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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30AM

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***Laws of Love: The Commandments for Today  
The Greatest Commandment***

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

by Beethoven

**CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

L: Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves: That it is not we who  
chose Christ,

**P: but Christ who chose us,**

L: That we are not here because of our goodness

**P: but because of Christ's grace,**

L: That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,

**P: but to allow Christ to enlighten us,**

L: That we have not come to be entertained

**P: but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.**

**OPENING HYMN NO. 457** (black hymnal, see p. 3)

*Jesus, I Live to You*

**TIME OF CONFESSION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>

**ALL: We are hesitant to confess, Holy God, how hard it is to love as  
you wish. It is easy to love you with all that we are, except when you  
ask us to love our neighbor with all that we have. We find it hard to  
love our neighbor, when it is linked to the way we love ourselves. And  
it is difficult to love anyone—even You—more than we love ourselves.**

**Forgive us, Love Eternal. As you took a risk in creating us, help us to take risks to love others compassionately, to love ourselves genuinely, and to love you as completely as you love us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2036** (black hymnal, see p. 3)

*Give Thanks*

**ALL SING: Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks! Give thanks!**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN NO. 451** (black hymnal, see p. 4)

*Be Now My Vision*

**JOYS & CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**ALL: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** (sung by Paula Strayer & Jordyn Myers)

*It Is Well*

by Bliss

**SCRIPTURE** (read by Paula Strayer)

*Deuteronomy 6: 1-9 & Mark 12: 28-34*

**MESSAGE**

**HYMN NO. 547** (black hymnal, see p. 4)

*Amazing Grace*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Toccata in C Major*

by Zippoli

Thank you to Paula Strayer for reading Scripture this morning! Thank you to Jordyn Myers & Paula Strayer for providing special music. Thank you to Deb Herlocker, Jack Herlocker, & Dave Firestone for serving on the tech team. Thank you to Paula Strayer, Jordyn Myers, & Mike Gibbs for serving on the praise team.

<sup>1</sup>The Call to Worship was written by Bruce Prewer and posted on his page, [bruceprewer.com](https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2014/01/call-to-worship-because-of-christ.html) and accessed at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2014/01/call-to-worship-because-of-christ.html> on June 28, 2021.

<sup>2</sup>The Prayer of Confession was written by Thom Shuman and posted on his website <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>. It was accessed at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/10/confession-how-to-love.html> on June 28, 2021.

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# Jesus, I Live to You

♩ = 80

Piano

1. Je - sus I live to you, the love - li - est and best; My  
 2. Je - sus, I die to you, when - ev - er death shall come; Un -  
 3. Wheth - er to live or die, I know not which is best; To  
 4. Liv - ing or dy - ing, Lord, I ask to be your own; My

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life will be your life in me, in your blessed love I rest.  
 - ceas - ing - ly, you'll live in me in my e - ter - nal home.  
 live will be your bliss in me, to die is end - less rest.  
 life will be your life in me, and heaven on earth be known.

# Give Thanks

♩ = 80

Piano

Give thanks with a great - ful heart, give thanks to the

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Ho - ly One, give thanks because he's giv - en Je - sus Christ his

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Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am

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rich be - cause of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks!

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# Be Now My Vision

**Piano**  $\text{♩} = 80$

1. Be now my vi - sion, O God of my heart; noth - ing sur -  
 2. Be now my wis - dom, and be my true word; ev - er with -  
 3. Rich - es I need not, nor life's emp - ty praise, you, my in -  
 4. Sov - ereign of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach

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- pass - es the love you im - part. You my best thought, by  
 - in me, my soul is as - sured; Moth - er and Fa - ther, you  
 - her - i - tance, now and al - ways; You and you on - ly are  
 heav - en's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what -

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day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, your pres - ence my light.  
 are both to me, now and for - ev - er your child I will be.  
 first in my heart, great God, my trea - sure, may we nev - er part.  
 - ev - er be - fall, still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

# Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

**Piano**  $\text{♩} = 80$

1. A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a  
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my  
 3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al -  
 4. My God has prom - ised good to me, whose word my  
 5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright shin - ing

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wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am  
 fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that grace ap -  
 read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus  
 hope se - cures; God will my shield and por - tion  
 as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's

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found, was blind but now I see.  
 pear the hour I be - lieved!  
 far. and grace will lead me home.  
 be as long as life en - dures.  
 praise than when we'd first be - gun.