



The Big Red Church

Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

June 21, 2026

Rev. Simon Biasell-Moshrefi, Pastor
United Church of Christ

(*Congregation may stand | Responses: Liturgist/**Congregation/all**)

Prelude

Scott Horton, organ

Welcome

Rev. Simon Biasell-Moshrefi

***Call to Worship**

Nancy Mack, liturgist

One: It is good to give thanks to the Holy One, to sing praises to your name, O Most High,

All: To declare your steadfast love in the morning and your faithfulness by night,

One: To the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

All: For you, O God, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

One: The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

All: They are planted in the house of the Holy One; they flourish in the courts of our God.

One: In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of nectar,

All: Showing that the Divine One is upright; God is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in the Holy One.

***Hymn**

"Rejoice, You Pure in Heart"

***See Hymns**

Prayer of Transformation

Nancy Mack

Dear God, the creator of all things based on love. You created us in your image of love and there have been times we have fallen short of that love, not only to you but to each other and all of creation. I ask for your forgiveness and from you, present today, my siblings in Christ. I thank you for the comforting strength and compassion of the Holy Spirit to do better in bringing love and grace and all I do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Words of Grace

Passing of the Peace

Greeting: The Peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

*Response of Praise (Sung)

Gloria Patri

*Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit Three in One;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

Baptism of David Mires

David Mires

Special Music

Time for Discovery [children are invited to the chancel steps]

Vanessa Valdez-Johnson

*Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still;
let this be our song — no one stands alone,
standing side by side. Draw the circle wide.*

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The Lord's Prayer

*Our Creator, 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, the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.*

***Hymn**

"O Savior, Let Me Walk with You"

***See Hymns**

Scripture

Matthew 10:24-39

Nancy Mack

"A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

“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.

Liturgist: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God within us, and for the Word of God amongst us.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Simon Biaseli-Moshrefi

Sung Call to Prayer

Lord, listen to your children praying:

Lord send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying:

Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

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Prayers of the Church

Rev. Simon Biaseli-Moshrefi

Invitation to Generosity

Nancy Mack



Here at the Big Red church, everyone counts, and every gift counts! There are two donation boxes and giving envelopes for your gifts in the Narthex (the area where an usher handed you an Order of Worship). You can also give through the Aplos app by scanning the QR code. BigRedChurch.org/giving/ has more instructions, links, and information about giving to the church. Thank you for supporting and joining in the ministry of this church.

Offertory

"Allegro e spiritoso" - B. Galuppi

Scott Horton, organ

***Doxology (Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH)**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God, above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Dedication**

Rev. Simon Biasell-Moshrefi

***Closing Hymn**

"Lead On Eternal Sovereign"

***See Hymns**

***Benediction**

Rev. Simon Biasell-Moshrefi

***Blessing Song**

"Go Now In Peace"

**Go now in peace, never be afraid;
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true;
know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world will see
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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Postlude

"Sortie"- C. Franck

Scott Horton, organ

(It is our tradition to be seated for the Postlude.)

Notes & Doodles:

Rejoice, You Pure in Heart

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Edward H. Plumptre, 1865; alt.

Ps. 20:5; Phil. 4:4

1 Re - joice, you pure in heart; lift prais - es to the sky;
2 Bright youth and sea - soned age, strong souls and spir - its meek,
3 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as you go,
5 Praise God who rules all worlds, the ris - en Christ a - dore,

Your fes - tal ban - ner wave with joy, the cross of Christ raise high!
Raise high your free, ex - ult - ing song, God's won - drous prais - es speak.
Send forth the hymns the saints have loved, the psalms of an - cient days.
From youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:
Praise God the Spir - it, Ho - ly Fire, one God for ev - er - more!

Refrain

Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks and sing.
Re - joice Re - joice

This hymn, inspired by Philippians 4:4, was written for the Choral Festival held at Peterborough Cathedral in England. The author was an Anglican priest and a professor of theology at Oxford University.

Tune: MARION S.M. with refrain
Arthur H. Messiter, 1883
For an alternate setting, see 71
Alternate tune: CHRISTPRAISE RAY

O Savior, Let Me Walk with You

Washington Gladden, 1879; alt.

