

**Online Bulletin, Sunday, June 28, 2026**  
**We Gather as the People of God**

‡Prelude

*Exultation*

Ingram

‡Greeting, Announcements, and Invitation to Discipleship

Introit No. **466**

*Come and Fill Our Hearts*

CONFITEMINI DOMINO

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace,  
You alone, O Lord are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Alleluia (2x)**

\*‡Call to Worship

Leader: We gather in the presence of the God who is rich in mercy.

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: When we cannot see a way forward,

**People: God's mercy makes a way.**

Leader: When fear and despair threaten to overtake us,

**People: God's mercy renews our hope.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the One whose grace is stronger than death.

**All: Let us worship God together!**

\*‡Hymn No. **41**

*O Worship the King*

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*(Let us pray with one voice.)*

**Merciful God, You call us to trust in your love and walk in your ways, yet we confess that fear too often shapes our lives. When you call us to mercy, we choose judgment. When you call us to welcome, we build barriers. When you call us to generosity, we cling to scarcity. We confess that we do not always recognize your provision. We overlook signs of your grace and forget that you are already at work among us. Interrupt our fears with your mercy, our divisions with your peace, and our self-centeredness with your love. Forgive us, restore us, and lead us in the way of Christ, that we may share with others the mercy we ourselves have received. Amen.**

*(Moment for Silent Prayer)*

Kyrie

*Lord, Have Mercy*

Strathdee

**Lord, Have Mercy  
Christ, Have Mercy  
Lord, Have Mercy upon us.**

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*‡Exchange of the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Greet one another in the peace of Christ

\*‡Response Hymn No. **288**

*Spirit of the Living God*

LIVING GOD

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

## **We Hear God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading - Genesis 22:1-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

*Jubilee!*

Sherman

Gospel Reading - Matthew 10:40-42

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Mercy Interrupts*

Rev. Kevin Ireland

\*Hymn No. **435**

*There's a Wideness to God's Mercy*

IN BABILONE

## We Respond to God's Word

Joys and Concerns of the People

**Joy:** Presbyterian Church, Kingsdown

**Ministry:** Trustees

**Care and Comfort:** Braelyn Aldino, Jay Ayers, Heather Coulter, Sharon Fox, Calissa Frye, Norma Sherback, CeCe Shephard, and Teresa Stange

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

**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.**

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

*God Will Take Care of You*

Arr. Larson

\*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ all creatures here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

*(Let us pray with one voice.)*

**Generous and merciful God, You have provided for us in ways seen and unseen, meeting us with grace on the journey of faith. Receive these gifts and use them for your purposes in the world.**

**May they help to interrupt hunger with nourishment, loneliness with community, despair with hope, and injustice with compassion. Use our offerings, and our very lives, to share the mercy we have received through Christ.**

**Bless these gifts and all who offer them, that your love may be known, your welcome extended, and your kingdom revealed among us. Amen.**

**We Are Sent as God's Servants into the World**

\*Hymn No. **826**

*Lift High the Cross*

CRUCIFER

\*Charge and Blessing

Leader: Alleluia, Amen

**People: Alleluia, Amen.**

The Postlude

*Sweet By and By*

Arr. Larson

\*(Please rise in body or in spirit.)

‡(Time to seat those who arrive after the start of the service)

**Leading and Serving in Worship Today**

Rev. Kevin Ireland, Pastor, Head of Staff

Tricia Mora, Liturgist

Tom Rhoads, Reader

Sean Foster, Director Chancel Choir

Kelsey Wise, Organist

Dinghies Bell Ensemble

Mitzi Darmstetter / Rocky Burriss, III, Sound

Chris Anderson, Broadcasting

Burriss Family, Online Moderators

**Welcome to God's House**

We are grateful you are here as we worship together – lifting our voices in praise, our hearts in prayer, and opening ourselves to the work of God's Spirit in our midst.

Grace is a special place. We are people of many ages and stages, from different walks of life, backgrounds, and traditions. Each of us brings unique gifts. All are welcome. What we share in common is a desire to follow Christ, a love of God and neighbor, and a deep passion for serving the world God so loves.

Children are always welcome in worship. God put the wiggle in children—and we celebrate the giggles too. We do not expect anyone to sit perfectly still or silently. Worship bags are available outside the sanctuary doors if helpful. You're encouraged to help your child follow along in the bulletin or hymnal. If they are readers, invite them to circle words they don't know and talk about them after the service. A nursery is available for children up to age three in Room 107 (next to the north entrance).

We invite you to let us know you are here by signing the friendship pad at the end of your pew and passing it along to others. It helps us connect names with faces and care well for one another.

If you have a prayer concern, we invite you to share it by placing a blue prayer card in the offering plate. Your prayers will be held in confidence and shared with our Prayer Ministry Team.

If you would like to learn more about our congregation or about the Presbyterian Reformed tradition, we would be glad to connect with you. Please speak with one of our ushers or staff or reach out to Pastor Kevin at [Kevin@MyGPC.org](mailto:Kevin@MyGPC.org).

We are glad you are here. Let us worship God together.

## 41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!  
 2 O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,  
 3 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,  
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?  
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love:  
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space,  
 Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old;  
 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
 whose char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form;  
 es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,  
 it streams from the hills; it de - scends to the plain,  
 your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
 and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.  
 and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.  
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

Addressing the first two stanzas to the singers of the hymn and the last three to God, this free paraphrase of Psalm 104 recasts the psalmist's imagery with baroque verve. Though it was first published in England, the tune has been more popular in North America than there.

## 435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness  
2 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures

of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,  
of the mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal

which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's  
is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more

sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place  
faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -

where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.  
flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.

## Lift High the Cross

826

Refrain

Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,  
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*to Refrain*

the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.  
 your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at Baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.