



Second Sunday after Pentecost

Mercy

Hosea 6: 1-6



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United Church of Christ Congregational
Spearfish, South Dakota



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June 7, 2026

Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

WELCOME to our service today. We hope you find this time of worship meaningful and uplifting and will join us again soon. Please join us for refreshments in Fellowship Hall after the service.

***All who are able may stand.**

Please wear your nametags & turn off your cell

Prelude

Emma McKirdy-Wilsey

(Please use this time to prepare your heart for worship.)

***Choral Call
to Worship**

Surely the Presence of the Lord

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

***Call to Worship** (Based on Psalm 33: 1 & 5-8)

Liturgist: Sing joyfully to the Lord, You righteous,

**Congregation: it is fitting for the upright to praise
Him.**

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Liturgist: God loves righteousness and justice:

Congregation: the earth is full of the steadfast love of God.

Liturgist: By the Word of God the heavens were made,

Congregation: their starry host by the breath of His mouth.

Liturgist: God gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle;

Congregation: He put the deeps in storehouses.

Liturgist: Let all the earth fear God;

ALL: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of God.

***Hymn** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* No. 292

Call to Confession

Liturgist: The Bible makes no distinction: all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. No matter how close our relationship with God is, we always fall short of God's expectations. We fail the One who gave us life. Confession removes our attempts to cover up our failure and gives us the opportunity of new beginnings. So, let us come boldly to God's throne of grace. Let us pray together.

Unison Prayer of Confession

We admit, God, that we have seldom claimed the full power of the Gospel. We have waivered in distrust of Your promises, yet cling to their truth. We believe that Your ways are far more fulfilling that any we can devise, yet we shrink from following where Christ leads. Forgive our pursuits of the lesser gods we create, and wean us away from our fascination with the false values that tempt us. Draw us closer to You, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist: Rejoice, for God gives life to the dead and calls into existence possibilities we could not imagine. Christ died for our sins and rose to new life that we might know freedom from sin and the power of redeeming grace. We are blessed to live in the full assurance that God is able and willing to fulfill all the promises He has made to us. God takes us by the hand and lifts us up to abundant life. Praise God!

***Unison Response** Glory to the Creator No. 759

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.**

Welcome and Opportunities

Call to Prayer

FWS No. 2193

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

**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.**

Pastoral Prayer, Prayer of Our Savior

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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation.

But deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Liturgist: Through our giving, we build altars of worship, not just in sanctuaries made with hands, but in lives enriched by caring and sharing. We bring our offerings in thanksgiving to God, remembering that we are but temporary stewards over all we possess.

Offertory

Emma McKirdy-Wilsey

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Thank you, God, for hearing our prayers and restoring our strength. Thank You for drawing us apart from our selfish ways and self-serving pursuits. Let our offering today fulfill Your purposes, not ours. Let these gifts summon others to follow Christ. Let them know the joy of breaking bread with the Great Physician who offers healing to all who dare to trust in His mercy. Amen.

Scripture

Hosea 6: 1-6

Sermon

Mercy

Todd Jones

***Hymn**

This Is a Day of New Beginnings No. 417
Verses 1-2, * (alternate verse 4)

The Order for Holy Communion

Liturgist: We gather now at Christ's table. Here, all who proclaim Jesus as Lord are welcome – the young and the old, the wounded and broken. We gather at this table, not because we must, but because we may; we gather at this table, like so many before to know the risen Christ as the

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breaking of bread and the sharing of His cup. Those not able will be served where they are seated. Let us come to the table of the Lord.

Pastor: God be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God most high!

Congregation: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Communion Prayer

Pastor: ... so, with all the company of heaven, we proclaim:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, love and joy, the whole universe declares Your glory! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

Words of Institution

Pastor: ... And so, we can proclaim the mystery of faith:

ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks, almighty God, that You have refreshed us at Your table. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit and knowing that You desire mercy and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God and not burnt offerings. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior, we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

No. 23

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction *Benediction* C. Barrows

May God's blessings surround you today,
as you trust Him and walk in His way;
May His presence within guard and
keep you from sin,
Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.

*Postlude

Emma McKirdy-Wilsey

PRAYER LIST: World, National, and Local leaders. Paula Cottrill; Rodger, Michele (parents), and Dylan Slott (spinal cord injury); Grayson Chapeau; Pat Patterson (cancer); Rhian Elmid (sponsored child); Elsie Hanson; Angie Riggs (friend of Lorie Umphrey – 3rd round of cancer battle); Les Turgeon; Lorrie Loobey (Jo Hansen’s sister) and Martina Loobey (Jo Hansen’s niece) for health concerns; Marna Bergstrom for recovery; John Daum; Hilda Locke; Joyce Collins; Carolyn Greenfield; Karen and Bob Collins; June Klinkel; Elaine Jongeling; Leo Orme; Hannah Andres (prayers for successful hip and shoulder surgeries).

Please let Shirley B. know if you have any updates or additions.

SUMMER SUPPER SERIES: We are looking for volunteers to provide a main dish, side dish, and/or dessert for selected suppers during the July Summer Supper Series. It would also be great if we had some volunteers to bring paper plates, plastic silverware, and napkins. **There is a sign-up sheet on the glass counter.**

~~ June 2026 CALENDAR ~~

Sun	6/7	9:30 am	Worship/Communion/ Fellowship
Tues	6/9	9:00 am	Coffee Time/Bible Study at Edgewood
Sun	6/14	9:30 am	Worship/Fellowship Deacon's Meeting after Service
Tues	6/16	9:00 am	Coffee Time/Bible Study at Edgewood
Fri	6/19		Juneteenth Office Closed
Sun	6/21	9:30 am	Worship/Fellowship Father's Day
Tues	6/23	9:00 am	Coffee Time/Bible Study at Edgewood
Sun	6/28	9:30 am	Worship/Fellowship Council Meeting after Service
Tues	6/30	9:00 am	Coffee Time/Bible Study at Edgewood

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