

The First Sunday of the Season of Creation: September 6, 2026

Gathering Hymn

Morning Has Broken – H8

All stand as able

Unison or harmony

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. _____
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass. _____
 born of the one light E - den saw play! _____

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! _____
 sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. _____
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day! _____

Collect of the Day *All stand as able*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

First Reading – Ezekial 33:7-11 *All may be seated.*

Reader A reading from the book of Ezekial

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:33-40 *All remain seated; text is read in unison.*

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.

Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.

Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.

Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.

Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.

Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.

Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

Second Reading – Romans 13:8-14 *All remain seated.*

Reader A reading from the book of Romans

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel – Matthew 18:15-20 *All stand as able*

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Offertory

God the Sculptor of the Mountains – WLP747



1. God the sculp - tor____ of the moun-tains, God the mil - ler of the sand,
2. God the nui - sance____ to the Pha - roah, God the cleav - er of the sea,
3. God the un - ex - pect - ed in - fant, God the calm, de - ter - mined Youth,
4. God the dress - er____ of the vine - yard, God the plant - er of the wheat,



God the jewel - er of the heav - ens, God the pot - ter of the land:
 God the pil - lar of the dark - ness, God the bea - con of the free:
 God the ta - ble turn - ing pro - phet, God the res - ur - rect - ed Truth:
 God the reap - er of the har - vest, God the source of all we eat:



you are__ womb of__ all cre - a - tion, we are form - less; shape____ us now.
 you are__ gate of__ all del - liv' - rance, we are sight - less; lead____ us now.
 you are__ pres - ent__ ev - ery mo - ment, we are search - ing; meet____ us now.
 you are__ host at__ ev - ery ta - ble, we are hun - gry; feed____ us now.

Communion

I Am Sure I Shall See - Taize, GIA publications

The first system of music is written for a two-part setting. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff begins with a bass clef, the same key signature, and a 4/4 time signature. The accompaniment consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'I am sure I shall see the good-ness of the Lord in the' are written below the staves. The system concludes with a 2/4 time signature change.

I am sure I shall see the good-ness of the Lord in the

The second system continues the two-part setting. The treble staff has a treble clef, two sharps, and a 2/4 time signature. The melody continues with quarter and eighth notes. The bass staff has a bass clef, two sharps, and a 2/4 time signature. The accompaniment continues with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'land of the liv - ing. Yes, I shall see the' are written below the staves. The system concludes with a 4/4 time signature change.

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The third system concludes the two-part setting. The treble staff has a treble clef, two sharps, and a 4/4 time signature. The melody continues with quarter and eighth notes, ending with a double bar line. The bass staff has a bass clef, two sharps, and a 4/4 time signature. The accompaniment continues with quarter and eighth notes, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics 'good-ness of our God, hold firm, trust in the Lord.' are written below the staves. Above the final measure of both staves, the text 'Last time' is written with a fermata symbol.

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Last time



1. God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir-it's
 2. God is call-ing through the voic-es of our neigh-bors'
 3. God is call-ing through the mu-sic of sub-lime and



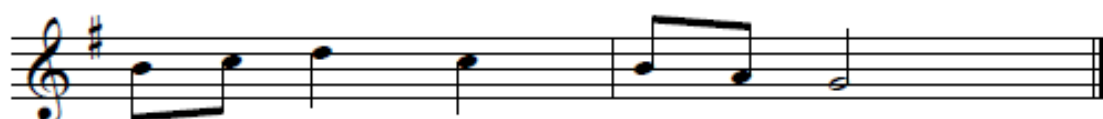
deep-est sighs; through the thrill of sud-den beau-ties
 ur-gent prayers: through their long-ing for re-demp-tion
 hu-man arts: through the hymns of earth and an-gels,



that can catch us by sur-prise. Flash of light-ning,
 and for res-cue from de-spair. Place of hurt or
 and the car-ols of our hearts. Lift of joy and



crash of thun-der; hush of still-ness, rush of won-der:
 face of need-ing; stri-dent cry or si-lent plead-ing:
 gift of sing-ing; days and nights our prais-es bring-ing:



God is call-ing— can you hear?
 God is call-ing— can you hear?
 God is call-ing— and we hear!