

# When Jesus Interrupts Everything

## Second Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday, June 7, 2026

### MEDITATION

*“I do not understand the mystery of grace — only that it meets us where we are and does not leave us where it found us.” — Anne Lamott*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING WORDS

L: And now, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. **All: And also with you.**

### PRELUDE

“A Shoot Shall Come Forth”

*Music: Richard Horn*

### CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 33:1-12)

*Melessa Fox, Deacon*

L: Creator of galaxies and gardens, of ocean depths and human dreams,

**All: We join the song already rising from the earth.**

L: Your Spirit moves through all creation, calling life from chaos and hope from despair.

**All: We listen for Your voice in the wind, in our neighbors, and in our own hearts.**

L: When power seeks to dominate and fear shapes our choices,

**All: Remind us that Your vision is justice, compassion, and peace.**

L: The plans of the powerful come and go,

**All: But Your dream for humanity endures.**

L: Blessed are those who seek the common good, welcome the stranger, and care for the vulnerable.

**All: May we be among them.**

L: Teach us to trust not in wealth, status, or strength,

**All: But in Your boundless love that holds all people and all creation.**

L: God of enduring hope, make us instruments of Your justice, partners in Your healing, and voices in Your song of renewal.

Amen

### \*SONG OF REJOICING

“Rejoice in the Lord Always” 2x

*In Pew*

## UNISON OPENING PRAYER

*Melessa Fox, Deacon*

Thank You for bringing us together today. We come from different places, carrying different needs, questions, and hopes, but we all have one thing in common—we seek relationship with you. As we gather to worship, help us to see ourselves in the people who encountered Jesus. They came with their struggles, their doubts, their fears, and their expectations, and their lives were never the same again. Through simple faith, they trusted that Jesus was who He said He was and that His words had the power to change everything. Today, we ask You to meet us in the same way. Open our hearts to hear Your voice and give us the courage to respond in faith. Whether we are seeking direction, healing, peace, or a deeper relationship with You, remind us that You are still transforming lives and rewriting stories. May this service draw us closer to Jesus and leave us changed by His presence. Amen

## \*OPENING HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”

*Black 4*

## WORD FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN

*Lisa Allen, Co-Church Life Director*

## ANTHEM

“Psalm 84”

*Choir*

*Words: Arlo D. Duba, Music: Hal H. Hopso, Based on Merle's Tune*

**OLD TESTAMENT** - Genesis 12:1-9, p. 12

*Melessa Fox Deacon*

**GOSPEL READING** - Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26, p. 10

L: The Word of God for the people of God. **All: Thanks be to God.**

## REFLECTION

“When Jesus Interrupts Everything”

*Lisa Allen*

## RESONSIVE HYMN

“Come O Font of Every Blessing”

*Black 459*

## PASTORAL PRAYER & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*After the pastoral prayer, you are invited to share your joys or concerns out loud during the prayers of the people. Please respond, “O Lord, hear our prayers.”*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*trespasses*)

**Our Father, who are 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. All are invited to sing, "Amen". (Black 812)**

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY MUSIC**

*"There's A Wideness in God's Mercy"*

*Choir*

*Words: Frederick W. Faber, Music: Dana Mengel*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.

**\*UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Gracious and merciful God, as we come before You in worship, we remember Your call to Matthew at the tax booth: "Follow me." You did not wait for perfection, but called him in the midst of his ordinary life. So we bring ourselves to You now—our gifts, our lives, and all that we are—trusting that Your call still reaches us today. Receive this offering as our response: we will follow You. Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*"Amazing Grace"*

*Black 547*

**\*BENEDICTON**

**SUNG BENEDICTION**

*"Spirit of Life"*

*Choir*

*Music: Carolyn McDade*

**POSTLUDE**

*"Great is the Lord"*

*Music: Michael W. Smith & Deborah D. Smith*

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

## Many thanks to the volunteers who enriched our morning together!

Tech Deacon, Amelia Allen; Choir, Alan King, Clifford Moore, Chris Polloni, Malcolm McDonald, Meg Tivey, Joyce Kenneally, Kay Clark, Linda Thomas; Hospitality & Food Donation: Rosemary Carey.

**Leading worship today:** Lisa Allen, Co-Church Life Director; Stephanie Miles, Music Director; Melessa Fox, Deacon

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## NEW HERE TODAY?

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!  
To help you navigate Sunday mornings with us, please see the guide below.*

1. **Order of Worship:** *\*An asterisk is an invitation to stand if you are able.  
**Bold text** indicates speaking in unison.*
  2. **Kid's Connection:** *After the "Word for all God's children," the children may leave worship for Bible-themed learning through crafts and games with Lisa Allen.*
  3. **Take Two:** *This adult faith formation group meets after worship every other Sunday with Lisa Allen. Join the conversation next Sunday in the small classroom.*
  4. **Coffee & Conversation:** *Gather with us after worship to greet friends and make new ones in the Covenant Room, down the hall on the right.*
  5. **Have Questions?** *Please reach out to Rev. Christina Williams or Deacon of the day.*
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