



WALKER'S CHAPEL

A Nation Under God

Stewards of Our Inheritance

August 2, 2026 • The Sundays of Pentecost

Service of Worship

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Prelude, Announcements, and Preparation

Words of Greeting

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

God Calls His People and Reveals Himself

God calls His people to worship and come before Him. The Creator of all things reveals Himself through His Word and calls us into His presence.

Call to Worship • Psalm 85

Lord, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you covered all their sin.
You withdrew all your wrath;
you turned from your hot anger.
Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us!
Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?
Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.
Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.
Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.
Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.
Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
and righteousness looks down from the sky.
Yes, the Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness will go before him
and make his footsteps a way.

Invocation

Hymn of Praise • Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Hymnal, 457)

God Calls His People to Confession, Repentance, and Reconciliation

The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Hymn of Prayer • Lord, Have Mercy

Gregory D. Wilbur, 2009

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of three systems. The first system is for the full choir, with the vocal line in the treble clef and the piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The second system is for the full choir, with the vocal line in the treble clef and the piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The third system is for the Women and Men, with the Women's part in the treble clef and the Men's part in the bass clef. The lyrics are: Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer-cy, have mer-cy, Lord. Christ, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy, have mer-cy, Lord. Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer-cy, have mer-cy, Lord. Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer-cy, have mer-cy, Lord.

Prayer of Confession • 2 Kgs 22:8-11; 22:13; 23:2-3; Deut 8:11-14; Rev 2:5; Rom 12:2

Leader: Father, we have too often neglected, ignored, or treated your Word as a familiar and unimportant thing. We have forgotten Your works and have wandered from Your ways.

People: **We have allowed our hearts to grow dull, content with outward religious practice, while neglecting wholehearted obedience to You.**

Leader: We have failed to remember your gracious covenant with us. We have trusted our own wisdom, become proud in times of blessing, and drifted from Your truth.

People: **We have forgotten that every good gift comes from Your hand and have lived as though we belonged to ourselves rather than to You.**

Leader: Instead of being transformed by renewing our minds, we have been slow to repent and reluctant to reform our lives according to Your Word.

People: **We have preferred comfortable habits to holy obedience and resisted the changes Your Spirit calls us to make.**

Leader: Remind us of Your covenant mercies, renew our love for Your Word, and grant us hearts eager to walk in all Your commandments with sincerity and faithfulness.

All: **Restore what has been broken by our sin and conform us to the character of Christ, that we may love You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength . Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon • Jeremiah 31:33-34

“For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.” **Amen.**

Psalm of Petition • Psalm 80 (see right)

God Teaches Us Through His Word

Scripture Reading • 2 Kings 22:1-23:3

In the eighteenth year of King Josiah, the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, son of Meshullam, the secretary, to the house of the Lord, saying, “Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may count the money that has been brought into the house of the Lord, which the keepers of the threshold have collected from the people. And let it be given into the hand of the workmen who have the oversight of the house of the Lord, and let them give it to the workmen who are at the house of the Lord, repairing the house (that is, to the carpenters, and to the builders, and to the masons), and let them use it for buying timber and quarried stone to repair the house. But no accounting shall be asked from them for the money that is delivered into their hand, for they deal honestly.”

