

ANNUAL OUTDOOR WORSHIP & PICNIC  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, June 7, 2026 Peace Valley Park, 10 a.m.,

*We gather in fellowship and prepare our hearts for worship*

*Gathering*

PRELUDE

OPENING RESPONSIVE READING

Alleluia, Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed, alleluia!**

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.

**The Lord of hosts is with us.**

Let us give thanks to the God who creates and renews!

**Let us worship the God who strengthens and forgives.**

Sing a new song to praise our God

**Sing a new song to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Amen!**

GATHERING HYMN

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you **And also with you.**

Let us pray: *(silence for reflection)*

Holy God, whose hands have formed creation, tending us with grace and mercy:

Strengthen our hearts and hands, that we may root out injustice like weeds, water the wilting, nourish the withered, and at the eve of the day, rest in wonder and worship at the work of your hands. In the name of Jesus, our Word and our way:

**Amen!**

*Word*

READING: Genesis 1:1, 11–12, 29–31

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. There was a nothingness, a vast, watery chaotic emptiness, And God's Spirit moved like breath, like a bird above the watery abyss.

God said, "Let the earth produce every kind of living thing: livestock, crawling things, and wildlife." And that's what happened. <sup>25</sup> God made every kind of wildlife, every kind of livestock, and every kind of creature that crawls on the ground or inhabits the water or sky. God saw how good it was. Then God said, "Let us make humanity in our image to resemble us so that they may take charge and care of the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the livestock, all the earth, and all the crawling things on earth."

God created humanity in God's own image, in the divine image God created them, male and female He created them.

By the seventh day God had finished his work, and so he rested. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, special and set apart, because on that day he rested from his creating work. The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

A RESPONSIVE READING BASED ON PSALM 8

O God, our Sovereign God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**You stretch out the heavens like a tent**

You set the earth and mountain heights on a sure foundation

You cover it with the waters depths as with a garment;

**When I look at the heavens, the work of your hands,  
the moon and the stars that you have hung in the sky**

We marvel at your mercy, we rejoice in your blessings

**what are humans that you are mindful of us,**

**mortals that you care for us?**

You have given us care and guardianship of creation's bounty

**all beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,**

**that Leviathan you made for the sport of it.**

You bring forth food from the earth

wine to gladden the human heart,

**oil to make the face shine**

**and bread to strengthen the human heart.**

O God, our Sovereign God,

how majestic is your name in all the earth! **Amen!**

The second reading is from Isaiah, the 35th chapter. (Isaiah 35:1-2)

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go? **You have the words of eternal life, Alleluia!**

*THE GOSPEL, John 21:4-14, is proclaimed*

The Gospel according to John, the 21st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord!**

<sup>4</sup> Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the shore of the lake, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” <sup>6</sup> He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup> That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!”... <sup>9</sup> When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ... <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. This is the Gospel of our Lord! **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

HOMILY

Let us pray in thanksgiving for God’s blessings, and for healing and hope for those in need.

*Silence is kept by all.*

We give thanks for the wonder and beauty of creation, for the varied waters, earth, sky and all creatures that dwell therein. Strengthen us to be wise stewards, that now and in the future all may be nourished in body and soul, we pray:

**Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.**

That those who graduate this year may be blessed with the Spirit's guidance and wisdom, as they pursue new dreams on life’s journey. We pray:

**Give us joy on life’s journey, and your light to guide our way.**

That those who learn and those who teach will be refreshed and renewed by the summer break, and return to the school year eager to learn, we pray:

**Strengthen our hearts to support all who teach and all who seek wisdom.**

That as we celebrate our nation’s founding 250 years ago we may be mindful of ancestors in the faith whose courage planted our congregation, and the freedom to worship, witness and serve your Gospel.

That peace may come to all places torn by war and conflict; that all who work for justice and peace be strengthened in their labors; that we support healing works for relationships, nations and neighbors. **Response**

That we strive to respect the dignity of all people as disciples of Christ as we interact and take part in civil discourse and public witness. **Response**

That healing power will rest upon all in need of healing for body, mind or spirit, especially all those we name now, aloud or in silence... For all the needs upon our hearts, we pray: **Response**

That we may trust and hope in the promises of the risen Christ as we remember our blessed dead and look forward to God’s eternal Kingdom. **Response**

*The prayers conclude:*

Gracious God, hear our prayers and renew us in and all creation, in the Name of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECTIONS OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS / ANTHEM

*Sending*

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;**

Your Kingdom come:

**In our care of neighbor and needy, family and creation, your kingdom come!**

Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven:

**That your church become your hearts and hands at work in the world.**

Give us this day our daily bread:

**that all may be fed with creation's bounty.**

Forgive us our trespasses:

**for we neglect your ways, your teaching and your command to love.**

As we forgive those who trespass against us:

**For you have first forgiven us!**

Lead us not into temptation, and deliver us from evil:

**That we may be light for the world, and a sign of your Kingdom**

For Yours is the Kingdom: **and the power and the glory**

**for ever and ever, Amen!**

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

Let us bless the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

May God who created the dance of creation,

Who marveled at the lilies of the field and the birds of the air

Lead us to transform our lives and the Church

to reflect God's glory in all we say and do, and bring you His peace,

in the Name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen!**

SENDING HYMN #838,

#817, BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2 Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!

In the Public Domain Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed!**

Let us share the peace and then continue our worship with fellowship and feasting, and, when the time is come depart, go in the peace of Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you, always!

**And also with you!**

*We share the peace, and shift into our picnicking and fellowship.  
The Pavilion is ours for the remainder of the day. Please enjoy the picnic and the park!*