



Havenwood Church

Presbyterian Church (USA)

July 12, 2026



The Service of the Lord's Day

Order of Worship

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

WEEK 3: WHEN THE WATERS RECEDE

PRELUDE

“In the River” by Jesus Culture

Valerie Adelong
& Morgan Gonce

WELCOME

John Snead

CALL TO WORSHIP *from Deuteronomy 32*

Donna Marshall

Moses said, “Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak

Let the earth hear the words of my mouth

May my teaching drop like rain, gentle on the grass

May my speech condense like the dew, like showers on new growth

I will proclaim the name of the Lord, ascribe greatness to our God”

Come, let us worship God.

*HYMN

“Living Waters” by Kristyn Getty and Ed Cash
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INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Donna Marshall

God's healing is as strong as God's waters. As we continue to notice the gift of God's mercy, let us take this moment to confess our sin and heal together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Donna Marshall

Almighty and merciful God, we admit that sometimes we lose You in the murkiness of river waters and uncertain times. The rockiness of time can make it hard for us to catch our breath, failing to reach the surface of Your blessing. We struggle to notice the life that surrounds and supports our own. This week, help us to remember and recognize the calm You provide amidst the rush of our everyday routine. Let us make room to heal our bodies, preparing for our next venture into uncertainty and providing the strength to spread the message of Your love. Allow us forgiveness so that we may share the serenity Your waters provide with those in our communities and beyond.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John Snead

People of God, remember the inevitability of God's forgiveness. Let God's healing flood Your body and help remind You of God's continual presence. Celebrate God's mercifulness as You remember the renewal God's pardon provides.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE TO GRACE "I've Got Peace Like a River"
(verse 3)

*I've got faith like an ocean,
I've got faith like an ocean,
I've got faith like an ocean in my soul.
I've got faith like an ocean,
I've got faith like an ocean,
I've got faith like an ocean in my soul.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

John Snead

The Peace of Christ be with you.
and also with you!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Donna Marshall

Holy One, we come thirsty for Your Word. Lead us to the water of life, refresh us with Your grace, and open our hearts to receive what You are speaking today.
Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE

“Let All Who Are Thirsty Come”

2. Let All Who Are Thirsty, Come

Let all who are thirst-y, come. Let all who wish, re-ceive the

wa-ter of life free-ly. A-men, come, Lord

Je-sus. A-men, come, Lord Je-sus.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 8:6-12

Donna Marshall

At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven, and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground, but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark, and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days and sent out the dove, and it did not return to him any more.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

WONDERING

John Snead

WATER ADVENTURE

Donna Marshall

CONGREGATIONAL PROJECT

John Snead

This week, you received a branch with your bulletin. In a moment, you will come forward and add your branch to a part of the river in which you see burgeoning life. Each branch reminds us of the beginning, a small sign that life is coming. As you add your branch to the river, silently name one small sign of hope you have seen lately. It may not be the whole answer. It may not mean everything is healed. But it may be a sign that God is already at work.

If coming forward is difficult or you would rather stay seated, that is completely fine. Just hold up your branch, and someone will collect it and add it to the river for you. Together, these pieces remind us that even through the doubt, we remain steadfast in our belief in God's waters.

*HYMN

“The River” by Brian Doerksen
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WHERE THE RIVER LEADS The Colorado River

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Donna Marshall

God of mercy, You remembered Noah and all who were with him in the ark. You did not abandon Your creation to the waters. You brought wind over the earth, called the waters back, and gave a small branch as a sign that life was beginning again. Teach us to trust Your faithfulness, even when we cannot yet see dry ground.

God of mercy, help us watch for signs of hope.

We pray for all who are waiting for the waters to recede. For those living through grief, illness, uncertainty, or fear. For those who have survived the storm but do not yet know what comes next. Give them strength for this day, companions for the journey, and signs of Your presence along the way.

God of mercy, help us watch for signs of hope.

We pray for Your creation. For rivers and oceans, forests and fields, creatures and communities whose lives depend on clean water and healthy land. We pray for places where waters are rising, places where waters are disappearing, and places where the earth has been harmed by greed or neglect. Renew the face of the earth, and make us faithful caretakers of what You have made.

God of mercy, help us watch for signs of hope.

We pray for communities recovering from disaster, violence, or loss. For those rebuilding homes, restoring trust, seeking justice, or beginning again after destruction. Where people feel forgotten, remember them with mercy. Where the way forward is hidden, open a window toward hope.

God of mercy, help us watch for signs of hope.

We pray for the church. Give us patience in seasons of waiting and courage when signs of new life appear. Keep us from despair when healing is slow. Keep us from rushing ahead before the ground is ready. Make us people who notice small mercies, cherish them, and help them grow.

God of mercy, help us watch for signs of hope.

We pray for those who are sick, grieving, recovering, or weary. For those awaiting test results, carrying heavy responsibilities, facing hard decisions, or longing for peace. Hold them close in Your care, and let Your love be near through the kindness of neighbors, friends, and this community.

God of mercy, help us watch for signs of hope.

We pray all of this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is with us in the storm, with us in the waiting, with us as new life begins, and who taught us to pray, saying...

**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.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

John Snead

God has given us signs of mercy and new life. In gratitude, we return a portion of what we have received, trusting that God will use these gifts for the healing of creation and the good of our neighbors. Let us offer our gifts to God.