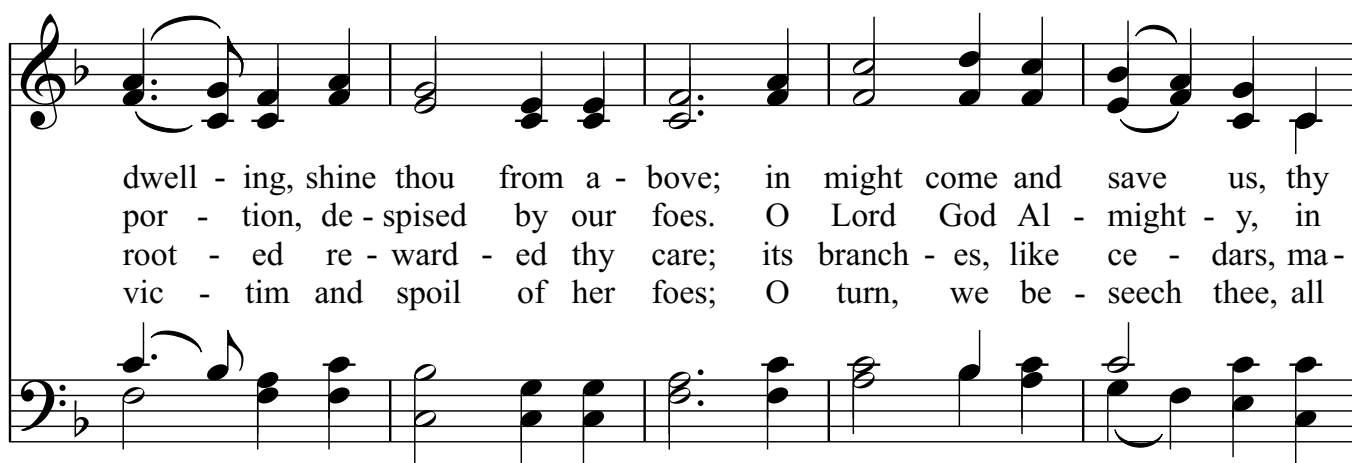
And Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the secretary, “I have found the Book of the Law in the house of the Lord.” And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it. And Shaphan the secretary came to the king, and reported to the king, “Your servants have emptied out the money that was found in the house and have delivered it into the hand of the workmen who have the oversight of the house of the Lord.” Then Shaphan the secretary told the king, “Hilkiah the priest has given me a book.” And Shaphan read it before the king.

When the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, he tore his clothes. And the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Micaiah, and Shaphan the secretary, and Asaiah the king’s servant, saying, “Go, inquire of the Lord for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that has been found. For great is the wrath of the Lord that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not obeyed the words of this book, to do according to all that is written concerning us.”

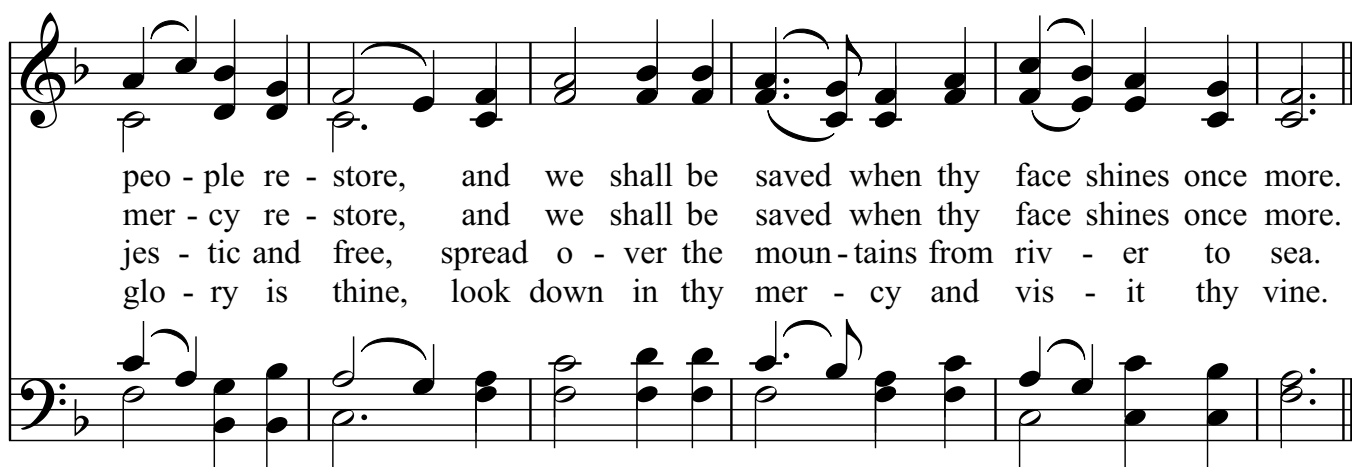
So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asaiah went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe (now she lived in Jerusalem in the Second Quarter), and they talked with her. And she said to them, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: ‘Tell the man who sent you to me, Thus says the Lord, Behold, I will bring disaster upon this place and upon its inhabitants, all the words of the book that the king of Judah has read. Because they have forsaken me and have made offerings to other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the work of their hands, therefore my wrath will be kindled against this place, and it will not be quenched.’”



