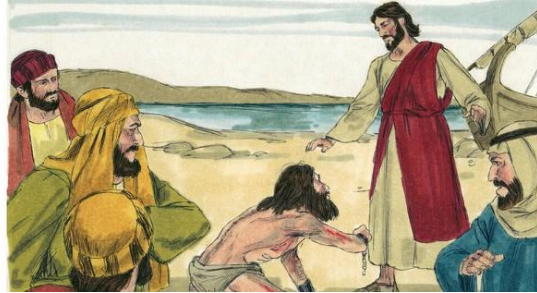


SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00am

June 22, 2025

**I Will Not Keep Silence****AS WE GATHER**

The demon-possessed man had known tombs, pigs, and "holier-than-thou" loneliness. Just as He does for us, Jesus heals him and sends him away saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you" (*Luke 8:39*). Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we pray that our lives will show that we too are worthy of Christ's name!

As Jesus shows His power over demons in healing a possessed man, a battle is won. But a greater victory over Satan and destroying all we ever need fear would be fought and won as He laid His life down on the cross, fulfilled in the promised resurrection victory to follow. Scripture is our history but also our present and our future as it was written and continues to be proclaimed as we gather together and as we live each day with the assurance of Christ victorious over death, the grave, and all things.

PRESERVICE MUSIC**WELCOME** – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn**RINGING OF THE BELL**

Less Like Me (... Little More Like Jesus)

Verse 1

Oh, I have days I lose the fight
 Try my best, but just don't get it right.
 Where I talk a talk that I don't walk
 And miss the moments right before my
 eyes:

Pre-Chorus

Somebody with a hurt that I could have
 helped
 Somebody with a hand that I could have
 held
 When I just can't see past myself
 Lord, help me be

Chorus

A little more like mercy
 A little more like grace
 A little more like kindness, goodness,
 love, and faith
 A little more like patience
 A little more like peace
 A little more like Jesus
 A little less like me

Verse 2

Yeah, there's no denying, I have changed
 I've been saved from who I used to be.
 But even at my best, I must confess
 I still need help to see the way You see,

Pre-Chorus

Somebody with a hurt that I could have
 helped
 Somebody with a hand that I could have
 held
 When I just can't see past myself
 Lord help me be

Chorus

A little more like mercy
 A little more like grace
 A little more like kindness, goodness,
 love, and faith
 A little more like patience
 A little more like peace
 A little more like Jesus
 A little less like me

Bridge

Oh to feed the beggar on the street
 Love to be Your hands and feet
 Freely give what I receive
 Lord, help me be.

I want to put You first above all else
 Love my neighbor as myself
 In the moments no one sees
 Lord, help me be

Chorus

A little more like mercy
 A little more like grace
 A little more like kindness,
 goodness, love, and faith
 A little more like patience
 A little more like peace

A little more like Jesus
 A little less like me

A little more I'm living
 Everything I preach
 A little more like Jesus
 A little less like me

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matt 28:19b*

People: Amen.

Pastor: Arise, O Lord!

People: Save me, O my God! *Psalm 3:7*

Pastor: Be to me a rock of refuge . . .

People: for You are my rock and my fortress. *Psalm 71:3*


Pastor: Salvation belongs to the Lord;

People: Your blessing be on Your people! *Psalm 3:8*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In Eden, our first parents listened to the voice of Satan and disobeyed the voice of God. By their actions they allowed sin and death into world. We have continued in their footsteps, enslaved to sin, bound to die, and all too often captive to the voice of Satan. Let us go before our God and Father, confessing our sins and asking Him for forgiveness.
 Heavenly Father,

People: we confess that we are in captivity to sin. We are powerless to overcome death. On our own, we are no match for the power of Satan. For the sake of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive our sins. Free us from our enemies. Restore our broken relationships with You and with one another.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you so that your sins may be forgiven, that death would be destroyed, and that Satan would be defeated. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. We are freed from our enemies. We are freed to serve in God's kingdom and speak His teachings. We will not remain silent.

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, You are the liberator and defender of all people. Free us from the power of sin, death, and Satan, that we may serve You and our neighbors with joy and gladness, for You reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Somebody Prayed

Verse 1

Every night there by your bed,
You fold your hands and bow your head
Throwing out another prayer in faith.

When you wondering if He's hearing you,
Look at me, I'm living proof.
I'm only right here where I am today
Because somebody prayed.

Chorus

So I hit my knees
'Cause I've seen all heaven move.
(Don't matter if you hit rock bottom,)
(My God pick you up when you call Him.)

I pray, "Father please."
'Cause I've seen what He can do.
(Don't matter if the storm cloud coming.)
(My God come through when you call Him.)

These hands have no power,
 But there ain't an hour He don't come
 through.
 That's why when mountains move I say,
 "Looks like somebody prayed."

