



**June 30, 2024**

**6th Sunday after Pentecost  
Service of Holy Communion**

A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.

Today, as the people of Grace, Zion and St. Andrew Churches gather together as one to worship, we celebrate a foretaste of the feast to come when we will be joined as one congregation this fall. Immediately after our worship service is over, we will remain in the nave to discuss and choose the name of our new congregation. After we hear the results of our voting, we will share in a festive Social Hour/Ice Cream Social in the Hall. How good it is to gather together in joy and expectation!

Our gratitude to the Rev. Steven Wilco, Associate to the Bishop of the New England Synod, ELCA, who is with us today to preach and to conduct our “naming” meeting. Pastor Wilco has been with our congregations from the beginning of the process leading to this significant day, and will continue to walk with us toward the day we become one.

### **+GATHERING+**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.*

## **WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**    *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*                                  arr. T. Shaw

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

The assembly stands. *All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,  
**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.  
 We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
 of the world in which we live.  
 We turn to our own understanding  
 rather than trusting in you.  
 We take offense at your teachings and your ways.  
 Turn us again to you.  
 Where else can we turn?  
 Share with us the words of eternal life  
 and feed us for life in the world.  
 Amen.**

Beloved people of God:  
 in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
 you are fed and nourished.  
 By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
 there is always more than enough.  
 Through Jesus, † the bread of life,  
 you are shown God's mercy:  
 you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN You Are Holy**

**ELW 525**

You are holy, you are whole.  
 You are always ever more  
 than we ever understand.  
 You are always at hand.  
 Blessed are you coming near.  
 Blessed are you coming here  
 to your church in wine and bread,  
 raised from soil, raised from dead.

You are holy,  
 you are wholeness,  
 you are present.  
 Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!  
 Sing hosanna in the highest!  
 Sing hosanna!  
 Sing hosanna to our God!

## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY.**

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

## **+WORD+**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

## **CHILDRENS MESSAGE**

### **FIRST READING**

### **Lamentations 3:22-33**

*The book of Lamentations is one of our most important sources of information about the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 587 BCE. Though the people admit that God's judgment was just, today's reading declares a fervent trust that God will not leave them forever.*

A reading from Lamentations.

<sup>22</sup>The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;

<sup>23</sup>they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.

<sup>24</sup>"The LORD is my portion," says my soul,  
"therefore I will hope in him."

<sup>25</sup>The LORD is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul that seeks him.

<sup>26</sup>It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup>It is good for one to bear  
the yoke in youth,

<sup>28</sup>to sit alone in silence  
when the Lord has imposed it,

<sup>29</sup>to put one's mouth to the dust  
(there may yet be hope),

<sup>30</sup>to give one's cheek to the smiter,  
and be filled with insults.

<sup>31</sup>For the Lord will not  
reject forever.

<sup>32</sup>Although he causes grief, he will have compassion  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;

<sup>33</sup>for he does not willingly afflict  
or grieve anyone.

The word of the Lord.      **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM          Psalm 30    (Read responsively by verse)**

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD my God, I cried out to you,  
and you restored me to health.**

<sup>3</sup>You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

<sup>4</sup>**Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;  
give thanks in holy remembrance.**

<sup>5</sup>God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.  
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

<sup>6</sup>**While I felt secure, I said,  
"I shall never be disturbed.**

<sup>7</sup>You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."  
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

<sup>8</sup>**I cried to you, O LORD;  
I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**

<sup>9</sup>"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

<sup>10</sup>**Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;  
O LORD, be my helper."**

<sup>11</sup>You have turned my wailing into dancing;  
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

<sup>12</sup>**Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;  
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

## **SECOND READING      2 Corinthians 8:7-15**

*Paul encourages the Corinthians to honor their commitment to participate in the collection his churches are organizing for the Christians in Jerusalem. He presents Jesus as an example of selfless stewardship and reminds them that Christians have received abundantly so that they can share abundantly.*

A reading from Second Corinthians.

<sup>7</sup>Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

<sup>8</sup>I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup>For you know the generous

act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. <sup>10</sup>And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—<sup>11</sup>now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. <sup>12</sup>For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. <sup>13</sup>I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between <sup>14</sup>your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. <sup>15</sup>As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,  
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**ELW 175**

*We all sing*

The image shows a musical score for the Gospel Acclamation 'Al-le-lu-ia'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line is written in a soprano clef (treble clef) and the piano accompaniment is written in a bass clef. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The tempo and style are not explicitly marked, but the music is simple and homophonic. The lyrics 'Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.' are written below the vocal line. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line.



