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*Two House Sparrows*

**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday, June 21, 2026**

## ~ Order of Worship ~

\*\* = Please stand, as able

### The Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Not one sparrow will fall to the ground apart from their Creator.

People: **God tells us we are of more value than many sparrows.**

Pastor: God knows us and loves us. Even the hairs of our head are all counted.

People: **We praise you, O God! Grateful are we for your love and care!**

All: **Let us worship God!**

\*\*OPENING PRAYER

\*\*HYMN 239

*Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!*

GELOBT SEI GOTT

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You send us, God of the Great Commission, but we hedge and hesitate. Forgive our fear and our excuses. We are witnesses of your grace and glory but allow others to silence our praise. We imprison ourselves with doubt and shame and fail to shine your light for all to see. Forgive our fears. Free our testimony. Help us be your faithful disciples. Amen.**

A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Through Christ's death and resurrection, we are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

\*\*RESPONSE 581      *Glory Be to the Father*      GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)  
***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.***

\*\*THE PEACE OF CHRIST & THE NOISY OFFERING OF LOOSE CHANGE

Leader:      Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory  
of God. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People:      **And also with you.**

### **The Word**

\*\*ILLUMINATION 286 v.4      *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*      TRENTHAM  
***Breathe on me, Breath of God; so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.***

^HT LESSON      Isaiah 44: 1 – 20      *Pew Bible PP.587-588*

Leader:      This is the Word of the Lord.      People:      **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 69: Selected verses      Hymn 478 *Save Me, O God; I Sink in Floods*      SALVATION

NT LESSON      Romans 6:1b – 11      *Pew Bible P.917*

Leader:      Here ends the reading of the Epistle.      People:      **Praise be to You, O Lord!**

\*\*GOSPEL LESSON      Matthew 10: 24 – 39      *Pew Bible P.791*

Pastor:      The Gospel of Our Lord.      People:      **Glory to You, O Christ!**

CANTICLE 288 *Spirit of the Living God*      LIVING GOD

***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. (x2)  
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.***

MESSAGE      *Algorithms and the God of Loving Kindness*      PASTOR JOHN

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH IN SONG

HYMN 661 *Why Should I Feel Discouraged? (His Eye Is on the Sparrow)*      SPARROW

THE PASTORAL PRAYER with 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## The Eucharist

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, & GIFTS

\*\*DOXOLOGY 606                      *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*                      OLD HUNDREDTH  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*\*CORPORATE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Holy One, thank you for the privilege of giving. Bless these gifts and those who give.  
Enable us to trust and participate in your abundance. Extend wisdom and discernment as we  
allocate these offerings. Expand our reach and impact for your kingdom and glory. Amen.**

## The Sending

\*\*HYMN 443    *There Is a Redeemer*    GREEN

\*\*THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*\*POSTLUDE

Wait! Don't Go Yet! Join us for food & conversation in Fellowship Hall. Thanks to Dorothy Wallace for hosting today!

A Warm welcome to Mr. Allen Kitchen  
for providing music for us today.



## Church Announcements

Lighthouse Item of the Month: **JUNE** – Shelf-stable Milk & Bottles of Juice

Worship Accompanists Needed! August 2, September 6, 13, 20 , 26.

Piano, Organ, Any Instrument OK! See Church Administrator ASAP.

Celebrations: June 26 Gina Loebell's Birthday

July 4 Ann Morrison's Birthday

July 19 Summerfest: Joint worship outdoors with Trinity 10:30 AM; Picnic 11:45AM;

1:30PM Concert on the lawn – fundraiser for our Student Musician Program.



**Ed and Tom Butler**, sons of Betty Butler, who are working through health concerns;

**Scott**, Linda Peter's neighbor, battling cancer;

**Leo Deblack**, great grandson of Nancy Rice's brother, with a rare, but treatable genetic disorder called MSUD. . . prayers are appreciated for the family;

**Jane Faulkner**, Ann Morrison's sister in CA, receiving assistance with her FEMA housing file from Congressman Kelly's office, while she is managing treatment for persistent lung-related illness (MAC); **Scotty McAliley**, Ann Morrison's cousin in Marietta, Georgia, continuing chemotherapy for the remainder of her life, while caring for her 99-year-old mother, herself with health issues;

**Maria, Miquel & family**, known to Dave Loebell, Miquel has been diagnosed with aggressive bladder cancer.