Verse 2

For the child of God that's far from home,
 The one who thinks they're too far gone,
 I'm throwing out another prayer in faith.

Worn out altars, tear stained pews,
 Still I won't give up on you.
 I believe that anything can change
 When somebody prays.

Chorus

So I hit my knees
 'Cause I've seen all heaven move.
(Don't matter if you hit rock bottom,)
(My God pick you up when you call Him.)

I pray, "Father please."
 'Cause I've seen what He can do.
(Don't matter if the storm cloud coming.)
(My God come through when you call Him.)

These hands have no power,
 But there ain't an hour He don't come
 through.
 That's why when mountains move I say,
 "Looks like somebody prayed."

Bridge

I've seen miracles come from feeble
 words.
 I've seen hospital rooms turned into
 cathedrals.
 I've seen freedom come to the prisoner.
 You can't tell me that prayer don't work.

Verse 3

Every night there by your bed
 When you fold your hands and bow your
 head,
 Not a single word you've ever said in vain,
 'Cause He hears everything.

Chorus

So I hit my knees
 'Cause I've seen all heaven move.
(Don't matter if you hit rock bottom,)
(My God pick you up when you call Him.)

I pray, "Father please."
 'Cause I've seen what He can do.
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These hands have no power,
 But there ain't an hour He don't come
 through.

That's why when mountains move I say,
 "Looks like somebody prayed." (2x)

FIRST READING Galatians 3:23---4:7 (*Heirs According to the Promise*)

Reader: ²³ Before the way of faith in Christ was available to us, we were placed under guard by the law. We were kept in protective custody, so to speak, until the way of faith was revealed.

²⁴ Let me put it another way. The law was our guardian until Christ came; it protected us until we could be made right with God through faith. ²⁵ And now that the way of faith has come, we no longer need the law as our guardian.

²⁶ For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes.

People: ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you.

Reader: Think of it this way. If a father dies and leaves an inheritance for his young children, those children are not much better off than slaves until they grow up, even though they actually own everything their father had. ² They have to obey their guardians until they reach whatever age their father set. ³ And that's the way it was with us before Christ came.

People: We were like children; we were slaves to the basic spiritual principles of this world.

Reader: ⁴ But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. ⁵ God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. ⁶ And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father."

People: ⁷ Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child.

Reader: And since you are his child, God has made you his heir.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 8:26-39 (*Jesus heals a demon-possessed man.*)

Reader: ²⁶ They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. ²⁷ When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice,

People: "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!"

Reader: ²⁹ For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places. ³⁰ Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

People: "Legion," he replied, because many demons had gone into him. ³¹ And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.

Reader: ³² A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. ³³ When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

People: ³⁴ When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, ³⁵ and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured.

Reader: ³⁷ Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left.

³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.



THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hallelujah Feeling

Verse 1

Some days I climb the mountains,
Some days I touch the clouds,
Some days my best friend
Has been the cold hard ground.
There's mercy new each morning,
Comfort through the night.
My eyes are fixed on Jesus,
And I'm gonna be alright.

Chorus

I got that hallelujah feeling
down in my soul.
I got that hallelujah feeling
and it won't let go.
God is good, yes and amen

No matter what comes I know
I got that hallelujah feeling down in my
soul.

Tag

Hallelujah Hallelujah

Verse 2

Oh just because it's raining,
Doesn't mean the sun won't shine.
There's a season for the struggle,
And a season for the prize.
But my hope is never fading,
'Cause it's anchored in the truth.
My Father goes before me,
And His joy will see me through.

Chorus

I got that hallelujah feeling
down in my soul.
I got that hallelujah feeling
and it won't let go.
God is good, yes and amen
No matter what comes I know
I got that hallelujah feeling down in my
soul.

Tag

Hallelujah hallelujah (2x)

Bridge

When everything is shaking,
Got that solid rock like pavement.
I might bend, but I'm not breaking.
I know who's on my side

MESSAGE**King of Kings**

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes

To fulfill the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory

When everything is shaking,
Got that solid rock like pavement.
I might bend, but I'm not breaking.
The Lord is on my side

Chorus

I got that hallelujah feeling
down in my soul.
I got that hallelujah feeling
and it won't let go.
God is good, yes and amen
No matter what comes I know
I got that hallelujah feeling down in my
soul.

Tag

Hallelujah hallelujah (3x)

Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross

For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

Chorus

Praise the Father
 Praise the Son
 Praise the Spirit three in one
 God of Glory
 Majesty
 Praise forever to the King of kings

And the morning that You rose
 All of heaven held its breath
 Till that stone was moved for good
 For the Lamb had conquered death

And the dead rose from their tombs
 And the angels stood in awe
 For the souls of all who'd come
 To the Father are restored

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Dear heavenly Father, place Your wise hand upon all the nations of the earth, give them leaders who seek after justice and peace,

People: and lead all people to the freedom of Your Gospel.

