

**July 5, 2026 - Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
Worship Aid for Great Kills Moravian Church**  
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## **Prelude**

## **Welcome/Announcements**

**Watchword for the Week: The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Psalm 145:8**

(Please stand if able.)

## **Call To Worship: Based on Psalm 145:8-14**

**L: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in  
steadfast love.**

**A: The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has  
made.**

**L: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall  
bless you!**

**A: We shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your  
power.**

**L: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures  
throughout all generations.**

**A: The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are  
bowed down. Let us worship God!**

(Please continue to stand if able.)

## **Gathering Hymn: National Hymn MBW Page 139**

**God of all ages, whose Almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the  
starry band of shining worlds in splendor through the skies our  
grateful songs before your throne arise.**

**Refresh your people on their toil- some way; lead us from night**

**to never ending day; fill all our lives with heav'n-born love and grace, until at last we meet before your face.**

(Please continue to stand if you are comfortable.)

**Liturgy: National Occasions (Continue in MBW Page 139)**

Praise the Lord, all you nations!

**Extol him, all you peoples!**

For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

**Praise the Lord!**

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live upon it. Let all people everywhere know that the supreme God has power over the human kingdom and that he can give it to anyone he chooses—even to the least important. The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations. Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord.

**Praise the Lord!**

Not to us, Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory,

**For the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness.**

**Hymn:**

**BATTLE HYMN**

**It is God who holds the nations in the hollow of his hand, it is God whose light is shining in the darkness of the land; it is God who builds his city on the rock and not the sand: the living God be praised!**

**God reminds us ev'ry sunrise that the world is ours on lease- for the sake of life tomorrow may our love for it increase; may all races live together, share its riches, be at peace: the living God be praised!**

*(Sitting)*

Almighty God, ruler of nations, to whose grace we owe the manifold blessings of this land,

**We worship you with grateful hearts.**

We confess that in many ways we have turned aside from your commandments, and it is because of your steadfast love that we are not consumed. You offer us mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against you, and have not obeyed your command to walk in your laws, which you have set before us.

**Lord, have mercy on us, and blot out our transgressions.**

We pray, Lord, that you will guide and bless all who are in place of authority. Protect them from violence, and fill the hearts of the people with respect and love for them, because you have established their authority. Raise up for us leaders who will carry out all your purpose, and, in patience and courage, will depend on you.

**Save your people, and bless your heritage.**

Make of this nation an instrument for the promotion of peace, freedom, and righteousness. May it be a haven for the oppressed of other lands, a home of happiness for all who dwell within its borders; and may our commitment to liberty and justice for all be preserved for generations to come.

**Hear us, gracious Lord and God.**

Guide us and our leaders through the Spirit of Christ's love as we struggle with matters of teaching and learning, home and family, health and security, work and justice. Turn the hearts of all people to you, that they may seek eternal life through Jesus Christ, who redeems us and our world.

**Hear us, gracious Lord and God.**

Grant wisdom to those who are of the family of faith. Enable us to accept the authority of government for your sake, ready for every good work, abstaining from every form of evil, and paying to all whatever is due them. As citizens of this nation may we bring credit to our Savior in all we do.

**Hear us, gracious Lord and God.**

Grant to the people of this and all other lands a love of peace and order, that the nations shall learn war no more. Hasten the day when the kingdom of the world shall become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever.

**Hear us, gracious Lord and God. Amen**

(Standing)

**Hymn:**

**LANCASHIRE**

**O God of ev'ry nation, of ev'ry race and land, redeem your whole creation with your almighty hand; where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled, in love and mercy guide us, and heal our strife-torn world.**

**From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right, from trust in bombs and shower destruction through the night, from pride of race and nation, and blindness to your way, deliver ev'ry nation, eternal God, we pray!**

**Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease, when hatred and division give way to love and peace, till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign, and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain. Amen.**

(Sitting)

**Offering Our Gifts To God:**

**Offertory:**

(Standing)

**Doxology: "For the Life That You Have Given" MBW Page 819**

**For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known, with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own: here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring. Give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.**

**Prayer of Blessing:** Please join me in the Prayer of Blessing.

**Generous and loving God, we bring before you today these gifts, the fruits of our labor, the resources you have entrusted to us, and the devotion of our hearts. We thank you for your endless provision and for the privilege of sharing in your work. Bless these offerings, we pray, and multiply them. May they be used to**

**spread your love, provide comfort to those in need, and build up your kingdom both here in our community and throughout the world. With grateful hearts, we dedicate these gifts and our lives to your service. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

(Sitting)

**God's Words for us Today:**

**2nd Scripture Reading: Romans 7:15-25a Pew Bible Page 1183**

I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. For I know that nothing good itself lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God— through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

**The Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 Pew Bible Page 1019**

“To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others: “We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’” ut wisdom is proved right by her actions.”

*Rest For The Weary*

At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,

because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure.

“All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

**Message:**

**Pastor Patricia Honszer**

**Hymn of Resp. for Mess: “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”**

**MBW Pg 735 vs. 1, 3, 4**

**O Master, let me walk with you in lowly paths of ser\_\_-vice true;  
tell me your secret; help\_ me bear the strain of toil, the fret\_ of  
care.**

**Teach me your pa-tience, share with me a clos-er, dear-er  
com\_\_-pa-ny. In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust  
that triumphs o\_-ver wrong.**

**In hope that sends a shin-ing ray far down the fu-ture’s broad\_\_-  
'ning way, in peace that on-ly you can give; with you, O Mas-ter,  
let\_ me live.**

**Prayers of The People**

**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 and ever. Amen.**

(Please stand if you are able.)

**Sending Hymn: "We Are Called to Be God's People" MBW Page 635**

**We are called to be God's people, showing by our lives his grace, one in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race. Let us show how he has changed us, and remade us at his own, let us share our life together as we shall around his throne.**

**We are called to be God's servants, working in his world today; taking his own task upon us, all his sacred words obey. Let us rise, then, to his summons, dedicate to him our all, that we may be faithful servants, quick to answer now his call.**

**We are called to be God's prophets, speaking for the truth and right, standing firm for godly justice, bringing evil things to light. Let us seek the courage needed, our high calling to fulfill, that the world may know the blessing of the doing of God's will.**

**Benediction:**

**Musical Response: In the name of Jesus'. Amen**

**Postlude:**

**We want to thank Pastor Pat Honszer very much for coming today to lead our service and to bring the message. We greatly appreciate it.**

**Pastors and Co - Leaders for July, 2026**

Sunday, July 12th - Pastor Chris Giesler/Brother Jim Jimenez

Sunday, July 19th - Pastor Jesus Laguerra/Sister Muriel Timari

Sunday, July 26th - Pastor Jesus Laguerra/Sister Charlott Bramwell

Please **SAVE THE DATE** for the **Annual SI Moravian Picnic** to be held on **Saturday, September 12, 2026**. We will be gathering on the lawn of the Parish House at New Dorp Moravian Church. This is being sponsored by the Central Board of Elders. More information will be forthcoming.