1 O Sav - ior, let me walk with you in earth - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; let me be in clos - er,
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice true; Tell me your se - cret,
 win - ning word of love. Teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, In work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, In peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.
 you can give, with you, O Sav - ior, let me live.

Washington Gladden was a Congregational minister, distinguished preacher and lecturer, and author of over thirty works. Gladden wrote extensively on civic and social affairs of his day. This hymn was penned in 1879 and published in his periodical, The Sunday Afternoon.

Tune: MARYTON L.M.
 H. Percy Smith, 1874

Lead On Eternal Sovereign

Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1887; alt.

1 Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, we fol - low in your way;
 2 Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, we fol - low not with fear,
 3 Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, till sin's fierce war shall cease,

loud rings your cry for jus - tice, your call for peace this day:
 for in each hu - man con - flict your words of strength we hear:
 and all your saints to - geth - er will sing a hymn of peace;

Through prayer-ful prep - a - ra - tion, your grace will make us strong,
 That when we serve with glad - ness, you will not let us fall,
 Then all in your do - min - ion will live with hearts set free,

to car - ry on the strug - gle to tri - umph o - ver wrong.
 our trust is in your prom - ise that love will con - quer all.
 to love and serve each oth - er for all e - ter - ni - ty.

At Andover Seminary, fellow students asked Ernest W. Shurtleff to write a hymn for their graduation. This is the result. Shurtleff became a Congregational minister and in his last years established churches in Europe and did relief work during World War I.

Tune: LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6.D.
 Henry T. Smart, 1836

Assisting in Today's Service

Greeters: Teresa Fuentes and Linda Halk

Ushers: John Shore, Jan Harms, Shirley Atteberry

Liturgist: Nancy Mack

Acolytes: Hudson, Pax and Dash

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Coffee Hour: Women of Church Life



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COMING UP AT BIG RED

Monday, June 22

- **4:00 PM:** Yoga with Rosalie – Room 1

Wednesday, June 24

- **10:00 AM:** Daytime Fiber Arts – Fireside
- **12:00 PM:** Bible Study – Zoom
- **4:00 PM:** Yoga with Rosalie – Room 1

Friday, June 26

- **9:30 AM:** Food Distribution Prep – Fellowship Hall
- **10:00 AM:** Creative Writing Workshop – Fireside

Saturday, June 27

- **9:00 AM:** Food Distribution Day – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, June 28

- **9:00 AM:** Roots and Branches – Fireside
- **10:00 AM:** Sunday Worship – Sanctuary
- **11:00 AM:** Healthy Snack Potluck – Fellowship Hall
- **11:15 AM:** Council Meeting – Parlor

Monday, June 29

- **4:00 PM:** Yoga with Rosalie – Room 1

Wednesday, July 1

- **12:00 PM:** Bible Study – Zoom
- **4:00 PM:** Yoga with Rosalie – Room 1

Friday, July 3

- **10:00 AM:** Creative Writing Workshop – Fireside

Sunday, July 5

- **9:00 AM:** Roots and Branches – Fireside
- **10:00 AM:** Communion Sunday Worship – Sanctuary
- **11:00 AM:** Coffee Hour – Fellowship Hall

Monday, July 6

- **4:00 PM:** Yoga with Rosalie – Room 1

Big Red's

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Join the Social Justice Committee and be a champion for those whose voices go unheard! Gather with us to plan and participate in advocacy events. This is your chance to represent our church and make a meaningful impact in our community. Get involved and let your voice be a force for change!

**EVERY 3RD TUESDAY | 6:00 PM
PARLOR**



June 28th Summer Choir Sunday

If you like to sing, we'd love to have you! There is no long-term commitment; just a single practice at 9:15 a.m. to prepare music for the morning service.

All ages are welcome! Join in the music, fellowship, and fun!

All music will be ready for you. No robes will be worn.

We reached our June Goal! 🎉

Thanks to your incredible generosity, we have successfully met our June CarePortal goal! Because of your support, we were able to provide critical resources and meet the tangible needs of a local family in Hamilton, making a lasting impact right in our community.

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