Pastor: Lord, lift up all those who are weighed down by the guilt and shame of sin. Release them from their bondage and point them to forgiveness as the feet of Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: and point them to forgiveness at the feet of Jesus.

And the Church of Christ was born
 Then the Spirit lit the flame
 Now this Gospel truth of old
 Shall not kneel shall not faint

By His blood and in His Name
 In His freedom I am free
 For the love of Jesus Christ
 Who has resurrected me

Chorus

Praise the Father
 Praise the Son
 Praise the Spirit three in one
 God of Glory
 Majesty
 Praise forever to the King of kings

Praise forever to the King of kings

Pastor: Lord, strengthen all those who are fighting against the power of Satan. Remind them of Your presence in Your Word.

People: Empower them to resist Satan's lies with the truth of Your Word.

Pastor: Lord, give hope to all those who are isolated and lonely. Bring them into the presence of the loving community of Your Church that they find help and hope among Your people.

People: that they find help and hope among Your people.

Pastor: Look, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering. Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

If you brought your offering today, you are welcome to leave it in the offering box you will find at the back of the church. **Thank you.**

We invite our guests and members to fill out our Friendship Card during worship, which is found on the back of the pew. Please leave your card at the end of the pew near the center aisle as you leave.

The Lord's Prayer

Father, let your kingdom come.
 Father, let your will be done
 On Earth as in Heaven,
 Right here in my heart.

Father, let your kingdom come.
 Father, let your will be done
 On Earth as in Heaven,
 Right here in my heart.

Give us this day our daily bread.
 Forgive us, forgive us
 As we forgive the ones who sinned
 Against us; forgive them.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 But deliver us from the evil one.
 Let your kingdom come.

Father, let your kingdom come.
 Father, let your will be done
 On Earth as in Heaven,
 Right here in my heart.

Father, let your kingdom come.
 Father, let your will be done

On Earth as in Heaven,
 Right here in my heart.

It's yours, it's yours,
 All yours, all yours.
 The kingdom, the power,
 The glory are yours.

It's yours, it's yours,
 All yours, all yours.
 Forever and ever

The kingdom is yours.

Father, let your kingdom come.
 Father, let your will be done
 On Earth as in Heaven,
 Right here in my heart.

Father, let your kingdom come.
 Father, let your will be done
 On Earth as in Heaven,
 Right here in my heart.

On Earth as in Heaven,
 Right here in my heart.

BENEDICTION *John 16:33*

Pastor: Jesus said, "Take heart; I have overcome the world."
 The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

THE INVITATIONS

Living Hope

Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us.
How high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night.
Then through the darkness Your loving-
kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished, the end is written.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless
grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken; I am forgiven.
The King of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Chorus

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me
free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!

You have broken every chain.
There's salvation in Your name.
Jesus Christ, my living hope. (REPEAT)

Verse 3

Then came the morning that sealed the
promise,
Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me.
(REPEAT)
Jesus, Yours is the victory!

Chorus

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me
free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken every chain.
There's salvation in Your name.
Jesus Christ, my living hope. (Repeat)

Ending

Jesus Christ, my living hope.
Jesus Christ, you are my living hope



Need some PRAYER? Anyone who desires special private prayer with a pastor or a Stephen Minister may do so by coming forward after service to one of the front pews.

Our Vision — a place to come for comfort, support, answers, opportunities to serve, and to strengthen a salvation relationship with Jesus



Where We Serve

Preacher/Officiant	Pastor Christopher Fairbairn
Minister of Music	Paul Ventimiglia
Family Life Director	Jeanette Koch
Elder	Bob McGuigan
Welcome Center	Kathy Verseman
Ushers	Christian Krauter Lenny Elliott
Greeters	Kovalak Family
Tech Team	James Nordbeck
Counters	Melissa Raikes Kathy Verseman Dennis Verseman
Acolyte	Matthew George

Bible Study and Small Group Opportunities

SUNDAYS: Join us for bible study and fellowship @ 9:45am in the church Parish Hall.

SATURDAYS: Men's Bible Study – Every 1st and 3rd Saturday @ 9:00am – Parish Hall

Attendance Last week: 6.15.2025– Attendance – 8am –97+ 11am –70 = 167

Communion – 132

Received week of 6.15.2025- for Church (Envelopes + loose plate)- **\$12,283** total includes online giving School - **\$214.98**

Remember Our Shut-Ins

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22	JUN, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School & Youth Bible Study
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship
		● 7 – 9pm	Adult pick up basketball school gym
23	JUN, MON	● All day	Summer Camp 8:30 - 3:30 (Day 1/5)
		● 3:45 – 5:15pm	School Early Childhood Meeting
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Council Mtg PH Parish Hall
24	JUN, TUE	● All day	Summer Camp 8:30 - 3:30 (Day 2/5)
25	JUN, WED	● All day	Summer Camp 8:30 - 3:30 (Day 3/5)
26	JUN, THU	● All day	Summer Camp 8:30 - 3:30 (Day 4/5)
		● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Choir Practice
27	JUN, FRI	● All day	Summer Camp 8:30 - 3:30 (Day 5/5)
		● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall



Altar Flowers

One vase in honor of my wife Pat's birthday from Bob McGuigan.

