

Beverley Hills Community United Methodist Church

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
July 5, 2026 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

CENTERING MUSIC *Variations on “America”* Charles Ives
(See Music Note for the background of this iconic organ suite.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Gathered to worship God, some are joy-filled, some are weary.
All of us look to the wisdom of Jesus.
It’s Jesus who invites all to experience **rest** which comes as we
focus on his desire to gently teach of God’s love and care.
**When we follow Jesus’ teachings, putting on obedience, we find his way
easy, and the burden is light.**
So we come!
Let’s listen, learn, sing praise, pray and feast together.
Let’s worship God!

*OPENING HYMN 698 God of the Ages UM Hymnal

OPENING PRAYER

God of heaven and earth, we gather in Your presence with thanksgiving
and praise for the way in which You have revealed Yourself to us.
Through Jesus Christ, your Son, we have come to know and love You;
we have witnessed Your love and mercy in action; we have caught a
glimpse of Your heart, and we have received the call to follow. Continue
to reveal Yourself to us as we worship. May Your Holy Spirit open our

minds and hearts to Your presence here, and to the word that You have
for us this morning. We long to meet You here, and to know You better.
In the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Savior. Amen

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 7:15-25a

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Rev. Dr. Deborah D. Porras

HYMN 451 Be Thou My Vision UM Hymnal

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ORGAN OFFERTORY *Variations on “America:” Polonaise* Charles Ives

*SONG OF PRAISE 697, Verse 4 America UM Hymnal

Our fathers’ God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright with freedom’s holy light;
Protect us by thy might, great God, our King.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING UM Hymnal, pp. 13-14

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UM Hymnal 895

***SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP**

*We practice 'open table': **All** are invited to join Christ in this meal of grace and unity. Our bread is gluten/nut/dairy/egg/shellfish/wheat-free.*

SENDING FORTH

***CLOSING HYMN**

Chosen by the congregation, a summer tradition

***MISSION STATEMENT**

Our mission is to welcome all people as they are,
To grow together in Christian faith and fellowship,
And to share Christ-like love in word and deed. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

***ORGAN POSTLUDE**

Variations on "America:" Finale

Charles Ives

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A Reconciling Congregation



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