



Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 20, 2025

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Sonata in E Minor"
"II. Andante"

Florence Price

Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: May the Holy Spirit unite us in worship, point us toward Jesus Christ, and inspire us to love mercy, do justice, and walk humbly with God. Come, let us worship God.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

All: For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith—and this is not from ourselves, it is the gift of God —

Liturgist: Not by works, so that no one can boast.

All: For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:6-10 adapted

* **All Singing:** 521 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

* GOD'S GREETING

* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* **All Singing:** **529 “Gather Us In”**
Singing verses 1, 2, and 4

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Reconciliation

Liturgist: We believe that our blessedness lies in the forgiveness of our sins because of Jesus Christ,

All: **and that in it our righteousness before God is contained, as David and Paul teach us when they declare those people blessed to whom God grants righteousness apart from works.**

Liturgist: And the same apostle says that we are “justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.”

All: **And therefore, we cling to this foundation, which is firm forever, giving all glory to God, humbling ourselves, and recognizing ourselves as we are;**

Silent Reflection and Confession

Liturgist: not claiming a thing for ourselves or our merits and leaning and resting on the sole obedience of Christ crucified, which is ours when we believe in him.

All Singing: **“Surely It Is God Who Saves Me”**
Singing through three times

**Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.**

Liturgist: That is enough to cover all our sins and to make us confident, freeing the conscience from the fear, dread, and terror of God’s approach, without doing what our first parents, Adam and Eve, did, who trembled as they tried to cover themselves with fig leaves.

All: **In fact, if we had to appear before God relying—no matter how little—on ourselves or some other creature, then, alas, we would be swallowed up.**

Liturgist: Therefore, everyone must say with David:

All: **Lord, do not enter into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.**

Belgic Confession – Article 23

* **All Singing:** **772 “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”**
Singing verses 1, 2, and 4

Liturgist: We believe that this true faith, produced in us by the hearing of God’s Word and by the work of the Holy Spirit, regenerates us and makes us new creatures, causing us to live a new life and freeing us from the slavery of sin.

All: **Therefore, it is impossible for this holy faith to be unfruitful in a human being, seeing that we do not speak of an empty faith but of what Scripture calls “faith working through love,” which moves people to do by themselves the works that God has commanded in the Word.**

Liturgist: These works, proceeding from the good root of faith, are good and acceptable to God, since they are all sanctified by God's grace.
Belgic Confession – Article 24, adapted

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Lord God, we wish to see Jesus. By your Spirit's power, give us eyes to see his glory. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: What Does it Mean to Be Reformed? Grace

* **All Singing:** 693 "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness

OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. Bible League International

OFFERTORY "Joyful Joyful, We Adore Thee/Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" arr. Keveren

* **All Singing:** 959 "Glory be to the Father"

Sending

* BENEDICTION

* **All Singing:** 948 "The Lord Bless You"

Postlude: "My Friends, May You Grow in Grace" by Meaney and Diamond

Worship Leaders

Organist / Pianist:	Dora Diephouse	Acolyte:	Elouise Keeley-Jonker
Pianist:	Anna Triezenberg	Liturgist:	Lisa Dykstra
Offertory Pianist:	Karis Dykstra	Prayer:	Dave Larsen
Vocalist /Violinist:	Bethany Keeley-Jonker		
Guitarist:	Jeremy Hulford		
Minister:	Roger Nelson		

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