

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 2026

#### GATHERING BEFORE THE WORD

**Prelude** *Allegro from Op. 14 No. 1* Beethoven

**Greeting and Announcements** **Opening Sentences**

**\*Doxology** - all to sing No. 592

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*Prayer of Praise**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Serve the Lord with gladness;

**People: come into God's presence with a song.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

**\*Opening Hymn** "[Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken](#)"

**\*Call to Confession**

Leader: God hears our voices and our supplications. We can call on God in all our joys, doubts, successes, and failures. Knowing that God will listen, let us confess.

**\*Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

**God of our salvation, incline your ear to us. You have given us power: power to heal, to bring hope, to comfort, to restore. But we ignore that power, choosing to live our own lives. At worst, we abuse that power, storing up riches for ourselves without an eye for the needs of others. Forgive us. Remind us of our call to proclaim your good news, and to welcome each other as we would welcome you.**

*A Time of Silent Prayer*

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: The ancient words still bring truth today: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Praise be to God for the Lord's abounding love! This is good news!

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

**\*Response of Praise**-all to sing "Gloria Patri" No. 579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

**\*We Share God's Peace**

Leader: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*(You are invited to share God's peace as you greet those around you.)*

**Special Music** *Allegretto from Op. 14 No. 1* Beethoven

#### LISTENING FOR THE WORD

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Reading** [Genesis 18:1-15 \(21:1-7\)](#) (NRSV)

#### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

**Prayer for Illumination**

**New Testament Reading** [Romans 5:1-8](#) (NRSV)

**Sermon** "*Boast in Hope*" The Rev. M. Rex Espiritu  
*anything too wonderful*

#### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**Prayers of the People...The Lord's Prayer** ('debtors' and debtors')

#### BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

**\*Sending Hymn** "[O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go](#)"

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**            *Rondo: Allegro Commodo from Op. 14 No. 1*            Beethoven

*(We invite you to remain seated through the Postlude.)*

**\*Indicates that those who are able may stand.**

**Lectionary readings for June 21, 2026**

Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39