



The Big Red Church

Seventh Sunday of Pentecost

July 12, 2026

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

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

Prelude

Catherine English, organ

Welcome

Rev. Simon Biasell-Moshrefi

***Call to Worship**

Jaime Holt, liturgist

One: Great is the Holy One who sits sovereign and near!

All: The earth rejoices on the holy mountain, at the heights and depths of God's love.

One: We gather, we observe, we recognize, we ponder the wonders of Creator's majesty!

All: God's name, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth.

One: The mighty deeds of power astound and amaze. We remember and recount from generation to generation!

All: Our Guide reigns forever and ever. Praise our God!

***Hymn**

"Now In the Days of Youth"

***See Hymns**

Prayer of Transformation

Jaime Holt

Gracious and Loving God, have mercy on us. We confess our own forms of rebellion and stubbornness. We seek our own way and fail to wait for your counsel, wisdom, and insight. We hold fast to hopes and dreams that do not include your beloved community. We choose comfort over holy confrontation, doctrine over faithful discipleship and position over spiritual power. Awaken in us hunger and thirst for righteousness.

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

Kenadie Ford-Villegas

Special Music

"To a Wild Rose" - E. MacDowell

Irena Magos, piano

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**

"Glory, Glory Hallelujah"

***See Hymns**

Scripture

Genesis 25:19-34

Jaime Holt

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife because she was barren, and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her, and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her,

*"Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;
the one shall be stronger than the other;
the elder shall serve the younger."*

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle, so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel, so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau because he was fond of game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

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

Peter Wall, Guest Preacher

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 Biasell-Moshrefi

Invitation to Generosity

Jaime Holt



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Offertory

"Dialogue sur les grands jeux" - Couperin
From Mass for the Convents

Catherine English, 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**

"In the Midst of New Dimensions"

***See Hymns**

***Benediction**

Rev. Simon Biasell-Moshrefi

***Blessing Song**

"Go Now In Peace"

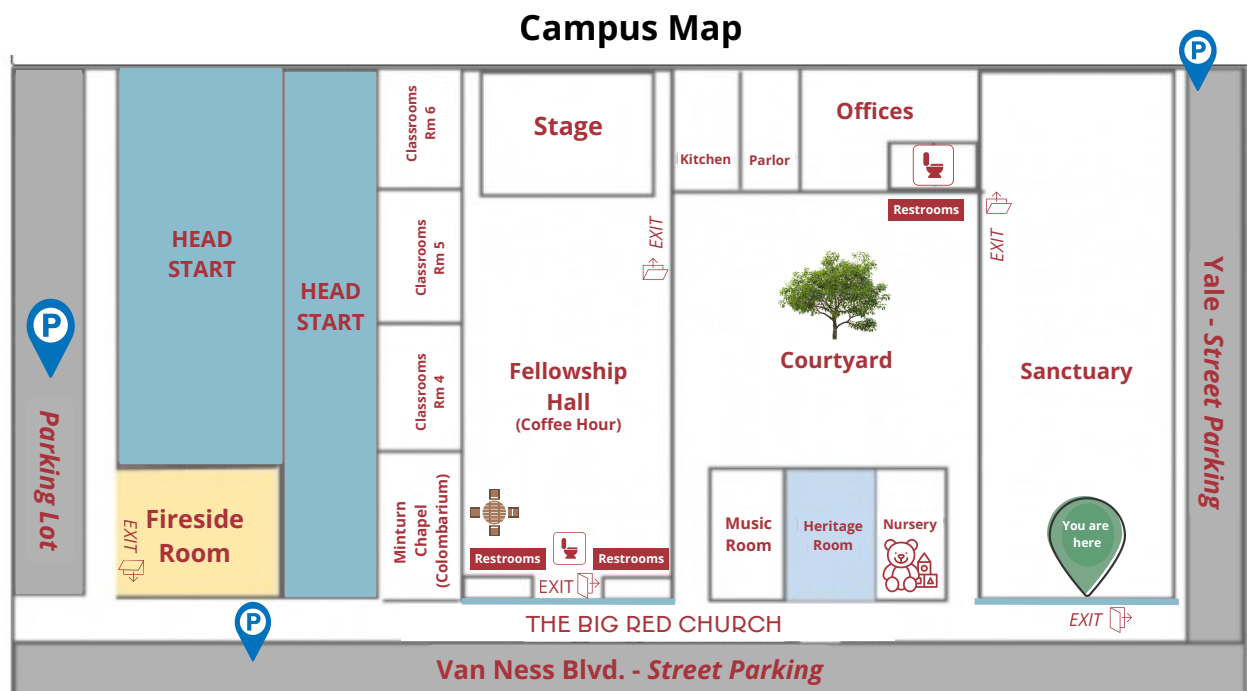
**Go now in peace, never be afraid;
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true;
know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world will see
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace,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

