ALL ARE WELCOME

June 28th, 2026

***Please stand in body and/or spirit as you are able.**

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GATHERING MUSIC** #504 You Walk Along Our Shoreline

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
One: In a world shaped by conflict, where we seem to be slipping back into tribal divisions,
Many: you call us to welcome those with whom we have absolutely nothing in common.
One: In a culture full of inequalities which only seem to be widening,
Many: you call us to treat each person as our sister and brother.
One: In a time of intensifying injustices which are found in every community, if not in every neighborhood,
All: you call us to yoke ourselves to your radical hope.

***OPENING PRAYER (in unison)**
When the world spins wild and out of control toward rage and hate and violence beyond our wisdom and our faith we are glad for the sobering roots that provide ballast in the storm. So we thank you for the roots in people of faith who have believed and trusted and given us stories of wonder, awe and healing. We know that as we probe deep into the stories we will find you there showing yourself, speaking, governing, healing and judging. And when we find you there we know the world again has a chance for life and sense and wholeness. We pray, midst the spinning, not unnerved but waiting and watching and listening. Amen.

-adapted from a prayer by Walter Brueggemann

***HYMN** #314 Community of Christ

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PSALTER READING: Psalm 16, Page 628

SUNG RESPONSE: #451 Be Now My Vision

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYERS, INTERCESSORY PRAYER, THE LORDS PRAYER

BIBLICAL TESTIMONY: Matthew 10:37-42
Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

CONTEMPORARY TESTIMONY: an excerpt from Take This Bread: The spiritual memoir of a twenty-first century Christian, by Sara Miles
What I heard, and continue to hear, is a voice that can crack religious and political convictions open, that advocates for the least qualified, least official, least likely. It [Christianity] proclaims against reason that the hungry will be fed, that those cast down will be raised up, and that all things, including my own failures, are being made new. It offers food without exception to the worthy and unworthy, the screwed-up and pious, and then commands everyone to do the same. It doesn't promise to solve or erase suffering but to transform it, pledging that by loving one another, even through pain, we will find more life. And it insists that by opening ourselves to strangers, the despised or frightening or unintelligible other, we will see more and more of the holy, since, without exception, all people are one body: God's.

SERMON Kinship and Welcome

OFFERING, OFFERTORY, DEDICATION OF GIFTS
Welcoming God, use these gifts, the work of our lives, our minds, our hearts and our efforts to build a just and loving world. A place where all are welcomed and all are loved. Amen.

***HYMN** **#**506 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

***BENEDICTION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The **Faith Regional Butterfly Release Memorial Service** for those who have experienced the loss of a baby or child will take place Saturday, July 11, at 10 AM at the Bradford Spiritual Garden, West Campus. Please register by June 26 by calling Jim Wonnacott at 402-992-2468.
- A **free pantry** has been stocked in the entry of Tilden city auditorium. Please take what you need and share if you can.
- Join us for **Coffee and Fellowship** following worship in the fellowship hall. A

signup sheet can be found in the fellowship hall.

- **EV Teammates** are in need of mentors, especially males, at this time. Please let Dave know, if you're interested.

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