



Havenwood Church

Presbyterian Church (USA)

June 7, 2026



Jesus Calms the Storm, Paul Oman

The Service of the Lord's Day

Order of Worship

**Please stand if you are able.
Congregation to recite bolded passages.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judy Binkley

PRELUDE

Valerie Adelung

CALL TO WORSHIP

Geoffrey Miller

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

Our hearts are glad, for we come to praise the Lord with joyful songs!

For the word of the Lord is upright, and all God's work is done in faithfulness.

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all their host by the breath of God's mouth.

The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe!

Come, let us worship God.

*HYMN # 610

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Geoffrey Miller

The counsel of the Lord stands forever, and the thoughts of God's heart endure to all generations. God looks down from heaven and beholds all of humanity, seeing our hearts with complete clarity. Knowing that we cannot hide from our Creator, but trusting that God's character is defined by steadfast love, let us come honestly before God to confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Geoffrey Miller

Righteous God, we confess that we often place our trust in our own plans rather than Your eternal counsel. We look to our own strength, our own wealth, or the "kings and armies" of this world for our security, forgetting that real deliverance comes from You alone. We fail to notice the fullness of Your steadfast love blanketing the earth because we are consumed by our own anxieties. Forgive us for our shallow praises and our divided hearts. Reshape us by Your spoken Word, and teach us what it means to be a people whose God is the Lord. Amen.

(Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Rev. Meheret Caruthers

Hear the Good News of God's grace: The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord! God does not look upon us to condemn us, but to deliver our souls and keep us alive in times of famine. In Jesus Christ, the Living Word, the counsel of God's heart is made known as pure mercy.

Hear and believe the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, lifted, and made new!

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*CELEBRATION OF FORGIVENESS # 582

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
Amen.*

*World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
Amen.*

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The Rev. Meheret Caruthers

May the Peace of Christ be with you.
and also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Geoffrey Miller

Living God, by Your word the heavens were formed, and by Your breath, life is sustained. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, speak to us now. Let Your words settle deeply into our hearts, cutting through the noise of our lives, so that we may hear Your voice, trust Your truth, and live out Your righteousness in the world. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 33:1-12

Geoffrey Miller

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

Praise befits the upright.

Praise the Lord with the lyre;

make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.

Sing to him a new song;

play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

For the word of the Lord is upright,

and all his work is done in faithfulness.

He loves righteousness and justice;

the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made

and all their host by the breath of his mouth.

He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle;

he put the deeps in storehouses.

Let all the earth fear the Lord;

let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him,

for he spoke, and it came to be;

he commanded, and it stood firm.

The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;
he frustrates the plans of the peoples.
The counsel of the Lord stands forever,
the thoughts of his heart to all generations.
Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC “Praise Ye the Name of the Lord” by A. Lvov Chancel Choir

*Praise ye the Name of the Lord, all ye servants,
O praise His holy Name. Alleluia.
Bless'd be the Lord out of Zion
Who dwelleth in Jerusalmen. Alleluia.
O give thanks unto the Lord. He is gracious:
His mercy endureth forever. Alleluia.*

SCRIPTURE Mark 4:35-41 The Rev. Meheret Caruthers

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion, and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” And waking up, he rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Be silent! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Calm in the Chaos:
Trusting the Master of the Sea

The Rev. Meheret Caruthers

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

The Rev. Meheret Caruthers

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontious Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;**

**he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen**

*HYMN # 515

“I Come with Joy”

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Meheret Caruthers

Friends, the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord. By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of God's mouth, life is sustained. That same spoken Word became flesh and dwelt among us in Jesus Christ, who invites all who hunger and thirst for righteousness to come and be fed.

This is not the table of this church; it is the table of our Lord. It has been prepared for those who love God much and for those who wish to love God more. Come, for you are God's own heritage, and our hearts are glad to gather in this presence.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Rev. Meheret Caruthers

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, our greatest joy, and our bounden duty to give You thanks and praise at all times and in all places, O Lord our God. You spoke into the void, and creation sprang forth. You gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle; You stored up the deeps in storehouses. The earth stands firm by Your command, and it remains completely full of Your steadfast love

When we turned from Your eternal counsel and chased after our own fleeting plans, You did not abandon us. You looked down from heaven and beheld all the inhabitants of the world. In the fullness of time, You sent Jesus Christ, Your Living Word, to embody Your righteousness and justice. He healed the broken, fed the hungry, and broke down the walls that divide us, showing us that our true deliverance belongs to You alone.