*One vase in honor of our devoted members, Jerry and Val Krause and
Will and Barbara Hoffmeier from Ann Kelly.*

Please arrange to pick up your flowers after the 11 am service



We are looking for an additional member for the Tech team, 8:30am service. No need for any technical ability and we'll train you. Primary duties are advancing the PowerPoint slides and at times, changing the camera angle for the on-line service recording. Please contact the church office at 248-349-3140 or stpaulnorthville@ameritech.net if you can volunteer. Thank you so much- Paul Ventimiglia



NORTHVILLE JULY 4TH PARADE

THEME:

Hometown USA

OUR INTERPRETATION:

“God Loves Northville

Our Hometown”

How you can help:



1. Candy, Candy, Candy. We can use donated candy to pass out during the parade. It must be wrapped and no chocolate or melty candy. There will be a donation box in the hall.



2. We are walking and handing out candy and pencils so we need as many walkers as available to give a strong presence in the community.

3. Any questions, contact Patrick Baker or any Board of Evangelism member.

Thank you for wherever you can help.

We need Coffee Hour Helpers. I looked at our schedule yesterday and we need three coffee hours covered in June, two in July and four in August. Can you and others team up to help out? Summers are always a bit tough to get volunteers but if you can help, it sure will be appreciated. Everyone enjoys coffee hour and fellowship.

Here is a suggestion for coffee hour (or any variation):

Crackers/Cheese

Fruit

(2) Egg Dishes or deviled eggs

Pastries (3) Such as donuts, bagels, coffee cakes,

French toast casserole or breads

Juice

Coffee cream

3 servers are enough, please try to take everything home with you that was not eaten. Most times the freezer foods do not get used. We also ask that someone from your group take the towels home to wash and return, the next Sunday is fine. We need to remove all the garbage as well.



Coffee Hour Board Members: Jan Paver, Sue Poole or Claudia Williamson.

Thank you very much. Happy Summer

Health care in the United States is easily available, but for those in Haiti this is not the case. For the month of June, Women in Christ will be featuring the mission grant entitled Caribbean Children's Foundation Medical Clinic for Ile-a-Vache, Haiti, in the amount of \$25,000. Funds raised will be used to begin furnishing a medical clinic on the island of Ile-a-Vache, Haiti. Once the clinic is established, the Caribbean Children's Foundation will provide to the island's residents basic health care, laboratory and pharmacy services, and opportunity to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Currently, health care is a long, often unaffordable, weather-permitting boat trip to the mainland. Please help raise the funds for this badly needed clinic by filling your MITE Box.

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SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025

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Praise Rock Band (ALL ages) and Craft Time for Children

Kristen Goodman will lead arts, crafts and open gym time for children on alternate Sundays starting June 29, 2025 in Room 5 of the school. If there is an adult male who would like to play basketball, dodge ball or another game with the boys on one of these Sundays, please see Mrs. Goodman.

Praise Rock Band will take place on alternate Sundays starting June 22, 2025 in Room 12 in the lower level of the school. This is open to ALL ages. We'll be playing beginner-level songs and will have available positions in piano, guitar, bass guitar, drums, cowbell and vocals. Led by Jeni Huggins - please see her or text 248-787-0480 if you have any questions, or just show up. We will work toward offering a few songs to a small audience on Rally Day, September 7, 2025.

Sundays - Approximately 9:35 am - 10:55 am

June 22, 2025	Praise Rock Band - Room 12
June 29, 2025	Arts, Crafts and Gym time - Room 5 and Gymnasium
July 6, 2025	Praise Rock Band - Room 12
July 13, 2025	Arts, Crafts and Gym Time - Room 5 and Gymnasium
July 20, 2025	Praise Rock Band - Room 12
July 27, 2025	Arts, Crafts and Gym Time - Room 5 and Gymnasium
August 3, 2025	Praise Rock Band - Room 12
August 10, 2025	Arts, Crafts and Gym Time - Room 5 and Gymnasium
August 17, 2025	Praise Rock Band - Room 12
August 24, 2025	Arts, Crafts and Gym Time - Room 5 and Gymnasium
August 31, 2025	Praise Rock Band - Room 12
September 7, 2025	Rally Day - Praise Rock Band concert?