



# SERVICE OF THE WORD

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 21, 2020 † 9:30 A.M.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

# *Welcome to worship at St. John's!*

**We especially welcome all who are listening this morning!**

*During the season of COVID-19 pandemic, St. John's will continue to follow state and federal guidance for public gatherings. We deeply miss seeing our community in person and eating at the Lord's table together. We hold fast to the knowledge that we are not the first generation to experience fear of deadly disease, and we are not the first community separated unwillingly by circumstances.*

*We know that the resources of our faith can sustain us as we are apart.*

*Our prayer is that in this broadcast you can hear the Holy Spirit speaking to you through the Word; that you can sing along and join in fervent prayer for our world, and that as we share the peace, you can set an intention to reach out, in whatever ways this moment allows, to share God's love with someone else.*

*Video of this week's service will be available from the home page of our website [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org). Audio recording of the sermon will be archived under the worship tab of the website. If you wish to have a text copy of the sermon mailed to you, please contact the church office. Other helpful links and resources will be posted as they become available at the St. John's Facebook page.*



*St. John's Lutheran Church is a community grounded in the promise of God's grace and called to extend Christ's welcome to all people. Every day, Christ meets us all just as we are, extending love to people of every age, race or ethnicity, physical appearance, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, marital or relationship status, economic circumstance, educational achievement, political affiliation, or religious background.*

*While we do not always agree, we choose to walk and grow in faith together, believing that God creates diversity, and loves and welcomes us.*

*We warmly welcome you here.*

# GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude — “Allegretto” from *Sonata IV*

Felix Mendelssohn

## Welcome and Announcements

\*Gathering Hymn — “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” (#802)

LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN



Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,  
Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.  
Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,  
Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead

through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.  
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.  
he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.  
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,

On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,  
Though to - day we sow with laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy;  
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;  
we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be

full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.  
all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.  
and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.  
in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.

Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.  
Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.  
Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.  
Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

Text: Sigismund von Birken; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt. © 1978 admin. Augsburg Fortress

## \*Lamenting Injustice

- P** With the Israelite slaves of old we cry out:  
Always one group is deprived of freedoms.  
The poor are forced to serve the oppressor.  
O God, why are some laws so marked by unfairness?



Music: Avon Gillespie, © 1987 GIA Publications, Inc.

- P** With people of this country of every color we confess.  
Our nation groans under the sinful legacy of slavery.  
Our present is tormented with the reality of racism.  
O God, when will the chains of oppression be broken?



- P** Hear us, O God:

**C** Hear us, O God.

- P** Form us by your justice:

**C** Form us by your justice.

- P** Give us your life:

**C** Give us your life.

- P** Hear these words, and receive their power:

God the Father promises a kingdom of justice and joy.

God the Son lived and died for the least of our sisters and brothers.

God the Spirit inspires us to build a city of peace.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **\*Greeting**

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** And also with you.

### **\*Prayer of the Day**

- P** Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen.

## **HEARING GOD’S WORD**

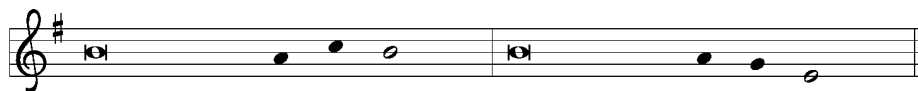
### **Children’s Message**

#### **First Reading — Jeremiah 20:7-13**

<sup>7</sup>O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. <sup>8</sup>For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, “Violence and destruction!” For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. <sup>9</sup>If I say, “I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,” then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. <sup>10</sup>For I hear many whispering: “Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!” All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. “Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.” <sup>11</sup>But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. <sup>12</sup>O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. <sup>13</sup>Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

- L** The word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

*Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; in your great compassion, turn to me.*

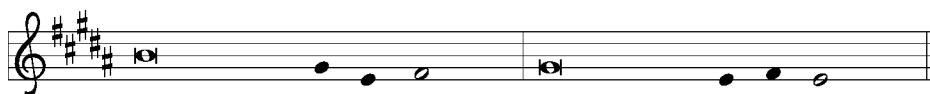


<sup>7</sup>Surely, for your sake I have suf- | fered reproach,  
and shame has cov- | ered my face.

