



Worship Bulletin
June 28, 2026

*A coincidence is a small miracle in which
God prefers to remain anonymous.*

ANATOLE FRANCE



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SONG

Come Thou Fount



Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace.
Here I raise my E - be - nee - zer hi - ther by thy help I've come;
O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a - new;

Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of end - less praise.
Come to trust, at ev - 'ry turn - ing, God will guide me safe - ly home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove.
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wand'ring from the fold of God.
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, wan - der from the love I've known.

Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's re - deem - ing love.
Come to res - cue me from dan - ger, Bless - ed bo - dy, pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thine ver - y own.

WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANDLE LIGHTING + THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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, for ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

*As with God's love, there are no prerequisites to receive communion – ALL are welcome!
We use non-alcoholic grape juice.*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

CENTERING SONG

Bind Us Together



Bind us to-gether, Lord, bind us to-gether with cords that can-not be bro-ken;
bind us to-gether Lord, bind us to-gether, O bind us together-er with love.

BIBLE READING

Ruth 2, excerpts

Now there was a wealthy and influential man in Bethlehem named Boaz, a relative of Naomi's husband, Elimelech. One day Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go out into the harvest fields to pick up the grain left behind." Naomi replied, "Go ahead, my daughter." So Ruth went out to gather grain behind the harvesters. And as it happened, she found herself in a field that belonged to Boaz.

While she was there, Boaz arrived from Bethlehem and greeted the harvesters. "The Lord be with you!" he said. Then he asked his foreman, "Who is that young woman?" The foreman replied, "She is the young woman from Moab who came

back with Naomi. She has been hard at work all morning.”

Boaz went over and said to Ruth, “Listen, my daughter. Stay right here with us; don’t go to any other fields. I have warned the young men not to treat you roughly. And when you are thirsty, help yourself to the water from the well.” Ruth fell at his feet. “What have I done to deserve such kindness?” she asked. “I am only a foreigner.”

“I know everything you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband,” Boaz replied. “How you left your father and mother and your own land to live among strangers. May the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge, reward you fully.” At mealtime he called her over to eat with his harvesters, and she ate all she wanted and still had some left over. When she went back to work, Boaz ordered his young men, “Let her gather among the sheaves without stopping her. And pull out some heads of barley on purpose for her.”

So Ruth gathered barley all day, and that evening it filled an entire basket. She carried it back into town and showed her mother-in-law. “Where did you gather all this?” Naomi asked. “May the Lord bless the one who helped you!” Ruth said, “The man I worked with today is named Boaz.” “May the Lord bless him!” Naomi exclaimed. “That man is one of our closest relatives, one of our kinsman redeemers. Stay with his young women through the whole harvest, my daughter. You’ll be safe with him.”

So Ruth worked alongside the women in Boaz’s fields until the end of the barley harvest, and on through the wheat harvest in early summer. And all the while she lived with her mother-in-law.

SERMON

Rev. Tom Hathaway

SONG

Love Is Still the Answer

Chorus



Love is still the answer Love is still the an - swer

Love, love, love, love Love, love, love, love

(Last time)

Love is still the an - swer

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the song 'Love Is Still the Answer'. The first staff is the chorus, starting with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 6/8 time signature. It contains the lyrics 'Love is still the answer' and 'Love is still the an - swer'. The second staff continues the chorus with the lyrics 'Love, love, love, love' and 'Love, love, love, love'. The third staff is marked with a circled cross symbol and the text '(Last time)', and it contains the lyrics 'Love is still the an - swer'.

