

Order of Service at the United Reformed Church
June 21, 2026 9:30 a.m.
Father's Day

APPROACHING GOD

Prelude Faith of Our Fathers "St. Catherine"
*(Faith of our fathers, we will love both friend and foe in all our strife.
And preach thee to as love knows how, by kindly word and virtuous life.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith; teach us to serve thee to the end.)
(A time of silence to prepare our hearts to worship; please silence your cell phone)*

Word for 2026: **Practice.**
People: *May we practice becoming.*

Salutation
Grace and peace from God the Father and Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Call to Worship
We gather in the presence of the God who calls ordinary people into extraordinary moments.
We come trusting that God is with us.
When fear tells us we are not enough,
God reminds us whose we are.
When the world measures strength by power and appearance,
God looks upon the heart.
When we face challenges greater than ourselves,
We remember the faithfulness of God.
Come, let us worship the One who equips, sustains, and sends us.
We will worship God with courage, gratitude, and trust.

*Opening Hymn (#32 Blue Book) How Firm a Foundation

Call to Confession
Before David ever faced Goliath, he remembered where God had already been faithful. Too often we forget. We forget God's provision. We forget God's presence. We forget God's deliverance. Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession
Gracious God, We confess that we often place our trust in the wrong things. We look for bigger resources, greater certainty, and stronger defenses, while forgetting that You have already been at work in our lives. We confess that we compare ourselves to others, trying to wear armor that does not fit, instead of embracing the gifts You have given us. Forgive us when fear becomes our guide. Forgive us when doubt becomes our language. Forgive us when we underestimate what You can do through ordinary people. Remind us of the ways You have carried us in the past. Strengthen us for the challenges before us. Teach us to trust You more fully. In Christ's name we pray. Amen. (a moment for silent confession)

Words of Assurance
Hear the good news: The God who was with David in the pasture is the same God who stands with us today. God's grace is greater than our fears. God's mercy is deeper than our failures. God's love is stronger than anything that stands against us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and set free.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Passing the Peace
The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation (#98 Blue Book) Great Is Thy Faithfulness
**Please remain seating*

Prayer for Illumination
Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 17: 34-40 and Isaiah 40: 1-5

The Word of God, for the People of God!
Thanks be to God!

Sermon

RESPONDING TO GOD

Offertory Worthy, You Are Worthy Don Moen
Worthy, You are worthy, King of kings, Lord of lords, You are worthy; Worthy, You are worthy, King

of kings, Lord of lords, I worship you. Holy, You are holy, King of kings, Lord of lords, You are holy;
Holy, You are holy, King of kings, Lord of lords, I worship you.

*Doxology
*Prayer of Dedication

Tune (Old Hundreth)

*Affirmation of Faith

Prayers of The People and The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

*Closing Hymn (#523 Blue Book)
*Benediction

God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again

Postlude Andante con moto Peeters

Our Invitation

Welcome to United Reformed Church! As we join together in prayer, song, and praise to God, we pray that the blessings and fellowship you find here will enrich your life. *If you are physically able, an asterisk (*) indicates an invitation to stand.* Bold text signifies opportunities for the congregation to read and respond responsively.

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