<sup>8</sup>**I have become a stranger to | my own kindred,  
an alien to my | mother's children.**

<sup>9</sup>Zeal for your house has eat- | en me up;  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fall- | en upon me.

<sup>10</sup>**I humbled my- | self with fasting,  
but that was turned to | my reproach. Antiphon**



<sup>16</sup>Answer me, O LORD, for your | love is kind;  
in your great compassion, | turn to me.

<sup>17</sup>**Hide not your face | from your servant;  
be swift and answer me, for I am | in distress.**

<sup>18</sup>Draw near to me | and redeem me;  
because of my enemies de- | liver me.

<sup>30</sup>**I will praise your name, O | God, in song;  
I will proclaim your greatness | with thanksgiving. Antiphon**

**Second Reading** — Romans 6:1b-11

<sup>1b</sup>Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**\*Gospel Acclamation — “Alleluia”**

South African, arr. Gobingca Mxadana



**\*Gospel — Matthew 10:24-39**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup>“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup>“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

<sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup>“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup>“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; <sup>36</sup>and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. <sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup>and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

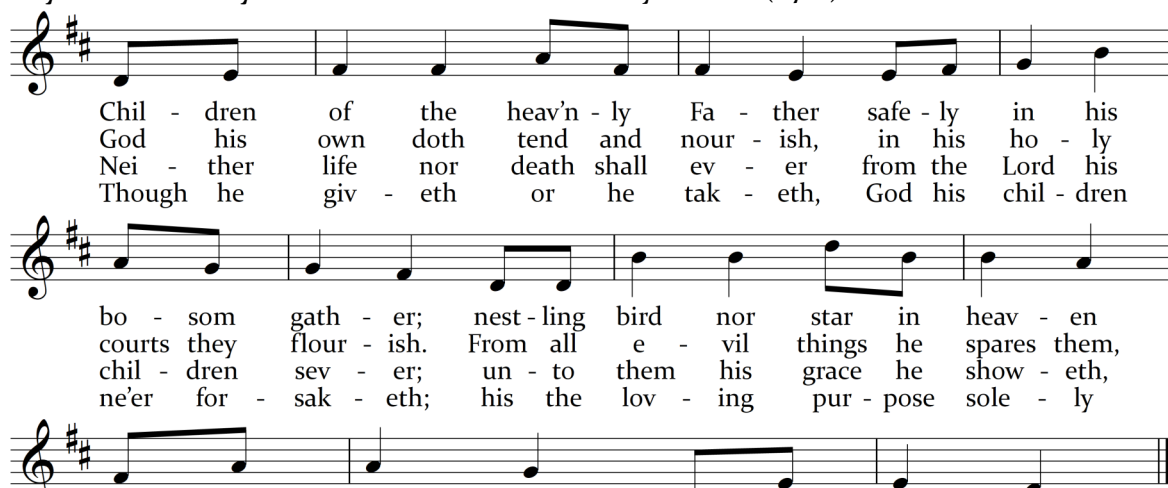
**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Rev. Emmanuel Kaghondi

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn of the Day — "Children of the Heavenly Father" (#781) TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA



Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his  
 God his own doth tend and nour - ish, in his ho - ly  
 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his  
 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren

bo - som gath - er; nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en  
 courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things he spares them,  
 chil - dren sev - er; un - to them his grace he show - eth,  
 ne'er for - sak - eth; his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly

such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 in his might - y arms he bears them.  
 and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
 to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg; tr. Ernst Olson, © 1925 Board of Publication, Lutheran Church in America

## \*Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried;  
 he descended to the dead.  
 On the third day he rose again;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**



### **\*Prayers of Intercession**

*After each petition:*

- ☞ Lord, in your mercy,  
☞ **hear our prayer.**

### **\*Peace**

- ☞ The peace of Christ be with you always.  
☞ **And also with you.**

*You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.*

### **Offering of Our Gifts**

*Music at the Offering:*

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

David Cherwien

### **\*Thanksgiving for the Word**

- ☞ O God of justice and love,  
we give thanks to you that you illumine our  
way through life with the words of your Son.  
Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others,  
and at the end bring all the world to your feast;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory forever.  
☞ **Amen.**

### **\*The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

# DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

## \*Blessing

☐ Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

☐ Amen.