Our Savior Jesus Christ has abolished death\* and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. *Repeat Alleluia.*

## **GOSPEL**                      **Mark 5:21-43**

*Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage was considered ritually unclean and treated as an outcast. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.*

The holy gospel according to Mark

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. <sup>22</sup>Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup>and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” <sup>24</sup>So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup>Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup>She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup>She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup>for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” <sup>29</sup>Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup>Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” <sup>31</sup>And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’ ” <sup>32</sup>He looked all around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup>But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and



told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup>He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

<sup>35</sup>While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" <sup>36</sup>But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." <sup>37</sup>He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. <sup>38</sup>When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup>When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." <sup>40</sup>And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup>He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" <sup>42</sup>And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. <sup>43</sup>He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY **The Church of Christ, in Every Age** ELW 729

- 1 The church of Christ, in ev'ry age  
beset by change, but Spirit-led,  
must claim and test its heritage  
and keep on rising from the dead.
- 2 Across the world, across the street,  
the victims of injustice cry  
for shelter and for bread to eat,  
and never live before they die.

- 3 Then let the servant church arise,  
a caring church that longs to be  
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,  
and clothed in Christ's humanity.
- 4 For he alone, whose blood was shed,  
can cure the fever in our blood,  
and teach us how to share our bread  
and feed the starving multitude.
- 5 We have no mission but to serve  
in full obedience to our Lord;  
to care for all, without reserve,  
and spread his liberating word.

## **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**

**A** One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

**A** God of abundance, you fill your church with a multitude of gifts. Sustain those among us who feel they are not valued. Open our hearts to the wondrous breadth of all who call upon your name.

In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**A** God of creation, your goodness abounds. Multiply the fruits of the earth and rescue it from our wastefulness.

In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**A** God of justice, you reign in steadfast love. Bring peace between nations ravaged by war or strife and illumine paths of justice and freedom for those who lead them.

In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**A** God of compassion, your touch brings healing and your word revives us for life. Hear our prayers for, especially Freda, Lori, Nancy, Charlie, Susan, Patricia, Nancy, Lee, Denise, Larry, Patti, Bob, Joan, Ann, Pamela, Bill, Donna, Marge, Callum, Paul, Charles, Steven, Tracey, Johanna, Carole, John, Todd, Anna, Roy, and those we name before you, on our lips or in the silence of our hearts.

(Pause for silence)

Hear our prayers for all who are in need, and for doctors, nurses, and health care workers who provide care. Turn wailing into dancing and weeping into joy.

In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**A** God of community, you gather us at your table of plenty. Where there is hunger among us, open our hands. Where we are indifferent to the needs of others, open our hearts.

In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**A** Guide and nurture the people and friends of Grace, Zion and St. Andrew Churches as we choose a name for our new congregation today, and as we continue charting and discovering pathways of joining together in proclaiming your Good News and building a servant community of healing, hope and new life. Open our hearts and minds to visions of your church for a new day.

In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**A** God of the ages, great is your faithfulness. We remember in thanksgiving our beloved dead who with all the saints sing without ceasing in your realm of glory.

In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**A** Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **SHARE THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**+MEAL+**

*God feeds us in the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**OFFERING** *An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

**CHOIR ANTHEM** *Washed Anew* Words and music by T. Keesecker

Refrain: Washed anew with life-giving water,  
bathed and cleansed, Kyrie eleison!

Thirsting for knowledge, thirsting for truth, Jesus, you have set us free.  
Like gentle rainfall, like morning dew, clear and clean our hearts will be.  
Refrain.

Cast off all weakness, cast off all sin, with his death we've been reborn.  
A mighty ocean, a quiet stream, rising, greet a glorious morn. Refrain.

Come sing God's praises, come to the feast, Christ is risen from the grave,  
A flooding river, a raging, sea, trembling, stand among the saved. Refrain.

## OFFERTORY HYMN God Extends An Invitation ELW 486

### God Extends an Invitation *Nuestro Padre nos invita*



*Nues-tro Pa - dre nos in - vi - ta a la me - sa de la*  
God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -



*vi - da, don - de hay vi - no, luz y pan; y no -*  
a - tion, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we



*so - tros nos reu - ni - mos, y lo nues - tro com - par - ti - mos, pues a -*  
gath - er in thanks - giv - ing and we of - fer all our liv - ing. Here the



*síes la co - mu - nión; pues a - síes la co - mu - nión.*  
feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

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## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray:

Jesus, Bread of life,  
you have set this table with your very self,  
and called us to the feast of plenty.

Gather what has been sown among us,  
and strengthen us in this meal.

Make us to be what we receive here,  
your body for the life of the world.

**Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

### **DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
 Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;  
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

*Sabaoth* (SAH-bay-oth) is Hebrew for "heavenly hosts."  
*Hosanna* is a Hebrew word of praise meaning "save us now."

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

Holy God,  
 you alone are holy,  
 you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:  
 beyond the stars;  
 beneath the sea;  
 within each cell;  
 with every breath.

**We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness:



through the water;  
by night and day;  
across the wilderness;  
out of exile;  
into the future.

**We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son:  
at the heart of human life;  
near to those who suffer;  
beside the sinner;  
among the poor;  
with us now.

