

WORSHIP SERVICE
JUNE 7, 2026, 10:00AM
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRELUDE

“Largo” from Xerxes

GF Handel

*HYMN #26 Verses 1, 2, & 4

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Joachim Neander

WORDS OF WELCOME AND COMMUNITY LIFE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lord, we gather this morning with a grace of desire to
 know You better,

People: Send Your Spirit into this place.

Leader: This morning, we give thanks for all the ways You
 move through our lives.

People: Give us eyes to see and ears to hear.

All: Come and fill us with Your Spirit!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord, send the gift of Your Spirit to fill this place and the world. Touch us with truth that burns like fire, with beauty that moves us like wind, and sets us free, Lord – free to love and laugh and sing; free to try new ways of living; free to forgive ourselves and others; free to lay aside our burdens of insecurity; free to join the battle for justice and peace; free to see and listen and wonder again at the gracious mystery of all things. Lord, look into our hearts; see the sin and brokenness that dwells there. Listen to our hopes, our longings, our aching for Your forgiveness and freedom.

Silence

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God's love for us is greater than the sin we commit against God. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. This is the Good News we proclaim in this place: when we confess our sins before God and one another, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Alleluia! Amen!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Children aged PreK-Grade 5 recess to Smith Hall to meet your teachers for the Chapel service. Grades 6 and 7 remain in the Meeting House.

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Our God is an Awesome God

Rich Mullins

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 9:9-13

(Psalm 142:7; Revelation 3:20)

Minister: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“The Physician and the Tax Collector”

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Chapin Garner

SERMON RESPONSE

It is Well

Phillip Bliss/arr. Brenda Reep

Hans Tashjian, bass/baritone

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As a congregation, we pray together – through word, silence, and
The Lord's Prayer (sins)

PRAYER RESPONSE

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

Frances Havergal

CALL TO OFFERING & CHOIR APPRECIATION

Please pass the burgundy welcome books

OFFERTORY

The “Beatitudes”

H. R. Evans

Featuring: Hans Tashjian, bass/baritone

*DOXOLOGY (unison)

**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.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

(We eat the bread as we receive it. We drink the cup together.)

COMMUNION MUSIC

I Need Thee Every Hour

Robert Lowry/arr. Nerva Altino

There is a Fountain

Traditional/arr. Lowell Mason

*HYMN #477 Verses 1, 2, & 4

God of Grace and God of Glory

John Hughes

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God (from Cantata #79)

JS Bach/arr. Virgil Fox

*Congregation please stand.

Thank you to the Schimmel family for hosting our fellowship time this morning. Please join us for coffee in Smith Hall immediately following the service.

The Disciples Deck Question:

Card 40: “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

The flowers today are given in loving memory of Ludmila Stadnik on the third anniversary of her passing. Deeply missed by her daughter, Maria Stadnik, and her grandchildren, Christine and Michael Stadnik. The world changes from day to day, but our memories of you will never fade.

ARE YOU VISITING OUR CHURCH TODAY?

Welcome, and thank you for worshipping with us! If you have questions about our church or wish to join us for our next new member class, please contact Anna Rogers at (203) 274-0097 or welcoming@godsacre.org.

DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

If you have a prayer request, please email Kelly Antonson at kelly@godsacre.org or Barb Clayton at barb@godsacre.org.

Our God is an Awesome God

"Say to God, "How awe-inspiring are Your works!" Psalm 66:3

Edited for choir by Rix Tillman, 2020

Written & Composed by Rich Mullins, 1988

arranged by MuseScore's Benjamin Elbe, 2016

♩ = 140

C G D Em C G

♩ = 70

Am Em C G

Soprano

Our God is an awesome God, He

Alto

Our God is an awe-some God, He

Tenor/Bass

6

D Em C G

1. Am Cm7 Em

S.

reigns from heaven a - bove, with wis - dom, power and love our God is an awe-some God! Our

A.

reigns from heaven a - bove, with wis - dom, power and love our God is an awe-some God! Our

T./B.

9

♩ = 60

Am Cm7 Em

♩ = 50

Am Cm7 Em

♩ = 40

S.

f God is an awe - some God! *ff* Our God is an awe - some God!

A.

f God is an awe - some God! *ff* Our God is an awe - some God!

T./B.

f *ff*

NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION

CELEBRATION SUNDAY ON JUNE 14

We will celebrate many important spiritual milestones in the life of our youngest church members during our 10:00am service on Celebration Sunday next week. All children will be invited to participate in the worship service, and we hope that your family will join us after church for an All-Church Picnic. We will have inflatables, Old Faithful Rides, and more! We hope to see you there to celebrate a wonderful year of faith formation and fellowship building among our youngest churchgoers.

CHAPEL SUNDAY

Today, we will offer our final Chapel service of the year for children through grade 5. We will be reviewing their Spiritual Milestones in preparation for Celebration Sunday. Grades 6 and 7 will remain in the Meeting House for communion. All children can be picked up in their classrooms following the service.

CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

The church office will be closed on Fridays from June through August. For pastoral care needs, contact (203)966-2651 x103.

FELLOWSHIP ALL-CHURCH PICNIC – NEXT SUNDAY!

Following the 10:00am worship service on June 14, join us for our All-Church Picnic hosted by the Fellowship Team! Enjoy a Southern-inspired lunch, an ice cream truck, inflatables, a bubble show, and Old Faithful rides. Invite friends, stay awhile, and gather as a church family. Sign up to bring a dish or volunteer to serve. Contact Laurel Carr at laurel@godsacre.org.

