



FORESIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Connecting to God

Nurturing Community

Discovering our Callings

June 21, 2026

The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

This Is My Father's World

Sheppard and Edstrom

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School has concluded for the summer. Nursery care is available for children under four, and older children are welcome to remain in the sanctuary with their families.

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

From Psalm 66

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

Many: **sing the glory of God's name and give glorious praise.**

For truly God has listened
and has given heed to the words of our prayer.

**Blessed be God,
Who has not rejected our prayer
or removed steadfast love from us.**

* HYMN

The God of Abraham Praise

Red Hymnal, #2

**The God of Abraham praise, all praise the eternal name,
who was, and is, and is to be, for aye the same!
Our God, the great I AM, ere aught that now appears;
the First, the Last: beyond all thought, through timeless years!**

**God's spirit floweth free, high surging where it will;
in prophet's word God spoke of old and speaketh still.
Established is God's law, and changeless it shall stand,
deep writ upon the human heart, on sea or land.**

We have eternal life implanted in our soul;
God's love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.
Praise to the living God! All praise the eternal name,
who was, and is, and is to be, for aye the same!

*** PRAYER**

Pastor: Holy God, you speak life and light into our world,
and call us to join the song and harmony of all creation.
Hear us when we cry to you,
wounded by the divisions we inflict on ourselves.

All: **Grant us vision, hearing, and imagination
to find Christ in the lives and faces of others:
friends and strangers, neighbors and those far off.
May we behold one another clearly as your children
Until we are all welcomed into the unity and life of your Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

ANTHEM

Peace Like a River
Chancel Choir

Trad. spiritual
arr. Victor C. Johnson

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 21:8-21

SERMON

What God Hears

The Rev. Geoff Parker

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

May God be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray...

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 forever. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO THE SERVICE OF GOD

Electronic gifts may be shared here:

<https://www.foresidechurch.org/index.php/giving/> or by pointing your phone's camera at the image to the right and clicking on the link displayed.



Offertory Anthem

O Brother Sun Trad. Scottish and Sharon Anway

*** Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

*** Blessing of Gifts**

*** HYMN**

We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

Black Hymnal, #563

**We cannot own the sunlit sky, the moon, the wildflowers
growing, for we are part of all that is with-
in life's river flowing. With open hands re-
ceive and share the gifts of God's creation, that
all may have abundant life in every earthly nation.**

When bodies shiver in the night and, weary, wait for morning, when children have no bread but tears, and warhorns sound their warning, God calls humanity to wake, to join in common labor, that all may have abundant life in oneness with their neighbor.

God calls humanity to join as partners in creating a future free from want or fear, life's goodness celebrating. That new world beckons from afar, invites our shared endeavor, that all may have abundant life and peace endure forever.

*** BLESSING AND SENDING**

POSTLUDE

Faith of our Fathers

Hemy and Walton

Today's Ministers of Worship:
Charlie Bernacchio and Bob Murray

Today's Nursery Staff
Julia Tracy

Welcome to all who are visiting with us this morning!

We hope that you discover here what you have come seeking.

In the hymnal rack in front of you is a **welcome card** that you may fill out to let us know that you were here. It has a place to indicate how we might help you to learn more about us. Please check those boxes if that would be helpful. The card can be placed in the offering plate as it is passed. We are glad that you have come, and would be privileged to welcome you further.

Nursery care is available during worship and will conclude for the summer after worship on Sunday, June 28. The nursery is located through the side door at the front of the sanctuary, up the stairs, and down the hallway, third door on the right. Parents are welcome to walk their children to the nursery and then return to worship at any time. Alternately, the nursery is equipped with a sound system so that you may listen to the service even if you would like to remain with your child.

Comfortable seating is available during Sunday service. An assortment of cushions is available at the back of the church. If you need assistance in retrieving one, please do not hesitate to ask a Minister of Worship usher.

Join us for coffee and conversation immediately following worship! We gather in our reception area downstairs which can be reached via the stairs, or the ADA accessible elevator, both located at the rear of the sanctuary. Please come and say hello!

Communion Sundays are usually held the first Sunday of each month.

The Foreside Community Church strives to be a **fragrance-free environment**. Please help us to accommodate our members and visitors who are chemically sensitive to fragrances and other scented products. Thank you for not wearing perfume, aftershave, scented hand lotion, fragranced hair products, and/or similar products.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The deadline for the July/August *Steeplenotes* is Monday, June 22. Submissions are requested to be “print ready” and photographs accompanied by captions if possible. The two months are combined into one edition since church activity decreases over the summer including a good number of scheduled activities.

“Prayers on the Patio” will be posting its schedule for Sunday, July 12 through and including Sunday, August 2, and, if you as a church member or friend wish to advertise an event that you will be attending/participating in or feel there is synergy with the church and congregation, please share and your article will be placed under the “Community Events” section.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact the church office (781-5880 or csklarz@foresidechurch.org) with any questions. Thank you.

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