1. Great shep - herd who lead - est thy peo - ple in love, 'mid cher - u - bim
 2. O haste, Lord, to hear us and pit - y our woes, af - flic - tion our
 3. A place for thy peo - ple thou, Lord, didst pre - pare, thy vine deep - ly
 4. Thy vine - yard no long - er thy ten - der care knows, de - fense - less, the



dwel - ling, shine thou from a - bove; in might come and save us, thy
 por - tion, de - spised by our foes. O Lord God Al - might - y, in
 root - ed re - ward - ed thy care; its branch - es, like ce - dars, ma -
 vic - tim and spoil of her foes; O turn, we be - seech thee, all



peo - ple re - store, and we shall be saved when thy face shines once more.
 mer - cy re - store, and we shall be saved when thy face shines once more.
 jes - tic and free, spread o - ver the moun - tains from riv - er to sea.
 glo - ry is thine, look down in thy mer - cy and vis - it thy vine.

5. The branch of thy planting is burned and cut down,
 brought nigh to destruction because of thy frown;
 the man of thy right hand with wisdom endue,
 the son of man strengthen thy pleasure to do.
6. When thou shalt revive us thy name we will praise,
 and nevermore turning, depart from thy ways;
 O Lord God Almighty, in mercy restore,
 and we shall be saved when thy face shines once more.

But to the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the Lord, thus shall you say to him, Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Regarding the words that you have heard, because your heart was penitent, and you humbled yourself before the Lord, when you heard how I spoke against this place and against its inhabitants, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and you have torn your clothes and wept before me, I also have heard you, declares the Lord. Therefore, behold, I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace, and your eyes shall not see all the disaster that I will bring upon this place.” And they brought back word to the king.

Then the king sent, and all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem were gathered to him. And the king went up to the house of the Lord, and with him all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem and the priests and the prophets, all the people, both small and great. And he read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant that had been found in the house of the Lord. And the king stood by the pillar and made a covenant before the Lord, to walk after the Lord and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people joined in the covenant.

Sermon

Stewards of Our Inheritance – Jeremiah Pent, Pastor

God’s People Respond in Grateful Praise

Hymn of Adoration • Fairest Lord Jesus (Hymnal, 170)

Profession of Faith • Psalm 78:4-8

We will not hide them from their children,
but tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done.

He established a testimony in Jacob
and appointed a law in Israel,
which he commanded our fathers
to teach to their children,
that the next generation might know them,
the children yet unborn,
and arise and tell them to their children,
so that they should set their hope in God
and not forget the works of God,
but keep his commandments;
and that they should not be like their fathers,
a stubborn and rebellious generation,
a generation whose heart was not steadfast,
whose spirit was not faithful to God.

Sharing the Lord's Table

God extends the hospitality of His table to His people, and we respond in thanksgiving.

Guidelines for Participation. *The Lord's Supper is the family meal for Christians. We welcome all baptized Christians who are members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ.*

Wine and juice are both available. You may kneel if you so desire, but it is not required. Proceed down the middle aisle when the row in front of you begins to return. After participating, please return to your seat via the side aisles to allow the next group to come forward.

Doxology • Hymnal, 731

Prayers of Praise, Thanksgiving, and Petition

The 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 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. **Amen**

God Sends His People Out to Be Light in Darkness

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, and instructing them in His Word, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Hymn of Praise • Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (Hymnal, 598)

Benediction • 1 Peter 5:10-11

“And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. **Amen.**”

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The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you,
and give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace for - ev - er. The
Lord be gra - cious to you. The Lord turn His face to - ward you,
and give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace for - ev - er.
And give you peace, and give you peace, and give you peace for - ev - er.

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