

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 28, 2026

10:00 am

*please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

CALL TO WORSHIP*

I was glad when they said to me,

“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

Our feet are standing within your gates, Milwaukee.

Pray for the peace of this city.

May they prosper who love you.

Pray for the peace of every place.

May there be wholeness for all.

For the sake of all God’s people I will say, Peace be with you.”

For the sake of the house of the Lord I will seek your good.

HYMN*

“Shall We Gather at the River”

Insert

A hymn for the 227th General Assembly (2026)

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Spirit and the church say, “Come.”

Let everyone come to the water of life.

Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

Holy One, have mercy on us.

You created us in your own image,

**But we hurt and dishonor one another.
You planted us in a garden of good things
But we exploit and abuse and earth.
You gave us your word to guide us,
But we sin and fall short of your glory.**

**Forgive us, God of grace,
Clothe us in your righteousness,
Fill us with the fruit of your Spirit,
And send us forth in your service,
That we may be a source of healing
In this world you love so much;
Through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

There is a river that flows from the throne of God—
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, washing away our
sin.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, Let us forgive one
another. The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

RESPONSE TO PARDON*

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**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.**

A TIME WITH CHILDREN -- OFFERING OF MUSIC
The Younger Church Percussion Band

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit
As the Scripture is read and proclaimed,
That we may delight in your teaching
And follow you faithfully, now and always;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURES

Psalms 77:1-2, 11-20; Galatians 5:1, 13-25, Luke 9:51-62

SERMON

Jan McGilliard

"My Way, the By-Way, the Spirit Way"

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE

(Heidelberg Catechism)

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I am not my own, but belong—
body and soul, in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.**

(Westminster Catechism)

What is the chief end of human life?

Our chief end is to glorify and enjoy God forever.

(Barmen Declaration)

Jesus Christ, attested for us in Holy Scripture,
is the one Word of God
we must hear, trust, and obey
in life and in death.

**The church's commission,
upon which its freedom is founded,
consists in delivering the message
of the free grace of God to all people.**

(Confession of 1967)

The church confesses its faith
when it bears a present witness
to God's grace in Jesus Christ.

**God's reconciling work in Jesus Christ
Is the heart of the gospel in any age.**

(Belhar)

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the
communion of saints called from the entire human
family.

**We believe that God has entrusted the church
With the message of reconciliation
In and through Jesus Christ.**

(A Brief Statement of Faith)

In life and in death we belong to God.

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of god
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
Looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all the saints.

Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE*

Go with God. Go with God.

As you leave this place, go with God.

God will direct your way. God will light every day.

As you leave this place, go with God.

Lemonade – Everyone Is Invited!

Shall We Gather at the River

Revelation 22:1-5

For the 227th General Assembly (2026) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



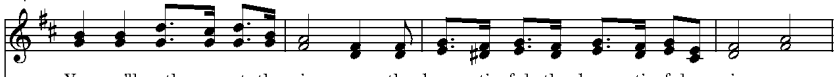
1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
2 Root - ed deep be - side the riv - er, see the an - cient tree of life:
3 All the saints are at the riv - er, strug - gles o - ver - come at last:
4 Come, be - lov - ed, to the riv - er, where the Lord has made a way:



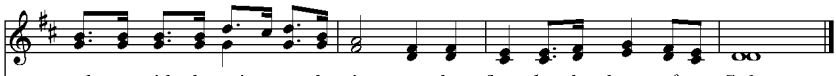
with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
leaves of hope from God the giv - er for the heal - ing of our strife.
now at rest, re - turn - ing nev - er to the e - vils of the past.
here the Sav - ior will de - liv - er through the night to end - less day.



Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