JUNE PLATE OFFERING

The May 1 - June 14 plate offering will go towards the Maasai Building Classrooms Building Hope project.

MAASAI 2026 – BUILDING CLASSROOMS BUILDING HOPE

Please help us raise \$30,000 to build two new desperately needed classrooms for our Maasai friends. Your support will help provide safe, inspiring spaces for learning, increase access for local students (especially for girls and children with disabilities), and increase enrollment. Every contribution, big or small, brings us closer to giving these children the chance for a brighter future through education. Two new classrooms will help provide much-needed space for the children in the village to get the education they need and deserve. Stop by the table in Smith Hall to learn more and participate. Please contact Beth Picard at bpicard44@gmail.com for more information.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP SMALL GROUP BBQ – JUNE 15

Guys, please join us at the Baker Barn, 88 Lukes Wood Road, on Monday, June 15, at 6:00pm. Food and beverages will be provided; the cost is \$20. Contact Steve Case at scase135@outlook.com with any questions or to volunteer. You'll have the option to sponsor a Pivot Guest when you register.

OPEN DOORS COLLECTION – TODAY!

We will be collecting donations for Open Doors Pantry this morning. The pantry is very low and would appreciate your help! Please bring nonperishable items to the church circle between 8:45am and noon. For more information, contact Susie Swindell at susieswindell66@gmail.com. Most needed are as follows:

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| Manual can openers | Vegetable oil |
| Fresh fruit and vegetables | Canned tuna or chicken |
| Spaghetti & spaghetti sauce | Sugar (2-or 4-pound bags) |
| Salad dressing & condiments | All-purpose flour |
| Canned pasta dinners | Cereal |
| Peanut butter & jelly | Pancake mix & syrup |
| Rice (2-pound bags) | Oatmeal / Cream of wheat |
| Dried beans (red or black) | Coffee and tea |
| Mac & cheese | Juice or juice boxes |
| Canned beans (red or black) | Dry or shelf-stable milk |
| Canned vegetables | Spices |
| Fruit cups or canned fruit | Reusable grocery bag |

PACIFIC HOUSE HOMELESS SHELTER – VOLUNTEERS & FOOD NEEDED

While many of us are traveling this summer, the 60 men at the Pacific House Homeless Shelter are still in need! Once a month (every third Thursday), our church provides and serves dinner at the shelter in Stamford. Volunteers are needed to both provide food items (especially a baked Ziti!) and serve a hot meal to the men residing there. Contact Andy Parkin at andyparkin7@gmail.com for details on how to help.

REQUESTING DISCERNMENT TEAM NOMINATIONS

As we begin planning a Season of Discernment to prayerfully prepare our church for future generations, we invite the congregation to recommend thoughtful, reflective, and spiritually attentive individuals who can listen for the Holy Spirit's leading. If you have specific recommendations for the Discernment Team, please email discernment@godsacre.org with a letter describing how the person embodies the characteristics listed.

SUMMER WORSHIP ON GOD'S ACRE – 9:00AM GARDEN SERVICE

From **Sunday, June 21, to Sunday, September 6**, we will have one worship service on Sunday mornings at 9:00am. We will worship in the Memorial Garden when the weather permits, and indoors when the weather is inclement. We will continue to offer our God's Acre On the Go worship podcast and livestream video each Sunday throughout the summer, so you can stay connected wherever you are and wherever you travel.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP OPEN PLAY MAHJONG

Ladies, mark your calendars for **Wednesday, June 24, from 10:00am-12:00pm** for Mahjong, fellowship, and fun in the Parlor. All players with basic Mahjong familiarity are welcome. Please bring a set if you have one. No RSVP required, just come if you are able!

YOUTH MINISTRIES SUMMER ON GOD'S ACRE SIGNUP

Although our traditional youth group programming pauses for summer break, we wanted to offer some fun opportunities for our kids to connect deeper with their faith and stay in touch with their youth group peers! These one-off events are a great way to stay connected to the church or try the youth group for the first time before programming resumes in the fall. All events are for youth in grades K-8, with high school advisors welcome to help lead. For our Mystic Day Trip, we are asking for a \$50 suggested contribution. All other events are free. Signups can be done through the QR code. For more information, email Greer Lyle at greer@godsacre.org.

June 28, Tacos and Movie Night, 5:00-7:00pm, Smith Hall

July 14-16, Bible Builders, 4:00-6:00pm, Smith Hall

July 19, Summer Water Fun, 10:00am-1:00pm, Church Grounds

July 20-22, Fishing for Faith, 4:00-6:00pm, Mill Pond

July 26, Calf Pasture Beach & Mini Golf, 10:00am-2:00pm,
Half-Day Trip

August 23, Mystic Day Trip, 10:00am-8:00pm, Full Day Trip,
\$50 suggested contribution



PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP:

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Chapin Garner

Senior Minister

Marianna Kilbride

Director of Spiritual Formation

Nerva Altino

Director of Music Ministries

USHERS

Lesley Cousley, Hal Holappa,

Mike Rodgers

DEACON OF THE MONTH

David Haddad

We are a welcoming, inclusive, and compassionate church community where difference and diversity are valued. We gather to promote the love and knowledge of the God revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, Redeemer and Friend, and welcome all to participate in the life of our church regardless of race, color, religion, gender, gender expression, age, national origin, ability, marital status, or sexual orientation.

We invite you to make an offering today.