SHARING OUR PRAYERS

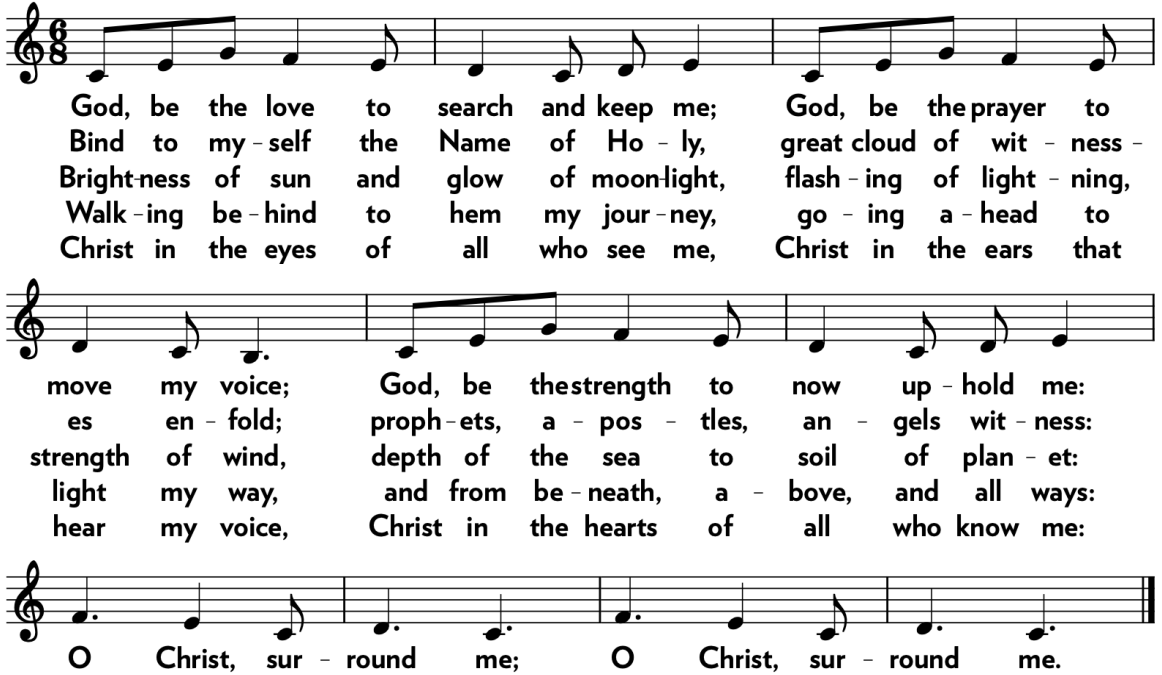
After each prayer is offered...

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

SONG

O Christ Surround Me



God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
Bind to my-self the Name of Ho-ly, great cloud of wit-ness-
Bright-ness of sun and glow of moonlight, flash-ing of light-ning,
Walk-ing be-hind to hem my jour-ney, go-ing a-head to
Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that

move my voice; God, be the strength to now up-hold me:
es en-fold; proph-ets, a-pos-tles, an-gels wit-ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan-et:
light my way, and from be-neath, a-bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:

O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

BENEDICTION

You are invited to a time of coffee and conversation in the downstairs hall immediately following the benediction.

WHAT IS PROVIDENCE?

In Christian theology, the word *providence* is used to describe how God interacts with the universe. It asks a deceptively simple question: what does God actually do? As with most questions of theology, Christians disagree sharply about the answer.

At one end, some traditions hold that God is the ultimate author of every event, down to the smallest detail. Nothing happens outside of God's sovereign will. Human choices are real, but God's purposes cannot be thwarted by them.

At the other end, some theologians make generous room for genuine human freedom, arguing that God works within a world where outcomes are not fixed in advance and where human decisions carry real and unpredictable weight.

The bible speaks out of both sides of its mouth on the matter. In practice, most Christians tend to live somewhere in the middle, holding both convictions without fully resolving the tension between them.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY, 10:30AM – 11:30AM

Sunday Service

TODAY, 11:30AM – 12:30PM

Lowkey Summer Coffee Hour

TODAY, 12:30PM – 1:15PM

Davis Square Outreach

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 10:30AM – 11:30AM

Tara Sandlin Preaching & Presiding

WORSHIP PREVIEW

JUNE 21 – JULY 12

The book of Ruth traces how God's lovingkindness shows up in the most unlikely people.



JULY 19

Progressive faith can feel like an endless to-do list. Jesus' way is meant to offer real rest instead.



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