## \*Sending Hymn — “How Firm a Foundation” (#796)

FOUNDATION

How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
 "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,  
 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove  
 is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
 for I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;  
 What more can he say than to you he has said  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,  
 who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.

## \*Dismissal

- ☞ Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;  
be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;  
support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people;  
love and serve God, rejoice in the power of the Holy Spirit.

☛ Thanks be to God.

Postlude — on FOUNDATION

Edwin Childs



## SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis and Pastor Pam Fickenscher
Preaching	Rev. Emmanuel Kaghondi
Assisting Ministers	John and Elizabeth Bade
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	Elizabeth Bade

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# **Announcements**

**Today's Radio Broadcast** is given by the Women of St. John's Elizabeth Circle Project. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Sundays thru August. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact the church office. Dates available: October 11, 18 & 25. Video broadcasts can be seen on Northfield Community Television (NTV)-cable channel 187, Mondays at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays at 12:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m., and Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

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**New Guidelines for Funerals** have been developed by the Safe Operating Task Force, which will be valid at least until July 31. They are posted at the bottom of the COVID-19 page at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org)

**The Adult Ministry & Education Board Invites You to Join with Us in a New Summer Opportunity** Small Group Fellowship and Devotions on Zoom. The Adult Ministry & Education Board will organize small groups of 4-6 people to gather on Zoom over coffee, appetizers, or dessert for a 40 minute gathering on Zoom. Please indicate your interest in participation by today in one of three ways:

1. Fill out the Small Group Zoom Gathering Interest Questionnaire on CCB <https://stjohnsnorthfield.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/47/responses/new>
2. Send an email to [StJohnsAdultMinistry@gmail.com](mailto:StJohnsAdultMinistry@gmail.com)
3. Call Merilyn Calcutt, Board Chair, at 507-210-1051

## **Courageous Conversations Book Discussion Continues at the End of June**

Our selection is *Voices in the Stones: Life Lessons from the Native Way* by Kent Nerburn. Copies are available at Content Bookstore in Northfield. Book discussion will take place via Zoom from 6:00 -7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays June 24, July 8 & 22. If you're interested in reading and discussing the book, please contact [dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com](mailto:dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com).

## **Fair Trade Coffee, Tea, and Chocolates Continue**

Contact [dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com](mailto:dawn.tommerdahl@gmail.com) to place your order for contactless delivery.

## **St. John's Website**

Please check out our website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org). Our website contains additional information regarding opportunities and updates.

# How Can You Help?

This question continues to be asked everyday. It's heartening to know that we have a community that is ready to step up in a crisis.

- First and foremost, stay safe and follow state guidelines for distancing. Connect with neighbors and friends and support each other remotely.
- St. John's continues to need your **regular financial gifts**. Although we can't be with you all in person, we want to continue to pay our staff. Giving online is easy at [StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://StJohnsNorthfield.org). Contact the church office at 507-645-4429 to set up automatic gifts. Or mailed offerings will continue to be welcomed. If you are in a position to pay ahead on your annual pledge, that will also help us get through this difficult time. Contact Leah Garlie at 507-645-4429 if you would like to set-up automatic online giving.
- Local sewers are making **cloth face masks** for use by health care and other essential workers. Material can be picked up in the St. John's parking lot from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. each Monday. Finished masks are returned to the same spot. For details on this effort and to get instructions, email Kathy Ness at [KJL.Ness@gmail.com](mailto:KJL.Ness@gmail.com).
- Many **prayer shawls** made by our knitters were distributed to members who are on lockdown in care facilities. If you would like to make one (the patterns are easy), contact Sue Sharrow to learn how.
- Our Sunday School's **Blessing Box** is seeing a high level of both donations and people receiving these blessings. Nonperishable foods, cleaning supplies, feminine hygiene supplies, and toilet paper are especially welcome donations.
- The **Red Cross** still needs blood, maybe now more than ever. Go to the Red Cross website at [www.redcross.com](http://www.redcross.com) if you are eligible to donate. Drives are still happening locally.
- The **Community Action Center** is preparing for a deluge of needs. The quickest way to help is to donate financially. The CAC can make those gifts go further than your own grocery store donations. They are also building their volunteer base. [For more information visit their website.](#)
- **Local businesses**, especially the ones that are usually social hangouts, are trying to quickly pivot to serve you in different ways. Take advantage of all those take-out and delivery options. And if you can't use them now, buy a gift card that you can use in the future.
- **Relief Efforts for the Neighborhoods** of Minneapolis and St. Paul that have experienced fire and destruction are popping up in many places locally. St. John's will continue to listen for how to help our cities' partners. Our sister congregation Holy Trinity Lutheran on Lake Street has been at the center of relief. If you'd like to make a financial contribution to their relief efforts, you can do so through their website, [htlcmpls.org](http://htlcmpls.org) - choose "other" in the fund designation options, and type in the word "justice." 100% of gifts will be used to help meet community needs.

