

Church of the Harvest (ARP)
Order of Worship
Sunday, June 14, 2026

Second Sunday After Trinity

Theme: Waiting for the Lord's Promises

We Gather to Worship God

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION

Jeremiah 31:33

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.

SILENT PREPARATION

As we enter worship, we quiet our hearts and come with an attitude of reverence and expectation.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 30:1-5

God calls us into His presence to connect with Him in worship.

Leader: I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

People: O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

Leader: O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

People: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

Leader: For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

People: Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

* OPENING PRAYER

We respond to God's gracious invitation by asking Him to empower and receive our worship

* SONG OF PRAISE

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God's people have always worshiped Him in song, and we join our voices with theirs to give Him praise as our Creator and Redeemer.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

As we come into God's presence, we see ourselves as we are and at his invitation, we confess our sins individually and together.

(Unison) Our God and Father, we confess that we are not blameless and do not always do right, even in the deepest thoughts of our hearts. We fail to keep our word and do what we said we would do. We are quick to slander our neighbors. We boast proudly in what is false. Cleanse us from these sins by the atoning work of Christ. By the work of the Holy Spirit, sanctify us as we reflect on the mirror of your law. (Silent Confession) In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE Psalm 30:6-12

God declares that all who repent and believe in Jesus Christ are completely forgiven from the guilt and shame of all their sins.

As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved." By your favor, O Lord, you made my mountain stand strong; you hid your face; I was dismayed. To you, O Lord, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy: "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness? Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me! O Lord, be my helper!" You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

In gratitude to God, we give back a portion of what he has entrusted to us for the work of His kingdom.

*DOXOLOGY

We celebrate what God has done, giving Him all the credit for it.

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We express our hearts to God on behalf of God's people for grace and mercy especially for the hurting, needy, and broken.

(Unison) 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.

We Hear God's Word

SONG OF PREPARATION

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We worship God in song as we prepare our hearts to hear His Word.

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:22-40 (ESV)

The early church treasured the communal reading of Scripture. Rooted in this tradition we publicly read a portion of His Word.

MESSAGE

Rev. Ken Bush

God has ordained the preaching of the Bible to be the chief means of proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ.

"Appointed for the Fall and Rise of Many"

We Respond to God's Call

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Heidelberg Catechism 33*

We affirm our faith about what we have heard from His Word by reciting from Scripture or one of the confessions of His church.

Question 88: In how many things does true repentance or conversion consist?

Answer: In two things: the dying of the old man, and the making alive of the new.

* Please Stand. Unless noted, all Scripture is from the *English Standard Version (ESV)*. • CCLI #20061381

Announcements

Question 89: What is the dying of the old man?

Answer: Heartfelt sorrow for sin, causing us to hate and turn from it always more and more.

Question 90: What is the making alive of the new man?

Answer: Heartfelt joy in God through Christ, causing us to take delight in living according to the will of God in all good works.

Question 91: What are good works?

Answer: Those only which proceed from true faith, and are done according to the Law of God, unto His glory, and not such as rest on our own opinion or the commandments of men.

SONG OF COMMUNION REFLECTION # 317

We reflect on the meaning of the Lord's Table in song

Keep the Feast

LORD'S SUPPER

We welcome all baptized Christians who trust in Jesus for salvation and who are members of a congregation that proclaims the Gospel to take the Lord's Supper with us.

The tinted cups in the center are grape juice and the clear cups around the outside contain Port wine.

* SONG OF RESPONSE # 594

We respond to God in song as we prepare our hearts to go out into the world on His behalf.

Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me

We Depart to Serve God

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

We depart with and challenge and a final "good word" as reminders of the grace given to us in the Gospel.

* THREE-FOLD AMEN

Tithes and Offerings: If you have tithes and offerings that you wish to give to the Lord as a part of your worship, please place them in the box located on the Welcome Table.

Fellowship Meal: Join us after the service for a meal and time of fellowship.



We appreciate that you took the time to visit and join us for worship.

Reflections on Simeon

Of course, neither Simeon nor anyone else is saved simply by the birth of Jesus. Jesus still had to live a perfect life, die an atoning death, and rise to eternal glory. There is no salvation without the cross and the empty tomb. But already at this point Simeon could see that salvation had come in the person of Jesus Christ, and therefore that God would do everything else to save him. The child in his arms was not simply part of his salvation, but salvation itself. Jesus is all that anyone needs to be saved.

The coming of Christ had one very important implication for Simeon: It meant that he was ready to die. This is why he began his prophecy with words of dismissal—the words that give his song its Latin title *Nunc dimittis*, which means “now you are dismissing.” The *Nunc dimittis* is Luke’s fourth and final Christmas carol—a hymn of praise for the newborn Christ.

Philip Graham Ryken, *Luke*

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