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

“Mighty River” by Sarah Pemberton

Valerie Adelung
& Morgan Gonce

*DOXOLOGY # 710

“We Lift Our Voices”

*We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands;
Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering; we are an offering.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

John Snead

Gracious God, all that we have comes from You. Receive these gifts, and bless them for Your work in the world. Use them to bring hope where there is despair, healing where there is hurt, and life where creation longs to be renewed. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

*HYMN

“The River is Here” by Andy Park

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*SENDING CHALLENGE AND BENEDICTION

John Snead

One thing to notice, do, or pray about during the week

POSTLUDE

“The River is Here” (Reprise)

Valerie Adelung
& Morgan Gonce

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you to our liturgists: Donna Marshall, John Snead

Thank you to our ushers: Dave Binkley, Betty Crovo

Thank you to our musical guest: Morgan Gonce

Morgan Gonce is a 19-year-old award-winning guitarist, producer, and singer-songwriter from Baltimore, Maryland. Her playing spans R&B, funk, folk, pop, rock, alternative, and indie, infused with a distinct emotional depth and soulful touch that she brings to every performance and collaboration. Currently in her fourth semester at Berklee College of Music as a Presidential Scholarship recipient, Morgan is pursuing a dual major in Independent Recording & Production and Guitar Performance. Following her studies, Morgan’s future goals are to continue her career as a touring/studio guitarist and multi-genre producer, while also developing her own work as an artist.

Sanctuary artwork created by Grace McDowell and Julia Wells of the Creative Crafters club.

SUMMER SERIES

Over five weeks, we will build a river together in the sanctuary. Each week, you will receive a small piece to add to the river during worship. These pieces will help us tell the story of water in scripture: water as gift, water in dry places, water as hope, water as grace, and living water shared with the world.

If you would rather remain seated during the congregational project, simply hold up your piece and an usher, elder, deacon, or child will collect it and add it to the river for you.

“Living Waters” by Kristyn Getty and Ed Cash

INTRO

VERSE

♩=84

C5 Cmaj7 C5 Cmaj7 C5 C5/D

1. Are you thirst - y? Are you emp - ty?
2. Christ is call - ing, find re - fresh - ing
3. Spir it mov - ing, mer - cy wash - ing;
4. Are you thirst - y? Are you emp - ty?

5 C5/F C5/G C5 Cmaj7 C5 C5/D

Come and drink these liv - ing wat - ers. Tired and bro - ken, peace un - spo - ken,
 at the cross of liv - ing wat - ers. Lay your life down, all the old gone,
 Heal - ing in these liv - ing wat - ers. Lead your chil - dren to the shore - line,
 Come and drink these liv - ing wat - ers. Love, for - give - ness, vast and bound - less,

9 C5/F C5/G C5 Cmaj7 C5 C5

1 2,3,4

rest be - side these liv - ing wat - ers. wat - ers. There's a
 rise up in these liv - ing wat - ers.
 life is in these liv - ing wat - ers.
 Christ, He is our liv - ing

CHORUS

Am F C Am F Gsus G

riv - er that flows with mer - cy and love, bring - ing joy to the cit - y of our God; There our

21 C5 Cmaj7 Dm7 G C5 F/A G/B

praise the Lord of liv - ing wat - ers.

Ooh.

"The River" by Brian Doerksen

VERSE 1 & 2

$\text{♩} = 66$

F B \flat F

1. To the riv - er I am go - ing, bring - ing sins I can - not bear;
 (2. In these) wa - ters, heal - ing mer - cy flows with free - dom from de - spair;

4 C F B \flat F C

Come and cleanse me, come, for-give me; Lord, I need to meet You there.
 I am go - ing to that riv - er; Lord, I need to meet You there.

CHORUS

1,3 | 2,4

8 F (2nd x to V2) F F B \flat

(2. In these) 2. In these Pre-cious Je - sus, I am read - y to sur-

13 F C/E C F B \flat

-ren - der ev - 'ry care; Take my hand now, lead me clos - er; Lord, I

VERSE 3

17 F C F 1 2 F

3rd time to Coda ♩ D.C.

need to meet You there. 1. To the 3. Come and join us in the

22 B \flat F C F B \flat

riv - er; Come find life be - yond com - pare; He is call - ing, He is wait - ing; Je - sus

27 F C F B \flat

longs to meet you there; He is call - ing, He is wait - ing. Je - sus

31 F C F F F B \flat

D.S. al Coda ♩ Coda

ENDING

longs to meet you there. Pre-cious Take my hand now, lead me clos - er; Lord, I

OUTRO

36 F C F

need to meet You there.

“The River is Here” by Andy Park

1. Down the moun - tain the riv - er flows and it

3 brings re - fresh - ing where - ev - er it goes. Through the val - leys and

6 ov - er the fields the riv - er is rush - ing and the riv - er is here The

9 riv - er of God sets our feet a - danc - ing, The riv - er of God fills our

12 hearts with cheer. The riv - er of God fills our mouths with laugh - ter, and

15 we re - joice for the riv - er is here. 2. The

17 1. VERSE 2
riv - er of God is teem - ing with life and all who touch it can

20 be re - vived. and those who lin - ger on this riv - er's shore will

23 come back thirst - ing for more of the Lord. The

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