

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEKEND**  
**Sunday • July 6, 2025**

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**Mission Statement:** As a community of faith, we welcome all who seek understanding. • As a community of hope, we offer friendship and comfort to those in need. • As a community of love, we provide caring support and shared fellowship to all.

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WE ARE A COMMUNITY CHURCH. OUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND MEMBERS COME FROM MANY PLACES AND MULTIPLE FAITH TRADITIONS. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO FIND A SPIRITUAL SANCTUARY HERE.

— ANNOUNCEMENTS —

— PASSING the PEACE & WELCOME —

**CENTERING MUSIC**

*Sharon Novak*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Adapted from prayer by Dr Jim Somerville*

One: O God, you birthed a nation and made your covenant with a band of runaway slaves;

*People: You watched over the rise and fall of nations: great and small, near and far, before and since.*

One: You were in that hot and stifling room in Philadelphia when this nation declared its independence,

*People: Though we admit freedom has come slowly to some of your people.*

One: And so we ask, be with us now.

*People: Help us see things as you see them.*

One: From your point of view the greatness of any nation is not measured by gross national product or military strength,

*People: Greatness comes from the way we live by your great commandment: to love our neighbors as ourselves,*

One: And to love and follow you in ways that stir a revolution in our hearts, minds, and bodies.

*People: To throw off the bonds that oppress and harm the world.*

One: So even as we strike up the band and join the parade, as we light firecrackers and celebrate independence,

*People: May we use our freedom in ways that help and heal rather than hurt and destroy.*

One: As the Apostle Paul has said, “let us not use freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence,”

*People: “But rather, through love, let us become servants to one another.”*

**ALL:** *As we call upon you this morning, may we become what you promised to Abraham: a people and a nation that may be called blessed.*

**\*SONG #54**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

*Sharon Novak*

— PRAYING —

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and glory forever. *Amen.*

— REFLECTING —

**SCRIPTURE**

**Genesis 22:1-19**

**MESSAGE**

**My World**

*Rev. Gail Doktor*

**\*SONG [insert]**

***Here I Am, Lord***

*Sharon Novak*

— OFFERING —

**\*SONG #44**

***Doxology***

*Sharon Novak*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*Rev. Gail Doktor*

## GENESIS 22:1-19 — The Command to Sacrifice Isaac

After these things God tested Abraham. God said to him, *“Abraham!”*

And Abraham said, *“Here I am.”*

God said, *“Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.”* So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away.

Then Abraham said to his young men, *“Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.”* Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together.

Isaac said to his father Abraham, *“Father!”*

And he said, *“Here I am, my son.”*

Isaac said, *“The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?”*

Abraham said, *“God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.”* And the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, *“Abraham, Abraham!”*

And Abraham said, *“Here I am.”*

The angel said, *“Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.”* And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son . . .

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven and said, *“By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.”*

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:30am • July 6, 2025

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JACKSON COMMUNITY CHURCH  
JACKSON, NH

— COMMUNION —

WELCOME to TABLE & BLESSING of ELEMENTS

PRAYER of CONFESSION (unison)

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways. *Amen.*

ASSURANCE of PARDON

THE SURSUM CORDA and SANCTUS

One: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the skies.**

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

One: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you, and singing.

People: *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,  
Early in the morning, our song shall rise to thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.*  
— *Nicaea 351*

THE SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP

STATEMENT OF THANKSGIVING

One: We are not alone, God made us.

People: **We are not alone; we have each other.**

One: Can anything separate us from the love of Christ?

People: **Can trouble, pain, or persecution?**

One: No. In all these things we win an overwhelming victory through the one whose love for us has been proven.

All: **Neither death, nor life, neither messenger of heaven nor ruler on earth, neither what happens today nor what may happen tomorrow, neither power from on high nor power from below, nor anything else has power to separate us from the love of God! Thanks be to God! *Amen!***

\*SONG #311 *Let Us Break Bread* Sharon Novak

— CLOSING —

\*BENEDICTION Sharon Novak

*May the love of God live in us today, may the love of God live in us today.*

*May the warmth we feel within us show in all we do and say.*

*May the love of God live in us today.*

*May the peace of God be with us today, May the peace of God be with us today.*

*May it guide us and protect us, as we go our separate ways.*

*May the peace of God be with us, May the love of God live in us,*

*May the love of God shine through us today.*

*\*Please rise if you're able    \*\*Communion is gluten free & nonalcoholic*

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PRAYERS for PEOPLE:

*Focus this week: Focus this week: Alexis, Ann C., BJ, Bob G., Bunny C & Bob C., Cindi, Dave & Beth, Deb L., Irene, Jack, Kailee, Karen, Larry, Linda, Michael, Michele, Nancy, Rob, Ruth, Sarah, Sascha, Steve, Tom, Tyler, Val. Those who are grieving.*

PRAYERS for PLACES: For places hurt by natural disaster and human conflict. For partners in Zimbabwe and Honduras.

# Here I Am, Lord

Music by Daniel L. Schutte  
Text: Based on Isaiah 6.

## VERSES

Moderate tempo, with majesty (♩ = ca. 80)

G C/G G C/G G D G Em

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry. All who dwell in  
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain. I wept for  
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a

Am7 G/B C Am Am7/G D/F# D/C G/B D/A G

dark and sin My hand will save. I, who made the  
 love of them. They turn a - way. I will break their  
 feast for them. My hand will save. Fin-est bread I

C/G G C/G G D G Em Am7 G/B C

stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my light to them?  
 hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my word to them.  
 will pro-vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my life to them.

## REFRAIN

Am G/B C D D/F# G Gsus4 G Gsus4 G C/E C/D

Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
 go, Lord, if you lead me.

*molto rit.*  
*a tempo*

G Gsus4 G 1.3.5 Am7 G/B C D D/F#

I have heard you call - ing in the night. I will  
 I will hold your

*rit.*

2.4.6. 2.4. D.C. final time

Am7 D Gsus4 G Gsus4 G Gsus4 Gmaj7/F# C/E D Dsus2 D/F# G

peo - ple in my heart.

*rit.*  
*a tempo*

(cue-sized notes final time only)