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Postlude

"Dialogue sur les grands jeux" - Couperin Catherine English, organ
From Mass for the Convents

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





BAPTISM OF
Kenadie Ann Ford-Villegas
THE BIG RED CHURCH, UCC
JULY 12, 2026

Pastor: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,

**Church: One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all, who is above all and
through all and in all.**

Obedying the word of our Lord Jesus, and confident of his promises, we baptize those whom God has called.

In baptism, God claims us and seals us to show that we belong to God.

God frees us from sin and death, uniting us with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ's ministry of love, peace, and justice.

Let us remember with joy our own baptism, as we celebrate this sacrament.

Questions for Kenadie

Putting your whole trust in the grace and love of Jesus Christ, Kenadie, do you desire to be baptized?

I do.

Questions for Friends & Family

Will you, in time, encourage Kenadie to discover the freedom of new life in Christ and to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, Friend and Companion?

We will, with God's help.

Will you, by your prayers and witness, support Kenadie on her faith journey?

We will.

Questions for Children

Today, we celebrate that Kenadie is a part of our church family. We are all God's children. These questions are for us, the children of The Big Red Church. Each time we say, "We will," we make a promise to God as well as Kenadie.

Questions for Congregation

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Kenadie by word and deed, with love and prayer?

We do.

Will you encourage her to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of her church?

We will.

Profession of Faith

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

I do.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

Baptism of Kenadie

Laying on of Hands and Anointing

O Lord, uphold Kenadie by your Holy Spirit.

Give her the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence,
Both now and forever. **Amen.**

Kenadie, child of the covenant, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism, and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

Welcome

Kenadie, you have been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through Baptism. By the power of the Holy Spirit, you are members of the household of God, to share with us in the ministry of Christ and the priesthood of all believers.

With joy and thanksgiving we affirm that you are in the body of Christ.

Alleluia! Amen!

Live as a child of the light and let your light shine before others. **Amen.**

Now in the Days of Youth

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Walter J. Mathams, 1913; alt.
Adapt. Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1992

Eccles. 12:1; 1 Cor. 16:13; Deut. 30:19-20

1 Now in the days of youth when life is filled with choice, when
2 Teach us to use our lives with pur - pose and with power for
3 Teach us to love in truth, to give and to re - ceive with
4 Teach-er, Cre - a - tor, God, en - fold us in your arms; be

hope and doubt touch ev - ery hour, when all thoughts find a voice,
vi - sions of a bet - ter world and for de - ci - sion's hour;
joy - ful and with o - pen hearts, with all that we be - lieve;
with us as we try our wings, and keep us safe from harm.

We turn, O God, to you for guid-ance and for grace. In
To choose the way of life, re - ject the way of death, un -
To seek an - oth - er's good, to hon - or what is right, to
All good and per - fect gifts come to us from your hand. O

all our days, in all our ways, help us to seek your face.
til the ra - diant force of God fills mind and strength and breath.
let our will and our de - sire be held in ho - ly light.
help us use them care - ful - ly and live by love's com - mand.

When the Rev. Walter J. Mathams of London wrote this hymn for use at Christian Endeavor and Sunday School conventions, he did not realize it would receive wide circulation. It was introduced in the United States in 1913 in Worship and Song.

