



SUMMER WORSHIP  
MONTREAT CONFERENCE CENTER

July 6, 2025, 10:30 a.m.  
Anderson Auditorium

GATHERING

Hymn 845 To the Hills I Lift My Eyes  
*cantor singing Korean*  
*all singing English*

NA-UI DO-UM

\*Opening Sentences

Psalm 136

Give thanks to God, who is good,  
**whose steadfast love endures forever.**

Who alone does great wonders,  
**whose steadfast love endures forever.**

Who remembered us when we were low,  
**whose steadfast love endures forever.**

Who brought Israel through the sea,  
**whose steadfast love endures forever.**

Give thanks to the God of heaven,  
**whose steadfast love endures forever.**

\*Hymn 687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

Confession and Pardon

*silent prayers*

God of grace, have mercy on us.  
**God of compassion, forgive us.**

Beloved in Christ, believe the good news!  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

\*Hymn 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

\*Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Three psalms begin our worship. Psalm 121 begins our worship. The psalmist's confidence in God's help is set to a plaintive melody, the highest point of which affirms a trust in God alone.

Psalm 136 rehearses what God has done, always returning us to the constancy of God's love.

Psalm 90 is the basis for this great hymn by Isaac Watts. Just as Psalm 121 lifts our eyes, this hymn tune lifts our voices by concluding each stanza on the highest note.

## WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Psalm 69:1-3, 13-15

Matthew 4:22-33

Holy wisdom, holy word.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "A Sinking Venture" The Reverend Dr. Buz Wilcoxon

\*Hymn 740 Lead Me, Guide Me  
*all singing refrain*

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

\*Affirmation

*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,**

**and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## EUCCHARIST

Offerings

You can hold my hand when you need to let go. Natalie Hemby, Lori McKenna  
I can be a mountain when you're feeling valley low. Brandi Carlisle  
I can be a streetlight showing you the way home,  
if you hold my hand when you need to let go.  
I want a house with a crowded table, and a place by the fire for everyone.  
Let us take on the world while we're young and able,  
and bring us back together when the day is done.

This exuberant gospel hymn by Doris Akers is a song of trust. Does the tune's repetition on "lead me" and "guide me" suggest two steps forward?

This heartfelt song pulls us toward the Lord's table, a place crowded with saints and with room and nourishment for all.

If we want a garden, we're gonna have to sow the seed,  
plant a little happiness, let the roots run deep.  
If it's love that we give, then it's love that we reap.  
If we want a garden, we're gonna have to sow the seeds.

The door is always open, your picture's on the wall;  
everyone's a little broken, and everyone belongs.

I want a house with a crowded table, and a place by the fire for everyone.  
Let us take on the world, for we all are able,  
and bring us back together when the day is done.

## Invitation to the Table

### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O God...  
...You, O God, have been our strength and our song,  
and so we join the hymn of your creation:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**  
**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

Almighty God, we thank you for Jesus Christ, your Son...  
...Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Almighty God, as your Spirit moved over the waters at creation,  
may your Spirit move among us now...  
...and forever.

**Amen.**

**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.**

The prayer called the Great Thanksgiving is just that: an expansive table grace that gives gratitude for God's saving work in history and for the meal we share in Christ, and concluding with prayers for the Spirit's transforming presence in the world.

The Lord's Prayer may be said in any version or language of the heart.

## Breaking and Pouring

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Communion

Hymn 831 I Depend Upon Your Faithfulness/Tu fidelidad

## Prayer

## SENDING

\*Hymn 643 Now Thank We All Our God NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

\*Benediction and Charge

\*Voluntary Now Thank We All Our God J. S. Bach

Another table prayer sends us out. This hymn began its life as a meal blessing; over centuries, it has become a cornerstone hymn of praise and thanksgiving.

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