

WORSHIP SERVICE  
JULY 5, 2026, 9:00AM  
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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PRELUDE

Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Wesley

WORDS OF WELCOME AND COMMUNITY LIFE

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

Leader: God be with you.

**People: And also with you.** (Let us pray.)

Leader: God of our parents, and our God:

**People: we come to this place to worship and praise You.**

Leader: We come because of a deep longing and aching for  
Your presence in our lives.

**People: We come as we are;**

Leader: with joys and sorrows,

**People: with successes and failures,**

Leader: wanting to know You and be known by You,

**People: wanting to bridge the distance that we have  
allowed to grow between us.**

Leader: O Lord, draw close to us now.

**People: Draw closer to us than our own breathing.**

Leader: Look upon our brokenness—

**People: and make us whole.**

Leader: See into the darkness of our lives—

**People: and make us light.**

Leader: Hear the silent confessions of our hearts—

**People: and extend to us Your forgiveness...**

*(Silence)*

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.

**All: Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Everyone in Christ becomes a new creation!

**People: The old has passed away, everything has become new!**

Leader: Siblings in Christ, believe in the good news: through 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**

\*HYMN (*page 6*)

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Walter C. Smith

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Who are we rooting for?"

Kelly Antonson

SERMON RESPONSE

I Come with Joy

Brian Wren

SERVICE OF COMMUNION  
SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC  
Within the Maddening Maze of Things      John G. Whittier

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
As a congregation, we pray together – through word, silence, and  
The Lord's Prayer (sins)

\*HYMN (*page 7*)  
O Beautiful for Spacious Skies      Katharine Bates/Samuel Ward

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE  
Battle Hymn of the Republic      Julia W. Howe

\*Congregation please stand.

The flowers today are given by Gail Stewart and family in loving  
memory of her sister-in-law, Pat Stewart.

The Disciples Deck Question:  
Card 44: "But to what will I compare this generation?"

Thank you to the Simpson family for hosting this morning's  
summer fellowship. Please join us for refreshments after the  
service on the front walk, or in Smith Hall if weather requires.

COLLECTION OF OFFERING  
Please place your tithes and offerings in the plates provided  
as you enter or leave this morning.

### 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](mailto:welcoming@godsacre.org).

### DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

If you have a prayer request, please email Kelly Antonson at [kelly@godsacre.org](mailto:kelly@godsacre.org) or Barb Clayton at [barb@godsacre.org](mailto:barb@godsacre.org).

### **NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION**

#### 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.

#### JULY PLATE OFFERING

The July plate offering will go to the Partnership to End Human Trafficking (PEHT). PEHT provides survivors of trafficking with a pathway toward healing and independence through community outreach, residential recovery, and economic empowerment. To learn more, contact Beth Picard at [bpicard44@gmail.com](mailto:bpicard44@gmail.com).

#### NURSERY CHILDCARE

Throughout the summer, we will provide weekly nursery care during the 9:00am service for children through age 3.

#### ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Please pardon our appearance as our Building & Grounds Committee oversees a roof replacement project beginning on July 1. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

#### SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL OFFERINGS

There is no church school today. There are activity bags available for older children as you enter the garden. Combined summer church school class will resume next Sunday.

### 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 **Wednesdays in July, 10:00am-12:00pm** for Mahjong, fellowship, and fun in the Parlor. All players with basic familiarity with Mahjong are welcome. Please bring a set if you have one. No RSVP is required, but feel free to respond to the weekly email if you plan to attend.