Tune: DIADEMATA S.M.D.
George J. Elvey, 1868

Glory, Glory Hallelujah

Exod. 15:20; Gen. 28:12; Ps. 81:6

African-American spiritual

1 Glo - ry, glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, since I
 2 I feel bet - ter, so much bet - ter, since I
 3 Feel like shout - ing "Hal - le - lu - jah!" since I
 4 I am danc - ing Mir - iam's dance now, since I
 5 I am climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der, since I
 6 Ev - ery round goes higher and high - er, since I

laid my bur - dens down. Glo - ry, glo - ry hal - le -
 laid my bur - dens down. I feel bet - ter, so much
 laid my bur - dens down. Feel like shout - ing "Hal - le -
 laid my bur - dens down. I am danc - ing Mir - iam's
 laid my bur - dens down. I am climb - ing Ja - cob's
 laid my bur - dens down. Ev - ery round goes higher and

lu - jah, since I laid my bur - dens down.
 bet - ter, since I laid my bur - dens down.
 lu - jah!" since I laid my bur - dens down.
 dance now, since I laid my bur - dens down.
 lad - der, since I laid my bur - dens down.
 high - er, since I laid my bur - dens down.

Despite their physical captivity, the enslaved of antebellum America often found an inward freedom through their faith in Jesus the liberator. This liberation, which permitted them to sing rejoicingly, anticipated their eventual physical emancipation.

Tune: GLORY, GLORY 8.7.8.7.
 African-American spiritual
 Arr. Joyce Finch Johnson, 1992

In the Midst of New Dimensions

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Julian Rush, 1985; alt.

Gen. 9:12-16; Exod. 13:21-22; Num. 14:14

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G7sus4 G7

1 In the midst of new di-men-sions, in the face of chang-ing ways,
 2 Through the flood of starv-ing peo - ple, war-ring fac-tions and de - spair,
 3 As we stand a world di - vid - ed by our own self - seek - ing schemes,
 4 We are man and we are wom-an, all per-sua-sions, old and young,
 5 Should the threats of dire pre-dic-tions cause us to with - draw in pain,

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G C

Who will lead the pil-grim peo - ples wan-dering in their sep - arate ways?
 Who will lift the ol - ive branch-es? Who will light the flame of care?
 Grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage, might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams.
 Each a gift in your cre - a - tion, each a love song to be sung.
 May your blaz-ing phoe-nix spir - it res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

Refrain
 Am Em F C F C G7 C Dsus4 D7 G7sus4 G7 Am

God of rain-bow, fier - y pil-lar, lead-ing where the ea-gles soar, We your

Em F C F C/E F C/E F C/E Dm7 G7 C

peo-ple, ours the jour-ney now and ev-er, now and ev-er, now and ev-er - more.

Julian Rush, an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church, has spent more than a decade as director of the Colorado AIDS Project. He wrote this hymn on the theme of "diversity" for a meeting of the Rocky Mountain Conference (United Methodist).

Tune: NEW DIMENSIONS 8.7.8.7. with refrain
 Julian Rush, 1985
 Arr. The New Century Hymnal, 1994

Assisting in Today's Service

Greeters: Rebecca Kliwer and Joe Mack

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Coffee Hour: Church Life



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Summer Choir Sunday July 26

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.

COMING UP AT BIG RED

Sunday, July 12

- **9:00 AM:** Roots and Branches – Fireside
- **10:00 AM:** Sunday Worship – Sanctuary
- **11:00 AM:** Coffee Hour – Fellowship Hall
- **11:15 AM:** Christian Education Meeting – Room 5

Monday, July 13

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

Tuesday, July 14

- **5:30 PM:** Church Life Meeting – Parlor

Wednesday, July 15

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

Friday, July 17

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

Sunday, July 19

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

Monday, July 20

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

Tuesday, July 21

- **1:30 PM:** CarePortal Meeting – Parlor
- **6:00 PM:** Social Justice Meeting – Parlor

Wednesday, July 22

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

Friday, July 24

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

Notes & Doodles: