

Sung Scripture Response *Holy***VT 136**

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, Lord.

Meditation *Walking in Newness of Life*

Membership Transfers Bizimana Alexis & Nyamahirwe Solange
Muchuranya Alexis & Nyamajana Esperance
Nshizirungu Patric
Muziranenge Esther

Welcoming New Members**VT 961****Hymn of Response** *As I Went Down to the River to Pray* **VT 453**

As I went down to the river to pray, studying about that good
old way, and who shall wear the robe and crown, good Lord,
show me the way.

1. Oh, sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.
Oh, sisters, let's go down, down to the river to pray.
2. Oh, brothers,...
3. Oh, children,...

Baptismal Service

Testimonies

Yves Bienvenu
Redard Bienvenu
Fidele Habineza

Words from Pastors Tito and Fidèle

Baptismal Litany

Baptism by Immersion

Congregational Commitment and Blessing

Musical Blessing

VT 932**Communion Service**

Invitation

Communion and Congregational Prayer

Words of Institution

Receiving the Bread

Receiving the Cup

Hymn of Sending *Bwana awabariki***VT 845***May God Grant You a Blessing*

Bwana awabariki, Bwana awabariki, Bwana awabariki milele.
May God grant you a blessing, may God grant you a blessing,
may God grant you a blessing evermore.

Benediction**Postlude****PARTICIPANTS**

Worship Leader: Scott Brubaker-Zehr
Accompanist: Joanne Bender
Song Leader: Karin Bileski
Children's Singing: SS Children led by Ali Blair
Story Circle: Scott Brubaker-Zehr
Scripture Readers: Agape Bienvenu and Scott Brubaker-Zehr (English)
Ruramira Fidèle (Kinyarwanda)
Meditation: Scott Brubaker-Zehr
Musical Blessing: Esperance Bienvenu & Glory Kigana and friends
Communion Prayer: Scott Brubaker-Zehr
Communion Servers: Ardith Frey and Richard Kennel
Tech Host: Eric Wildfong
Sound: Joe Wildfong
Ushers: Mark Stafford and Nancy Mann

Welcoming New Members**VT 961**

Leader: We have witnessed your commitment to Christ,
And we recognize you as members in this congregation.

**All: We welcome you with joy
as companions on the journey of faith.
We commit ourselves
to fellowship and worship,
service and witness,
as partners in God's mission.
We receive you as Christ has received us.**

Baptismal Litany

Leader: Through baptism, we are united to Jesus Christ and given part in Christ's ministry of reconciliation.
Baptism is the visible sign of an invisible event: the reconciliation of people to God.
Baptism shows the death of the old self and the rising to life of a new self.
It also shows the pouring out of the Holy Spirit on those whom God has chosen.
Baptism declares God's forgiveness;
It seals the gift of the Spirit and joins the believer to the body of Christ.

**People: This is the water of baptism.
Out of this water we rise with new life,
forgiven of sin, and one in Christ,
members of Christ's body.**

Congregational Commitment and Blessing VT 932

*As we now receive you into the fellowship of the church, we
make this covenant with you,
and we renew our own covenant with God.
We pledge to bear each other's burdens,
to assist in times of need,
to share our gifts and possessions,
to forgive as Christ has forgiven,
to support each other in times of joy and sorrow,
and in all things to work for the common good,
thus proclaiming the presence of Christ among us
so that our lives may glorify God.
Holy Spirit, make us one body,
part of the church worldwide,
united in its diversity,
now and in every age. Amen.*



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Outdoor Service at the home of
John & Joanne Bender

Sunday, June 8, 2025, 10 am

Pentecost

Prelude *Congregational Singing*

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Gathering Hymn *Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing* **VT 7**

1. Come, let us all unite to sing, God is love. Let heav'n and earth their praises bring, God is love. Let ev'ry soul from sin awake, let ev'ry heart sweet music make, and sing with us for Jesus' sake, for God is love.
2. O tell to earth's remotest bound, God is love. In Christ we have redemption found, God is love. His blood has washed our sins away, his Spirit turned our night to day, and now we can rejoice to say that God is love.
3. What though our mortal flesh shall fail, God is love! Through Christ we shall o'er death prevail, God is love! While endless ages roll along, we'll triumph with the heav'nly throng, and this shall be our sweetest song, that God is love!
4. How happy is our portion here, God is love. These promises our spirits cheer, God is love. God is our sun and shield by day, our help, our hope, our strength and stay; and will be with us all the way: our God is love.

Children's Singing *This Pretty Planet*

Tom Chapin

Story Circle *A Special Day*

Scripture Readings Acts 2:1-4; Romans 6:3-5