

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY  
Mills River, North Carolina

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 5, 2026

Sacred Place +++ Sacred Space  
Please observe silence after the altar candles are lit



PRELUDE *Sacred Harp Medley*

*William Ringham*

*A bell rings three times; the people stand. Hymns and service music are found in the blue 1982 Hymnals (H) and the purple Glory to God hymnals (GTG) They are in the racks under the chairs*

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

ENTRANCE HYMN

*H #366 Holy God, we praise thy Name*



1 Ho - ly God, we praise thy Name, Lord of all, we bow be - fore thee;  
2 Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;  
3 Lo, the a - po - sto - lic train join, thy sa - cred Name to hal - low;  
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spi - rit, Three we name thee,  
\*5 Christ, thou art our glo - rious King, Son of God en - throned in splen - dor;



1 all on earth thy scep - ter claim, all in heaven a - bove a - dore thee;  
2 cher - u - bin and ser - a - phim, in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing,  
3 pro - phets swell the loud re - frain, and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low;  
4 while in es - sence on - ly One, un - di - vi - ded God we claim thee;  
5 but de - liv - er - ance to bring thou all hon - or's didst sur - ren - der,



1 in - fi - nite thy vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.  
2 fill the heavens with sweet ac - cord: ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
3 and, from morn till set of sun, through the Church the song goes on.  
4 then, a - dor - ing, bend the knee and con - fess the mys - ter - y.  
5 and wast of a vir - gin born hum - bly on that bless - ed morn.



6 Thou didst take the sting from death,  
Son of God, as Savior given;  
on the cross thy dying breath  
opened wide the realm of heaven.  
In the glory of that land  
thou art set at God's right hand.

7 As our judge thou wilt appear.  
Savior, who hast died to win us,  
help thy servants, drawing near.  
Lord, renew our hearts within us.  
Grant that with thy saints we may  
dwell in everlasting day.

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE GTG #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.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

A reading from the book of Genesis.

[The man said to Rebekah and her household,] "I am Abraham's servant. The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my

master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.' "I came today to the spring, and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also"—let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.' "Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left." And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

### PSALM 45:11-18

<sup>11</sup>“Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; \*  
forget your people and your father’s house.

<sup>12</sup>**The king will have pleasure in your beauty; \*  
he is your master; therefore do him honor.**

<sup>13</sup>The people of Tyre are here with a gift; \*  
the rich among the people seek your favor.”

<sup>14</sup>**All glorious is the princess as she enters; \*  
her gown is cloth-of-gold.**

<sup>15</sup>In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; \*  
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.

<sup>16</sup>**With joy and gladness they are brought, \*  
and enter into the palace of the king.**

<sup>17</sup>“In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; \*  
you shall make them princes over all the earth.

<sup>18</sup>**I will make your name to be remembered  
from one generation to another; \*  
therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever.”**

### SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

GTG #182 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give  
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

[Jesus said,] "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON The Rev. Amy Huacani

### THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Leader* Sisters and brothers, children of God, let us come before the Most High with humility, saying, "Holy God, we lift our voices to you; **Holy God, hear the prayers of your people.**"

*Celebrant* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### THE PEACE

*Celebrant*            The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*                And also with you.

### GATHERING                            *GTG #657 Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness*

#### Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four staves of music. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics: 'Sing to God, with joy and glad-ness, hymns and psalms of grat-i-tude;'. The second staff is labeled 'Fine' and contains the lyrics: 'with the voice of praise dis-cov-er that to wor-ship God is good.'. The third staff is labeled '1.' and contains the lyrics: 'God u-nites the scat-tered peo-ple, gath-ers those who wan-dered far,'. The fourth staff is labeled 'to Refrain' and contains the lyrics: 'heals the hurt and bro-ken spir-its, tend-ing ev-ery wound and scar.'.

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

OFFERTORY    *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*                            *Mark Hayes*

#### PRESENTATION HYMN

*GTG# 501 Feed Us, Lord*

Feed us, Lord. Feed us, Lord  
In the broken bread, be revealed again.  
Come and feed our hearts, O Lord.  
  
Quench us, Lord. Quench us, Lord.  
On this thirsty ground, may your love flow down.  
Come and quench our hearts, O Lord.

