

JUNE 28 2026 ORDER OF WORSHIP

I. PRELUDE: Robin Wohlfeil

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II. WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPENING PRAYER: Nikki Blanks

A. Welcome

B. Announcements

C. Opening Prayer

III. CALL TO WORSHIP: Ed Marek

One: Please rise in body or in spirit and join in the call to worship as it appears in your

bulletin: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

All: Our feet are standing within your gates, Milwaukee.

One: Pray for the peace of this city.

All: May they prosper who love you.

One: Pray for the peace of every place.

All: May there be wholeness for all.

One: For the sake of all God's people I will say, "Peace be with you."

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

One: Let us worship God, singing hymn #203- Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

IV. OPENING SONG: Robin

203- Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

V. CONFESSIOIN & ASSURANCE: Ed & Nikki (*Ed reads at the pulpit, while Nikki stands at the baptismal font*)

A. Call to Confession

Nikki pours water into the baptismal font.

Ed: 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. Please join in the unison prayer of confession as it appears in your bulletin:

B. Prayer of Confession

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 the 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. Amen

PAUSE 30-60 SECONDS FOR SILENT PRAYER

C. Assurance of Pardon

Nikki lifts some of the water from the font.

Ed: 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:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

VI. PASSING OF THE PEACE: Ed

One: The peace of the Lord, Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Now, let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

VII. SONG OF PRAISE: Robin

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

VIII. FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Ed

A. Prayer for Illumination

Please be seated. Now, as we prepare to hear God's Word spoken to us, let us pray together: 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.

B. Scripture Reading

Our first scripture reading is Romans chapter 6 and verses 12 through 23. Hear God's Word for you:

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are

not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

IX. SPECIAL MUSIC: Robin & Joyce Block

Piano Duet

X. SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Nikki

Matthew 10:40-42

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my

sake will find it. “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

XI. MESSAGE: Nikki

XII. AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR THE 227th GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
PC(USA): Nikki

One: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

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

One: What is the chief end of human life?

All: Our chief end is to glorify and enjoy God forever.

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

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

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

All: God’s reconciling work in Jesus Christ is the heart of the gospel in any age.

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

All: We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ.

One: In life and in death we belong to God.

All: 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.

XIII. SONG OF RESPONSE: Robin

769- For Everyone Born

XIV. GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

A. Call to Bring Our Gifts: Nikki

We are the body of Christ, filled with the Holy Spirit and called to order works of mercy, forms of assistance, and gifts of healing in Jesus' name. Let us order our lives to the Lord.

B. Song of Thanks: Robin

Doxology

C. Prayer of Thanks: Ed

Please join me in prayer over our offerings: Gracious God, we give you thanks that you have planted us on holy ground. Like a tree planted by living waters, you cause us to grow and flourish, bearing good fruit through your Spirit. Use the offering of our lives to bring healing and wholeness in this place, and in every place; all in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

XV. PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & LORD'S PRAYER: Nikki

One: O Lord our God, you have called us to be a holy temple and a priestly people, persevering in prayer for the world. We open our hearts to you this day, saying:

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

One: We pray for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.): its members and congregations, its deacons, ruling elders, and teaching elders, its sessions, presbyteries, and synods, and for all the commissioners who have gathered for the 227th General Assembly ... Keep us faithful in your service and use us to fulfill your purpose.

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

One: We pray for the church throughout the world, for ecumenical and interreligious partners, and for those who struggle with faith, or do not believe. Help us to embrace our shared humanity and work together for the well-being of all.

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

One: We pray for justice and peace on earth: for an end to war, oppression, and poverty, for the people and leaders of all nations, and for the healing of your good creation ... Turn weapons of war into instruments of peace and let justice roll down like a mighty stream.

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

One: We pray for this nation, the United States, as it approaches the 250th anniversary of its Declaration of Independence ... Set us free from fear and division and inspire us to seek the common good.

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

One: We pray for the city of Milwaukee and all the places we call home, and especially for immigrants and refugees who live and work and worship among us ... Let our streets and neighborhoods be places of safety and hospitality for all.

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

One: We pray for the needs and concerns of this community of faith, and all those whom we love— those who are sick or suffering, those who are vulnerable or in need, and those who are mourning this day ... Give healing, help, and comfort, that all may know fullness of life in you.

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

One: O Lord our God, your mercy extends like the branches of a great tree, offering shelter and salvation to all. Let us be leaves of healing, growing in faith and faithfulness and spreading the good news of your love;

All: Amen.

One: Now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray as Christ taught us, using these words:

All: Our Father...

XVI. SENDING SONG: Robin

Go to the World

XVII. CHARGE & BLESSING: Nikki

One: 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.

All: Come, Lord Jesus!

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

All: Amen.

XVIII. POSTLUDE: Robin

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