



June 21, 2026 at 9:30am (EDT)

Leading us in worship this morning:

Julie Brouwer, Deacon
Richard Murray, Elder
Noah Cherry & Richard Murray, Handbells
Jon Feikens, Liturgist
Randall Engle, Minister
Mary Baker, Organist
Abigail McKay Cherry, Soloist
Willie Yuhas, Technician

The flowers on the communion table are in celebration of Bob and Bonnie Schieferstein's 60th wedding anniversary.

Gathering Music concluded with *Trumpet Processional* Alfred Fedak

Our Call to Worship: *Sacred Fire* Sarah Class

You sever us from Eden with a sword
And lead us through the desert by Your light
You make Your prophets' word a burning coal
And tend the lonely temple lamp at night
You keep Your silence in the desert blaze
And speak Your secret in the lightning storm
You hide the sun's face like a candle flame
And send a star to keep a stable warm

And fill our hearts with sacred fire
The blessings of the rosebud and the briar
Come fill our hearts today with sacred fire

Your love can make the hearts within us burn
And let the firelight reveal our shame
You call the broken fellowship to feast
And teach us to forgive in tongues of flame

Your wisdom is the sunlight and the snow
Your beauty is the rosebud and the briar
Teach us to know the shadow and the light
And fill our heart today with sacred fire

—Grahame Davies

***Our Opening Hymn:** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Hymnal 575

***God's Greeting and Mutual Greetings**

A common greeting, used by Christians for millennia, is "The Lord be with you!"
The response: "And also with you!"

***A Song of Praise:** *For the Beauty of the Earth* Hymnal 19

We Remember God's Grace

The Call to Confession

The Prayer of Confession

The Assurance of God's Pardon

***Our Response:** *For the Glories of God's Grace* Hymnal 677

***Our Statement of Faith:** *The Apostles' Creed* Symbolum Apostolicum, 390AD

One: Do you believe in God the Father?
All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
All: **I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.**

The third day He rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

One: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
All: 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.

We Speak to God

Our Morning Offerings are Received

Our Morning Prayers are Offered

God Speaks to Us

The Scripture Lessons: Psalm 118 *The Bible*, page 858

One: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

The Anthem: *All Thanks Be to Thee* G. F. Handel

All Thanks to Thee, Lord our God
Thy people hast Thou led with Thee
Israel forth through the sea

Like a Shepherd hast Thou led us, Lord
Thine the hand that leadeth us
From everlasting Thou hast been our God

The Sermon: *Getting to Gratitude*¹

The Sermon Prayer

*God's Blessing

*Our Closing Hymn: *My Jesus, I Love Thee* Hymnal 366

*The Organ Postlude: *My Jesus, I Love Thee* arr. Diane Bish

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for fellowship and refreshments.

Please sign *and pass* the blue Friendship Register.

¹ The third sermon in our series *A Summer in the Psalms*. Next week: Psalm 26. The sermon series (Psalms 5 and 93) is archived on our website: northhillscrc.org.

From the North Hills Pulpit

Summer 2026

A Summer in the Psalms

June 21: Getting to Gratitude

Psalm 118

Liturgist: Jon Feikens

June 28: Clean Hands

Psalm 26

Liturgist: Michael Lopez

July 5: Two Stories

Psalm 8

Liturgist: Patti Wilder

Communion

July 12: Church Building

Psalm 127

Liturgist: Stephanie Dexter

July 19: Judge Jesus

Psalm 96

Liturgist: Laina Van Wyke

July 26: 25th Anniversary Worship

Guest minister Mary Hulst

Liturgist: Elizabeth Nelesen

August 2: Upset God

Psalm 50

Liturgist: Leo Ortel

Communion

August 9:

Guest Minister Brian Myers

Liturgist: Lois Miller

August 16:

Guest Minister John Steigenga

Liturgist: David Baker

August 23: Path Lights

Psalm 119

Liturgist: Kathryn Engle

August 30: High Praise

Psalm 148

Liturgist: Helen Brien



Sir, we would see Jesus.

