't named. We hold them and their families in our hearts. Lord, hear our prayers.

L: Now we move into a time of corporate confession. Confessing all together brings us closer together as a community, as we realize that all of us sin and all of us are forgiven by God.

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all wrongdoing and anxiety.

**P: 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;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are sorry and we repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

L: And now we're absolved and forgiven, together.

**P: We absolve each other of all our sins, in the name of God the Creator, Jesus the Child,
and the Holy Spirit.**

L: The Lord be with you!

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts!

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

P: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

L: And so, the Lord Jesus on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body given for you, do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup, saying, "This cup is my blood of the covenant poured out for the many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it in remembrance of me. Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim his death until he comes.

L: And now let us pray as we have been taught:

**P: Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kin_dom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And 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 kin_dom, the power, and the glory are yours.
Now and forever. Amen.**

Shared Communion Meal: We take communion to remember the story of Jesus and the radical love he embodied. We do this each Sunday to nourish our spirits and to symbolize becoming the Beloved Community God calls us to be. Please use any food and liquid you have available to represent the bread and wine.

L: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food: through Jesus Christ our savior.

L: The service has ended. Go in peace; love your neighbor; do the next right thing. We are not alone. In Jesus' name, Amen.