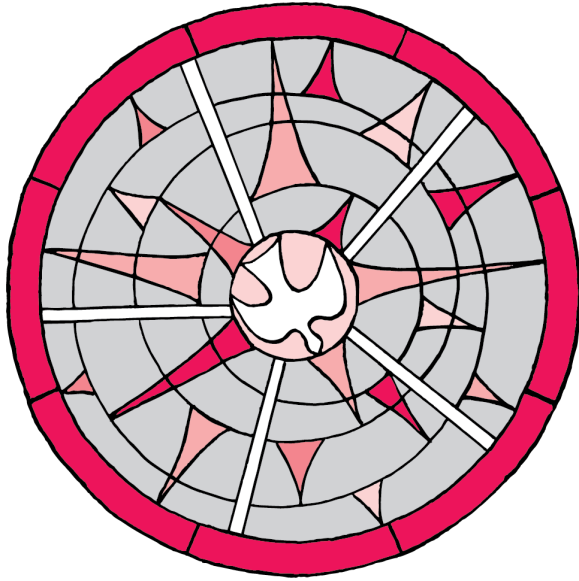




Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 2026

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "All Ye Refugees"

Sandra McCracken

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: I love the Lord,

All: for he heard my voice, he heard my cry for mercy.

Liturgist: The Lord turned his ear to me,

All: I will call on him as long as I live.

Liturgist: The cords of death entangled me, and the anguish of the grave overcame me;
I was overcome by distress and sorrow.

All: Then I called on the name of the Lord: "Lord, save me!"

Liturgist: The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

All: The Lord protects the unwary; when I was brought low he saved me.

Psalms 116:1-6 adapted

* **All Singing: 572 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"**
Singing verses 1, 3, and 4

* GOD'S GREETING

* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* **All Singing: 534 “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”**

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reconciliation

Liturgist: Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

All: through whom we have gained access by faith into the grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

Liturgist: You see, just at the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

All: For God demonstrated his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Liturgist: Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

All: For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

Romans 5:1-8 adapted

Silent Reflection and Confession

Liturgist: What shall I return to the Lord for all his goodness to me?

All: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Liturgist: I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the Lord. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord –

All: Praise the Lord.

Psalms 116:12-14, 17-19 adapted

* **All Singing: 819 “I Love the Lord”**

Liturgist: Matthew 9:35-38

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Minister: Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth.

All: Make us hungry for your Word, that it may nourish us today in ways of life eternal. Through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

Scripture: Romans 5:1-8

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: “Standing in It”

* **All Singing: 689 “There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”**

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. Chicago Christian Schools

OFFERTORY “Amazing Grace” with “My Chains are Gone” arr. Christopher Phillips

Eucharist

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All Singing: “All Ye Refugees”

Sandra McCracken

**I am the One, the earth is my handmade work
The skies I laid them wide, beauty unfurled,
Horizon to horizon, creation to creation, sings you home**

***Welcome home, gather round, all ye refugees, come in
Welcome home, gather round, all ye refugees, come in***

**Oh refugee, I did not cast you out
In death and broken ground, Salvation springs
My body and my blood, the healing that you need
come and receive
*Refrain***

**Watch and wait and see, what is yet to be
Watch and wait and see, for the morning**

**Go out in joy and join the great procession
The mountains and the heav'ns all will rejoice
horizon to horizon, creation to creation
horizon to horizon, creation to creation
With one voice
*Refrain***

**770 “In Christ Alone”
*Standing to sing last verse***

Sending

* BENEDICTION

Postlude: “Shine, Jesus, Shine”

arr. Phillip Keveren

Worship Leaders

Organist / Pianist:
Pianist:
Cellist:
Guitar:
Minister:

Dora Diephouse
Anna Triezenberg-Sims
Adeline Larsen
Ty Hillegonds
Roger Nelson

Acolyte:
Liturgist:
Prayer:

Elizabeth van den Brink
Jim Achterhof
Gary R. Medema

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