~John 12:21

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Descant

4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore

F Am B^b C7

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - migh - ty, the King of cre - a -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly reign -
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore

him! All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be -

F Am B^b

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal -
 ing, shel - tering you un - der his wings, oh, so gent - ly sus -
 you; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at -
 him! All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be -

fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

C7 F B^b F

va - tion! Come, all who hear; broth - ers and
 tain - ing. Have you not seen all that is
 tend you. Pon - der a - new what the Al -
 fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

Chord symbols represent a simplified harmony.

Words: Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt., P.D.

Music (LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8): *Erneuertem Gesangbuch, Stralsund*, 1665; desc. Craig S. Lang (1891-1971) © Novello and Co., Ltd, admin. G. Schirmer, Inc.

peo - ple a - gain. Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

C F Dm Gm C F

sis - ters, draw near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
need - ful has been sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
might - y can do as with his love he be - friends you.
peo - ple a - gain. Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

For the Beauty of the Earth

Descant

5 For your - self, best gift di - vine, to the world so free - ly given,
 G C G C G D G

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,

a - gent of God's grand de - sign: peace on earth and joy in heaven.
 C G C G D G

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
 hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:

Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grate - ful praise.
 Refrain D G C G D G

Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grate - ful praise.

4 For the joy of human love,
 brother, sister, parent, child,
 friends on earth, and friends above,
 for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Refrain

5 For yourself, best gift divine,
 to the world so freely given,
 agent of God's grand design:
 peace on earth and joy in heaven.
Refrain

Words: Folliot S. Pierpont, 1864, alt., P.D.

Music (DIX 7.7.7.7.7): Conrad Kocher, 1838; adapt. William H. Monk, 1861, P.D.; desc. Sydney H. Nicholson, 1944, © The Royal School of Church Music

For the Glories of God's Grace

2 CORINTHIANS 5:18-21

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems of vocal lines (treble and bass clef) and piano accompaniment. The first system covers the first three verses, and the second system covers the remaining two verses. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal lines.

Chord symbols for the first system: B^b, E^b, C_m, B^b, F/C, C7, F.

Chord symbols for the second system: B^b, F, B^b, F7, B^b, C_m, F, B^b.

Lyrics for the first system:
 1 For the glo - ries of God's grace let us bring un - ceas - ing praise.
 2 Stran - gers once to what is good, bound in Sa - tan's ser - vi - tude,
 3 Christ the Lord, un - stained and pure, took our sin, made us se - cure,

Lyrics for the second system:
 From our fal - len, sin - ful ways, we are rec - on - ciled to God.
 pur - chased by our Sav - ior's blood, we are rec - on - ciled to God.
 named us his am - bas - sa - dors— we are rec - on - ciled to God.

4 Sinless and immortal, he
 paid our debt on Calvary.
 Raised from slaves to royalty,
 we are reconciled to God.

5 God's good news of love we bring
 to the lost and wandering.
 Come, believe, rejoice, and sing:
 we are reconciled to God.

Words: based on 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; vers. Marie J. Post, 1985, © 1987 Faith Alive Christian Resources
 Music (MONKLAND 7.7.7.7): J. Freylinghausen's *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704; adapt. John Antes, ca. 1800;
 arr. John Wilkes, 1861, P.D.

My Jesus, I Love Thee

F B^b/F F C7 F

1 My Je - sus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
2 I love thee be - cause thou hast first lov - ed me
3 I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death,
4 In man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de - light,

B^b/F F C7 F

for thee all the fol - lies of sin I re - sign;
and pur - chased my par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree;
and praise thee as long as thou lend - est me breath,
I'll ev - er a - dore thee in heav - en so bright;

C7 F Gm/B^b Csus C

my gra - cious Re - deem - er, my Sav - ior art thou;
I love thee for wear - ing the thorns on thy brow;
and say when the death - dew lies cold on my brow:
I'll sing with the glit - ter - ing crown on my brow:

F B^b F C7 F

if ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
if ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
If ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
If ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.