



*Second Sunday after Pentecost*

*June 19, 2022*



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# Centering Thoughts

My father didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it.

— Clarence Budington Kelland

To love ourselves and support each other in the process of becoming real is perhaps the greatest single act of daring greatly. — Brene' Brown

Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.

— Winston S. Churchill

Confront the dark parts of yourself, and work to banish them with illumination and forgiveness. Your willingness to wrestle with your demons will cause your angels to sing. — August Wilson

Have enough courage to trust love one more time and always one more time.

— Maya Angelou

## Welcome!

### Prelude

#### Invitation to Worship

Rev. Robin Yim

(Based on Psalm 118 and written by Rev. Robin Yim)

Go into raptures about God, for God is good.

**Celebrate his never-ending kindness.**

All you sons and daughters in your houses now say:

**Celebrate his never-ending kindness.**

All you mothers and fathers in your houses now say:

**Celebrate his never-ending kindness.**

All you grandfathers and grandmothers in your houses now say:

**Celebrate his never-ending kindness.**

From dire straits we called out for God's help,  
and God answered us out in the open for all to see.

**With God for us, what have we to fear?**

What can people do to us?

We say to them: You pushed me hard to knock me down,

**but the Lord helped me.**

You rejected me and threw me away,

but the Lord made me what matters most.

**Rescued and redeemed: this is the Lord's doing.**

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**Celebrate his never-ending kindness.**

**Hymn:** *This Is My Father's World*

UMH #144

**Scripture:**

Acts 9:1-6, 17-22

**Sermon:** "Courageous Faith"

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**Hymn:** *Here I Am, Lord*

UMH #593

**Prayer**

Pastor Lura

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Hymn:** *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

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**Closing Blessing** (Second Corinthians 13:14, written by St. Paul)

Pastor Lura

May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you today and always. Amen.

**Postlude**



## **Announcements:**

~ Could you occasionally be an usher and welcome people on Sunday morning? There is an ushers meeting after the worship service today, June 19, in the Fireside Room. The Fireside Room entrance is after the main fellowship hall doors and before the chapel.

~ Our June special offering is for Jackson Street Youth Services. They work with ages 10-24 and provide housing for youth aged 10-17. Note on your check that it is for "Jackson Street," or donate through our website at [albanymethodist.org](http://albanymethodist.org).

~ Articles for the church newsletter, The Tower Notes, are due by Wednesday, June 22.

~ Albany Pride is Saturday, June 25, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Linn County Circuit Courthouse. Melinda will have our church banner for the parade. Contact Pastor Lura if you would like to attend with someone from our church.

~ Next Sunday during the June 26 worship service we will honor our high school graduate, Zach Herring.

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