

MORNING PRAYER

Thursday, July 2, 2026

Opening Dialogue and Doxology

Opening Hymn

“I’m So Glad”

JESUS LIFTED ME

[Chris Turner - I'm So Glad \(Jesus Lifted Me\) - YouTube](#) – Chris Turner leading congregational singing

Text: African American traditional

Tune: African American traditional; arr. Evelyn Simpson-Curenton, 2000

(listen for congregation singing in the call/response and the pastor’s involvement in the segue at the end)

Morning Psalm 143: 1-4, 9-10

Psalm Response

“Everytime I Feel the Spirit, I Will Pray”

FEEL THE SPIRIT

[Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit \(Arr. Dawson\) | Atlanta Master Chorale](#) – Arr. William Dawson

Text and Music: Negro Spiritual

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:1-11

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Response

“Deep River”

DEEP RIVER

[Marian Anderson - "Deep River" \(Spiritual\)](#) – Marian Anderson

Text: Traditional

Music: DEEP RIVER – Negro Spiritual, arr. Carl Haywood, 1992

*Intercessions:

Satisfy us with your love in the morning,

And we will live this day in joy and praise.

Loving God, as the rising sun chases away the night, so you have scattered the power of death in the rising of Jesus Christ and you bring us all blessings in him.

Especially we thank you for the ministry of Word and Sacrament. . .

Those who serve and care for others. . .

The affection of our friends. . .

Your call to love and serve one another. . .

The presence and power of your Spirit. . .

Mighty God, with the dawn of your love you reveal your victory over all that would destroy or harm, and you brighten the lives of all who need you.

Especially we pray for the church in the Pacific region. . .

Endangered species of animals and plants. . .

Those who are isolated by sickness or sorrow. . .

Those who suffer mental anguish. . .

All who seek the way and truth of Christ. . .

Silence

Holy God, your love is higher than the heavens and your grace is wider than the sea. Awaken our hearts to the joy of your presence and open our lips to sing your praise; to the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Our Father. . . Plainsong, adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

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Collect

Grant, O Lord Jesus, that the ears which have heard the voice of your songs may be closed to the voice of dispute; that the eyes which have seen your great love may also behold your blessed hope; that the tongues which have sung your praise may speak the truth in love; that the feet which have walked in your courts may walk in the region of light; and that the bodies which have received your living body may be restored in newness of life. Glory to you for your inexpressible gift. **Amen.** –Liturgy of Malabar (5th century)

Blessing

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Almighty God, the Father, +the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

Amen.

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