Therefore, with the whole creation, with the saints of every time and place, and with all those whose God is the Lord, we lift our voices in a hymn of unending praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Your Son, Jesus Christ. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, he took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "*Take, eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.*"

So also, after supper, he took the cup, saying: "*This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.*"

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine. By Your breath, make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, so that we may be nourished to do Your work of justice in the world. Keep our souls alive in times of famine, anchor our hope in Your steadfast love, and bind us together as Your chosen heritage until that day when we feast with You at Your heavenly table.

And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray together the prayer that Christ taught us:

**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.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Rev. Meheret Caruthers

God of steadfast love, You have fed us at this table with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Our hearts are glad because we trust in Your holy name. Now, send us out into the world by the power of Your spoken Word. Strengthen us to stand in awe of Your creation, to seek Your righteousness and justice, and to live as a people who belong completely to You. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Geoffrey Miller

The earth is completely full of the daily, breathtaking goodness of God. Truly, happy are those whose God is the Lord, the people whom God has chosen as a heritage. In response to being claimed, loved, and provided for by our Creator, let us gratefully offer our tithes, gifts, and lives to God's service. Let us gather our tithes and offerings.

During this time of offering, we can share our financial gifts by placing them in the offering plates as you leave, or giving online.

OFFERTORY

Valerie Adelung

*DOXOLOGY # 606

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

*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

Geoffrey Miller

Generous God, You spoke and the world came to be; You commanded and it stood firm. Receive these gifts we bring today as symbols of our trust in Your providential care. Use them to bring about Your justice on the earth, to comfort those who are weary, and to build up a community that lives in awe of Your love. We dedicate ourselves anew to be Your heritage in this place. Amen.

*HYMN # 340

“This Is My Father’s World”

*BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

Valerie Adelung

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you to our liturgist: Geoffrey Miller

Thank you to our ushers: Betty Crovo, Judi Forrester

Thank you to our guest preacher: The Rev. Meheret Caruthers

We are blessed to welcome Pastor Meheret Caruthers to our pulpit today. Born and raised in western Ethiopia, Pastor Meheret entered seminary right after high school, later earning an advanced degree in Bergen, Norway. She is fluent in multiple languages and has dedicated her entire adult life to sharing the Word of God across the globe.

Pastor Meheret brings a deep wealth of ministry experience to us today. She currently serves as a Chaplain at the Lutheran Village at Miller's Grant in Ellicott City, MD, and has served for many years as a Chaplain at Baltimore's University of Maryland Medical Center, Shock Trauma Center. Her pastoral journey also includes leading congregations as the primary Pastor at Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church in Essex, and serving at St. John Lutheran Church in Linthicum and Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Baltimore.

Please join us in giving a warm welcome to Pastor Meheret as she shares her unique global perspective and inspires us with God's message today!

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O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.; Spanish trans. Federico J. Pagura;
 Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee, 2001

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MUSIC: Carl Gottlieb Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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I Come with Joy

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Capo 3: (D)

(G)

(A)

(D)

(Bm)

F

B \flat

C

F

Dm



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has

(Asus)

(Am)

(G)

(F \sharp m)

(D)

Csus

Cm

B \flat

Am

F



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

(Em)

(D/F \sharp)

(G)

(A)

(Am7)

(D)

Gm

F/A

B \flat

C

Cm7

F



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we." The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it here.

This Is My Father's World 370

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis - tening ears all
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world. O, let me ne'er for - get that

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa-ther's world. The bat - tle is not done: Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the won - ders wrought.
 sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heaven be one.

When pastor of a Presbyterian church in Lockport, New York, the author of this text referred to his morning walks as "going out to see my Father's world." The tune created for these words is based on an English melody the composer learned from his mother when he was a boy.