## **Prayer Requests**

*We are called to remember one another in prayer. The church office has been made aware of the following persons for whom we pray today. This list is also for your use this week.*

### **Healing and Support**

*Those in the hospital or in need of healing*

Marlene Engstrom, Elsie Nelsen

*Those mourning the loss of a loved one*

Family of Duane Olson

*Those with ongoing health concerns*

Marybeth Bremer, Mary Ingbritsen, Donna James, Gene and Delores Nelson,  
Becky Ness, Susan Nissen, John Quam, Joanne Sommers, Tom Sorenson,  
Jim Thompson, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

*All who are homebound, including*

Lois Pearson, Gloria Peterson, Lois Rand

*Involved in the mission of the church who have ties to St. John's*

The Savior (El Salvador) Lutheran Church in El Cocuy, Colombia;

Iambi Lutheran Church in Iambi, Tanzania;

Mark Rich and Cynthia Holder Rich, ELCA missionaries in Tanzania

### **Prayer Requests / Stephen Ministry Requests**

*Stephen Ministry Requests*

Call one of the pastors at 507-645-4429.

*Prayer Chain Requests*

Contact Mary Cisar at 507-663-1097 or [macisar@gmail.com](mailto:macisar@gmail.com), or contact a pastor.

## **Lectionary Readings for Next Week (June 28):**

*Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Jeremiah 28:5-9 + Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 + Romans 6:12-23 + Matthew 10:40-42**

## **This Week At-a-Glance**

*The calendar below contains only St. John's events.  
The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed  
on our website at [www.StJohnsNorthfield.org](http://www.StJohnsNorthfield.org).*

**Our radio worship schedule will continue with broadcasts  
on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. through August 30 ([www.kymnradio.net](http://www.kymnradio.net)).**

<b>Monday, June 22</b>	12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Virtual Manna and Mercy Text Study via Zoom Pub Theology via Zoom
<b>Tuesday, June 23</b>	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting via Zoom Worship Planning for Staff via Zoom Church Council via Zoom
<b>Wednesday, June 24</b>	10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Zoom Coffee Break Acts: Catching Up with the Spirit Bible Study via Zoom
<b>Thursday, June 25</b>	10:00 a.m.	Acts: Catching Up with the Spirit Bible Study via Zoom
<b>Friday, June 26</b>		No Scheduled Activities
<b>Saturday, June 27</b>		No Scheduled Activities
<b>Sunday, June 28</b>	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Worship via Radio Broadcast Kitchen & Worship with Youth and Families via Zoom

**The church council has decided that the building will be closed  
to in-person gatherings through at least the end of July.**

**The Safe Operating Task Force has recommended that  
all access to the building be monitored during this time.  
If you have a key or access code, please contact the church office  
about the new protocols.**



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*Arielle Loy, Director of Alleluia Choir*

*Zachery Pelletier, Director of Rejoice Ringers*

*Jaida Gehring / Marvin Perez, Security and Custodial Assistants*

*Nathan Proctor, Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts*

Call the church office or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.