



SUMMER WORSHIP
MONTREAT CONFERENCE CENTER

July 19, 2026, 10:30 a.m.
Anderson Auditorium

GATHERING

Hymn 7

sung by the choir

NORWICH

Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world.
Creator, source of every breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light,
grain of life, and grape of love, your very body for my peace.

Mothering Spirit, nurturing one, in arms of patience hold me close,
so that in faith I root and grow, until I flower, until I know.

*Opening Sentences and Prayer of the Day

2 Cor. 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people,
and let the fire of your love burn within us.

Send out your Spirit, O God, and we shall be created anew,
And you shall renew the face of the earth.

*Hymn 35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

This text by Jean Janzen is based on the writings of medieval anchoress Julian of Norwich. Carolyn Jennings is the composer of the tune: the first and last note are the same, suggesting an ongoing circle of prayer and trust.

This prayer to the Holy Spirit, which quotes Psalm 104:30, dates at least as early as the ninth century.

Confession and Pardon

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

Silent prayers

**In your mercy, O God,
forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

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

*Hymn 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me GLORY TO GOD

*Peace

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

WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture John 14:15-17, 25-27

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

RESPONDING

Scripture, Anthem, and Affirmation

If you love me...

John 14: 15-17

I believe in the sun, even when it's not shining.
I believe in love, even when I don't feel it.
I believe in God, even when God is silent.

text: anonymous
music: Mark Miller

Together, let us affirm our faith.
People of God, in whom do we trust?
**We trust in God alone, Holy One, Holy Three:
Lover, Beloved, and Love,
overflowing and boundless.
The Trinity, "blessed communion, fellowship divine,"
models love and empowers creatures to love in return.**

**Before us, beneath us, beyond us, ever creating,
God breathes life into all that is,
rejoicing in its abundant goodness.
All of creation sings praise to God.**

Prayers of the People

*Hymn 692 Spirit, Open My Heart

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

Offerings

organ voluntary: Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Johann Walther

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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 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.**

In trust, we imagine the God whose faithfulness promises the Spirit's expansive love.

In trust, we hear a text discovered after World War II on the wall of a cellar/hiding place.

In trust, we affirm the love of God. Today's affirmation comes from the opening of a proposed new confession for the Presbyterian Church (USA), which the 227th General Assembly has invited the church to study and consider. The description of the persons of the Trinity as "Lover, Beloved, Love" is drawn from Augustine's *De Trinitate* (On the Trinity).

Amen.

SENDING

*Hymn 765 May the God of Hope Go with Us
choir singing Spanish,
then all singing English

ARGENTINA

*Benediction and Charge

*Voluntary Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

arr. Paul Manz

The tune of this exuberant hymn gains strength and joy from repetition. Spanish and English both invite a firm and joyful commitment to be placed in the service of what God might do in the world.

Sources

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