



**June 21, 2026**  
**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**There Ain't No Such Thing**  
**as a Free Lunch**

**Welcome visitors! We are glad you are here. Please join us immediately after the service downstairs in McMullen Hall for coffee and treats.**

**Parents: We have free childcare for ages 0-3 in our nursery. Sunday School for ages 4-11 begins after worship.**

**While in this sacred space, please silence your cell phones.**

**Please hold your applause for music until the end of worship.**

*↑(Indicates a time when you are requested to stand in body or spirit.)*

*Silent Meditation*

*"Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable... Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals." - Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

*Prelude "River in Judea" Linda Marcus & Jack Feldman*

*Welcome to Worship*

*One: Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey,*  
**ALL: You are welcome here.**

*Announcements & Ringing of the Bell*

*Call to Worship (from "Creation Sings Your Praise" - Christian Aid UK)*

*One: God of the impossible,*  
**All: We pray for justice, peace and reconciliation;**  
*One: When the challenges seem too many,*  
**All: Remind us of your resurrection power;**

One: When the task seems overwhelming,

**All: Remind us of the miracle of love;**

One: And when apathy threatens us,

**All: Remind us of your vision of a world made whole.**

One: Help us to hope that the impossible can happen

**All: And to live as if it might do so today.**

*Prayer for Transformation (from "The Minor Keys")*

**All: Loving God, you call us to turn away from our own selfish interests,  
to take up our cross, and to follow you.**

**To find our lives, may we live them in service of your mission.**

**As we come before you this morning,**

**give us open hearts and open hands.**

**Make us eager to hear your voice and seek your guidance.**

**Open our minds to your ever-present spirit**

**that is always moving within and around us**

**Open our spirits to your nudging and open our lives to your love.**

*Moment of Silent Reflection*

*Words of Grace*

*↑Passing of the Peace*

*Centering Song "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

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*Prayer for Illumination*

*First Reading (Genesis 21:8-21/NRSVUE)*

*Gospel Reading (Matthew 10:24-39/NRSVUE)*

*"A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill*

the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,  
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Reflection

Rev. Brent Gundlah

Call to Offering

Offering Song

“We Are Not Alone”

Pepper Choplin

↑Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the Community

Pastoral Prayer (adapted from John Vest, “re:Worship”)

Jesus Prayer

↑Words of Mission and Benediction

Dismissal to Sunday School

Closing Song

“There’s A Wideness in God’s Mercy”

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Video: Paul Ford, Sound: Chuck Dillard  
Bell Ringer: Iain McDonald  
Music: HUCC Choir**

**Worship services at HUCC are live streamed on Facebook and YouTube.  
Your presence here today is your consent to being part of that broadcast.**

### Upcoming Events

**Congregational Meeting to vote on new Open & Affirming Covenant – Sunday, June 28th after Worship**

**Glendale Collection every Wednesday at South entrance.**

**Gatherings Book group meets every Sunday at 9 am in the Chapel.**

**HUCC Grief Support group will be on hiatus throughout the summer.**

**Caring Ministry Meeting on Zoom – Thursday, June 25th at 7:00 pm.**

**Prayer Circle today in the chapel immediately following worship.**