**We thank you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread,  
and gave thanks; broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples,  
saying: Take and eat;  
this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,  
he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink,  
saying: This cup  
is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us  
on the way,

at the table,  
and to the end,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
in our gathering;  
within this meal;  
among your people;  
throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks  
to you, holy God,  
through Christ Jesus,  
by your Spirit,  
in your church,  
without end.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

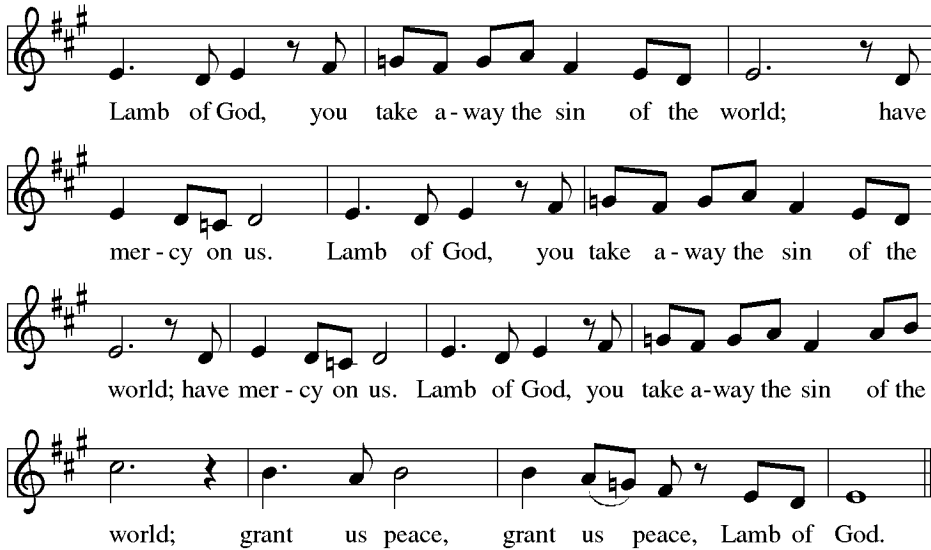
## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*You are invited to come forward down the center aisle to the altar railing receive the Meal today. Please fill in along the railing from the pulpit to lectern sides. You may either stand or kneel to receive the Meal. The Meal will be served continuously. After you have received the Meal and after a quiet prayer of thanksgiving you may return to your seats via the side aisles. Gluten free wafers are available as an alternative. Please ask. White grape juice, in the center ring of each serving tray, is available as an alternative to the wine. Praise God for the life giving presence of the crucified-risen Christ in the bread and wine of this holy meal!*

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.  
Come! The feast is ready!

## **COMMUNION**

## COMMUNION HYMN *Lamb of God* ELW p. 191



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

(Please remain seated)

### **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen**

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray:

Jesus, Bread of life,

we have received from your table  
more than we could ever ask.

As you have nourished us in this meal,

now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.

In your name we pray.

**Amen.**

**+SENDING+**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****BLESSING**

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN We All Are One in Mission ELW 576**

- 1 We all are one in mission;  
we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united  
by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single great commission  
compels us from above  
to plan and work together  
that all may know Christ's love.
- 2 We all are called for service,  
to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are diff'rent;  
our purpose is the same:  
to touch the lives of others  
with God's surprising grace,  
so ev'ry folk and nation  
may feel God's warm embrace.
- 3 Now let us be united,  
and let our song be heard.

Now let us be a vessel  
for God's redeeming Word.  
We all are one in mission;  
we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united  
by Christ, the Lord of all.

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. You are the body of Christ!  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

### **WORSHIP LEADERS for Sunday, June 30, 2024**

**Presiding Minister:** Pastor Les Swenson

**Musician:** Gwynne Hopko, Deacon, Minister of Music

**Guest Preacher:** Rev. Steven Wilco

**Assistant Minister:** Keith Clark

**Assisting With Communion:** Pastor Ed Duffy

**Lectors:** Sandy Mike, Linda Klopp

**Tech Team:** Abigail Griffin, Ken Griffin, Connor Pratt

**Ushers:** Keith Hintz, Amanda Hintz, Michael Beaudoin

**Altar Guild:** Denise Martin

### **SPECIAL GIFT – Given to the Glory of God**

Given By Ken and Barbara Soden in thankfulness on their 59<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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### **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

#### **Wednesday, July 3, 2024**

6:30 p.m. Summer Bells

#### **Thursday, July 4, 2024**

7:00 p.m. AA (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 p.m. Al Anon (Youth Room)

#### **Sunday, July 7 2024;** 7th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary, You Tube, Facebook)

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Please note the change to the office hours for the following weeks due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and vacation.

Week of July 1<sup>st</sup> – Office hours will be Monday – Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Week of July 8<sup>th</sup> - Office hours will be Monday – Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Week of July 15<sup>th</sup> – Office hours will be Wednesday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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