Fill us, Lord. Fill us, Lord,  
with the bread and wine of the risen Christ.  
Come and fill our hearts, O Lord.

Lead us, Lord. Lead us, Lord,  
nourished here by Christ, given strength for life.  
Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant*            The Lord be with you.  
*People*                And also with you.  
*Celebrant*            Lift up your hearts.  
*People*                We lift them to the Lord.  
*Celebrant*            Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*                It is right to give God thanks and praise.

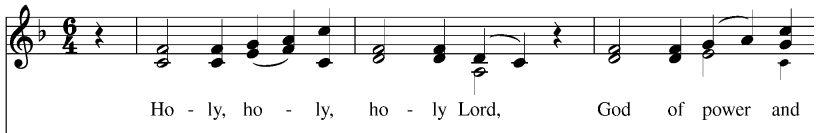
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

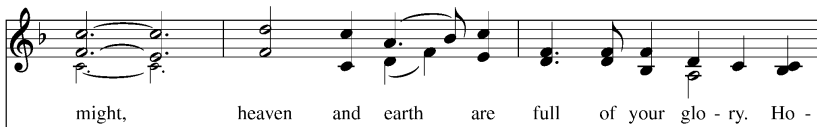
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### SANCTUS

WLP #858 Holy, holy, holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,            God of power and



might,            heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. \*Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

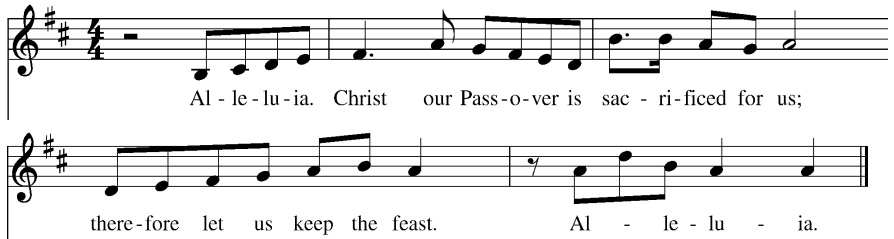
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 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 and ever. Amen.

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**FRACTION ANTHEM**

*WLP # 865 Christ our Passover*



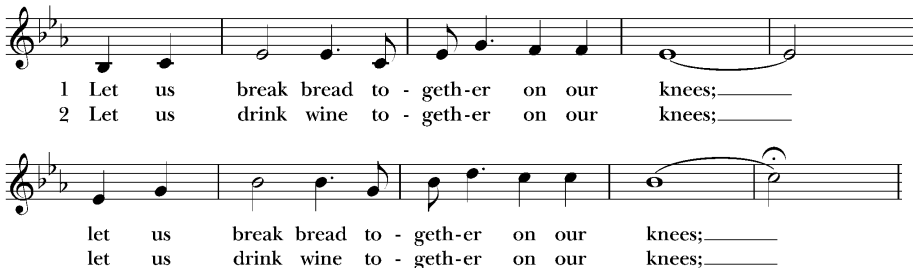
Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
 there - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

**COMMUNION INVITATION**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*(The bread and wine are given to the people. Please indicate that you would prefer a gluten-free wafer by placing your hands with palms together when you come up to receive Communion.)*

**COMMUNION HYMN H #325 Let us break bread together on our knees**



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_  
 let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_  
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*

when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

3 Let us praise God together on our knees;

let us praise God together on our knees;

**POST COMMUNION HYMN**

*H #718 God of our fathers, whose almighty hand*

- 1 God of our fathers, whose almighty
- 2 Thy love divine hath led us in the
- 3 From war's alarms, from deadly pesti-
- 4 Refresh thy people on their toilsome

hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
 past, in this free land by thee our lot is cast;  
 lence, be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;  
 way, lead us from night to never-ending day;

of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
 be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay  
 thy true religion in our hearts increase,  
 fill all our lives with love and grace divine,

our grateful songs before thy throne arise.  
 thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.  
 thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.  
 and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## BLESSING

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

*H #376 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

## DISMISSAL/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Gentle Yoga with Kelly, 10:00 on Fridays

Vestry Meeting, Sun., July 12, 12:30 pm

Grill and Chill, Thursday, July 16, 6pm

Congregational Outreach Meeting, Sun., July 19, 12:15 pm

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