### 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](mailto:greer@godsacre.org).

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

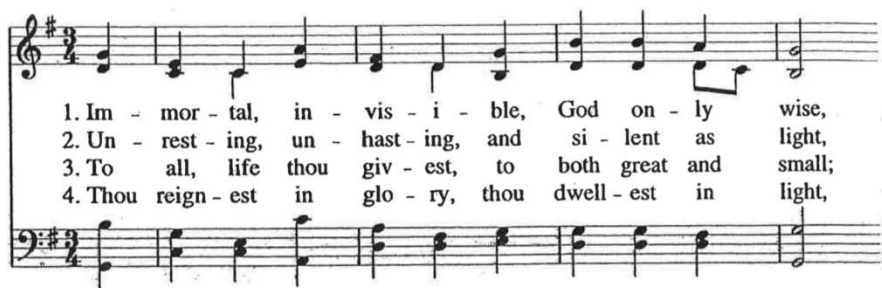
July 26, Calf Pasture Beach & Mini Golf, 10:00am-2:00pm (half-day trip)

August 23, Mystic Day Trip, 10:00am-8:00pm, Full Day Trip,

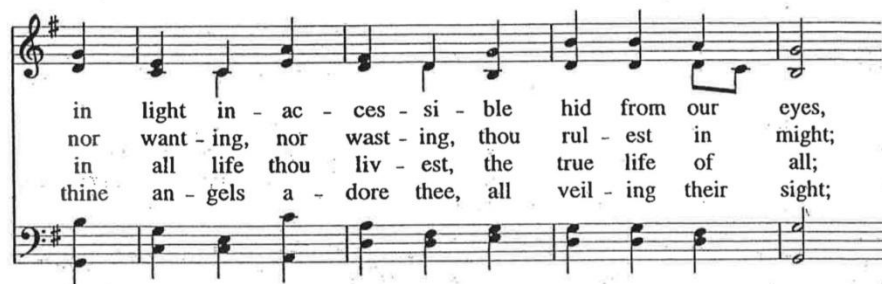
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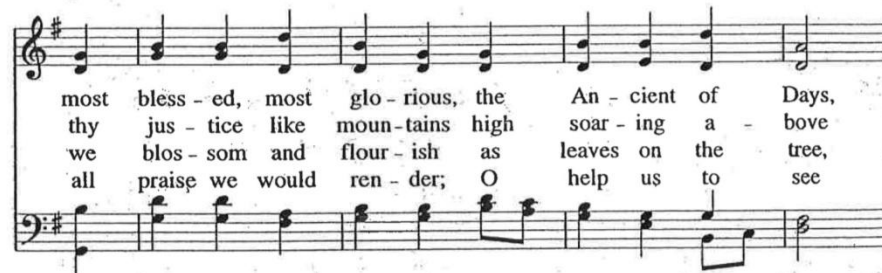
## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



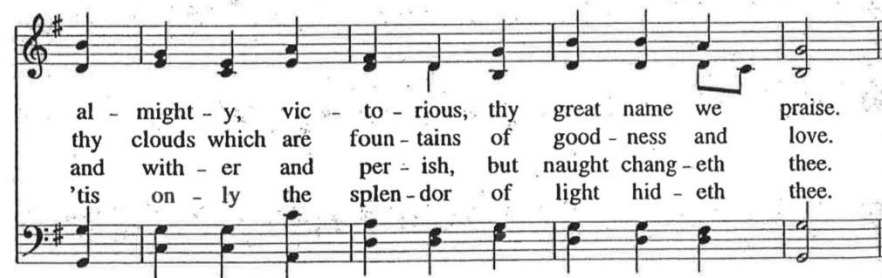
1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3. To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou dwell - est in light,



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,  
 all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



al - migh - ty, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

## O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

1. O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,  
 2. O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, whose stern, im - pas - sioned stress  
 3. O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,  
 4. O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!  
 a thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat a - cross the wil - der - ness!  
 who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life!  
 thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed all grace on thee,  
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,  
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,  
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed all grace on thee,

and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.  
 con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.  
 till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - ery gain di - vine.  
 and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP:

Kelly Antonson

*Associate Minister of Children, Youth  
& Families*

Robenson Altino

*Guest Pianist*

Lily Mikita, soprano

*Soloist*

Leigh Engen

*AV Tech Leader*

DEACON

Hoyt Davidson

USHERS

Hal Holappa & Peter Wilson

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.

