



NORTHSIDE CHURCH  
A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

*Broken but Chosen:  
Jacob Wrestles with God*

July 5, 2026



# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

There is a place for you at Northside Church to know the love of God, to grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ, and to go into the world to serve others.

† Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol, and join in singing or reading aloud text in **bold**.

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

THE PRELUDE | America, the Beautiful | *Samuel A. Ward; arr. Head & Mitchell-Wallace*

Karl Liberatore, trumpet  
& Joshua McClure, organ

THE WELCOME

Rev. Catherine Boothe Olson

† THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Boothe Olson

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: We gather in joy on this day, grateful for the gift of freedom and the story of a nation 250 years in the making.

People: **We celebrate God's faithfulness through every generation and give thanks for the blessings we share.**

Pastor: Like Jacob at the river, we have wrestled through the night, yet we stand this day blessed, renewed, and not alone.

People: **For we are God's people—broken, yet chosen; tested, yet held fast by grace.**

Pastor: So we come to sing, to pray, and to give thanks—for freedom, for faith, and for God's unfailing love.

People: **We lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving! Praise be to God. Amen.**

† THE HYMN OF ADORATION | Medley

#697 America (My Country, 'Tis of Thee) | stanzas 1 & 4

**My country,' tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;  
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,  
from every mountainside let freedom ring!**

**Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing;  
long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;  
protect us by thy might, great God, our King.**

#437 This Is My Song | stanzas 1 & 3

**This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
but other hearts in other lands are beating  
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.**

**This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:  
Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.  
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,  
and hearts united learn to live as one.  
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations;  
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.**

America the Beautiful | stanzas 1 & 4

**O beautiful for spacious skies,  
for amber waves of grain;  
for purple mountain majesties  
above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood  
from sea to shining sea.**

**O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shinging sea.**

† THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Apostles' Creed

Rev. Boothe Olson

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick 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.**

† THE GLORIA PATRI | Hymn #70

**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.**

† THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Boothe Olson

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT | 11:15AM

Rev. Boothe Olson

*We invite all children to come to the chancel steps for a special message.*

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Rev. Boothe Olson

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THE OFFERTORY | Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing | arr. Tom Trenney

Kyle Hildebrand, soloist

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I find my greatest treasure; hither by thy help I've come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee:  
prone to wander, Lord, to leave the God I love; here's my heart,  
O take a seal it, seal it for thy courts above. Seal it for thy courts above.

† THE DOXOLOGY | Hymn #95

**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.**

THE CONFESSION AND PARDON

Rev. Boothe Olson

Pastor: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.  
People: **Merciful God,  
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will,  
we have broken your law,  
we have rebelled against your love,  
we have not loved our neighbors,  
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: Hear the good news:  
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Congregation: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

People: **Glory to God. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Boothe Olson

**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. Amen.**

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION | #393 | Spirit of the Living God

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. Spir - it of the  
liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me,  
use me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

THE SCRIPTURE | Genesis 32:22-32 | Pew Bible, pg. 47

Dr. Bill Burch

Pastor: This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

## THE INSTRUCTIONS TO HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Boothe Olson

*Today, we celebrate Communion. When directed, walk down the center aisle to receive the elements. We will serve by intinction, which means you will be handed bread and dip it in juice. You are then invited to pray at the altar rail or at your seat. If you are not able to come forward, please let a Sunday Servant know so that the elements may be brought to you.*

*The Communion table is open to all. There is also a gluten-free option available. Any money that is left on the altar rail during Communion will go to people experiencing financial need.*

*The Lord's Supper is a holy meal of bread and juice that symbolizes the body and blood of Christ. By sharing this meal, we give thanks for Jesus' sacrifice for our sins, we recall the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, and we celebrate the unity of all the members of God's family.*

## THE LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Boothe Olson

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.  
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

People:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might. Heav - en and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.


Pastor: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.  
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection  
you gave birth to your Church,  
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Pastor: On the night in which he gave himself up for us,  
Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,  
gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body  
which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup,  
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People:   
Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

**THE PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT**

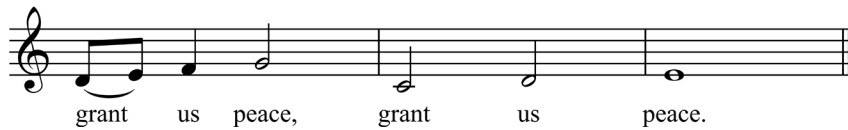
Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,  
redeemed by his blood.  
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory,  
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.  
Through your Son Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP**

THE COMMUNION MUSIC | Lamb of God

*Please join in singing "Lamb of God" as we prepare our hearts to receive Holy Communion.*



THE COMMUNION MUSIC | I Need Thee Every Hour | *arr. Robert Lau*

Karl Liberatore, trumpet  
& Joshua McClure, organ

† THE COMMUNION HYMN | #140: stanza 3 | Great Is Thy Faithfulness

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

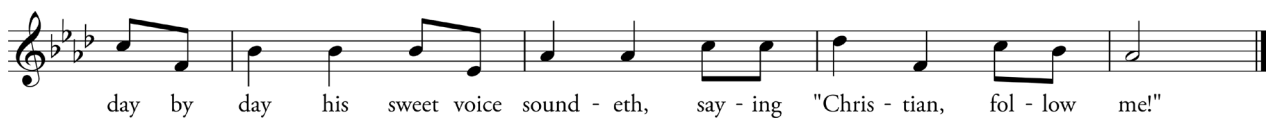
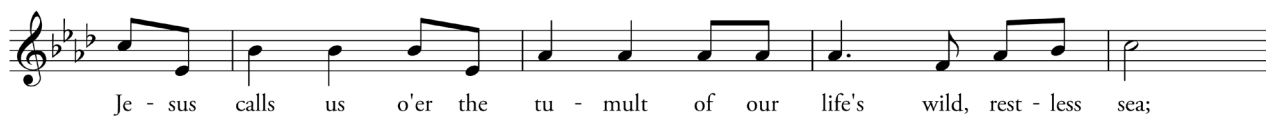
*Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!*

**Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

† THE BENEDICTION

Dr. Burch

† THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE | #398: stanza 1 | Jesus Calls Us



THE POSTLUDE | St. Anthony's Chorale | *F. J. Haydn; arr. Mitchell-Wallace*

Karl Liberatore, trumpet  
& Joshua McClure, organ

**CLERGY**

Dr. Bill Burch, *Senior Pastor* • Rev. Catherine Boothe Olson, *Associate Pastor*  
Rev. Angela House, *Associate Pastor* • Rev. Dana Ezell, *Associate Pastor*

**AFFILIATED CLERGY**

Dr. G. Gil Watson, *Pastor Emeritus* • Dr. Ann Brightwell McCord, *Retired*  
Rev. Nancy Yarnell, *Retired* • Rev. Jennifer Hansen

**TRADITIONAL MUSIC MINISTRY**

Joshua McClure, *Director of Worship & Organist* • Nathan Schreer, *Director of Music*