



Service of Worship for the Lord's Day June 14, 2026 Ordinary 11

Prayers written by Kim Jaynes.

PRELUDE "My Jesus, I Love Thee" Dale Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: People of God who are Erin Church, come and worship the One who created us!

People: We praise the One who calls us, equips us, and loves us without end.

Pastor: God welcomes everyone, and we will share God's love with everyone we meet.

People: We worship God with grateful hearts.

HYMN #693 "Though I May Speak"

PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Guide: Father, you are the God of love. Your Word tells us so, and your Son offered the perfect illustration when he lived on this earth. There is no better example of a life dedicated to love.

People: You call us to love you and to love the people around us—all of them—as Jesus did. That's a tall order, and we often fall short.

Guide: You tell us, though, that the way to prove your love is real is to show love to others, especially when it's hard. Every time we ignore someone in need, pretend their problem isn't ours to fix, or rationalize our inaction by saying our efforts would barely make a difference, we deny the immense power of your love.

People: Forgive us when our actions don't match our words. Forgive us when we hold back because we're afraid. Forgive us when we don't notice the ones who need love the most. Hear us now as we acknowledge our sins.

— *Silent Confessions* —

Guide: Guide us, God, and renew us day by day. Help us remember what real love looks like. We pray together the words your Son taught us: "***Our Father...***" (*debts/debtors*) p. 35 in hymnal

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Guide: Even our best efforts fall short of God's intentions, yet God forgives us every time we ask. In never-ending grace, God is waiting to make us whole again.

CHORAL RESPONSE (in unison)

#582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

ANTHEM "Come As You Are" Erin Praise Band

FAMILY SERMON Joy Bornhoeft

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reader: God, give us patience to listen carefully to your Word, insight to comprehend its meaning, and courage to act on what we hear and understand. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Deuteronomy 14:22-29

22-23 You must reserve a tenth part of whatever your fields produce each year. Eat the tenth part of your grain, wine, oil, oldest offspring of your herds and flocks in the presence of the Lord your God in the location he selects for his name to reside so that you learn to fear the Lord your God at all times.

24 But if the trip is too long, because the location the Lord your God has selected to put his name is far away from where you live so that you can't transport the tenth part—because the Lord your God will certainly bless you— then you can convert it to money.

25-26 Take the money with you and go to the location the Lord your God selects. Then you can use the money for anything you want: cattle, sheep, wine, beer, or whatever else you might like. Then you should feast there and celebrate in the presence of the Lord your God, along with your entire household.

27 Only make sure not to neglect the Levites who are living in your cities because they don't have a designated inheritance like you do.

28-29 Every third year you must bring the tenth part of your produce from that year and leave it at your city gates.

29 Then the Levites, who have no designated inheritance like you do, along with the immigrants, orphans, and widows who live in your cities, will come and feast until they are full. Do this so that the Lord your God might bless you in everything you do.

All: This is the Word of the Lord. Amen.

I John 4:7-21

7 Dear friends, let's love each other, because love is from God, and everyone who loves is born from God and knows God.

8 The person who doesn't love does not know God, because God is love.

9 This is how the love of God is revealed to us: God has sent his only Son into the world so that we can live through him.

10 This is love: it is not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son as the sacrifice that deals with our sins.

11-13 Dear friends, if God loved us this way, we also ought to love each other. No one has ever seen

God. If we love each other, God remains in us and his love is made perfect in us. This is how we know we remain in him and he remains in us, because he has given us a measure of his Spirit.

14-16 We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the savior of the world. 15 If any of us confess that Jesus is God's Son, God remains in us and we remain in God. 16 We have known and have believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who remain in love remain in God and God remains in them.

17-18 This is how love has been perfected in us, so that we can have confidence on the Judgment Day, because we are exactly the same as God is in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear, because fear expects punishment. The person who is afraid has not been made perfect in love.

19-20 We love because God first loved us. Those who say, "I love God" and hate their brothers or sisters are liars. After all, those who don't love their brothers or sisters whom they have seen can hardly love God whom they have not seen!

21 This commandment we have from him: Those who claim to love God ought to love their brother and sister also.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

SERMON "For the Love of Humanity" Pastor Joseph

HYMN #300 "We Are One in the Spirit"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Only you, Lord, control the universe. Only you know the entire timeline of history. Only you can write the end of the story.

People: We like to think we're strong and powerful. We want to believe we have an impact on what happens in our world. But every day we face wrongs we can't right, situations we can't fix, and challenges we can't overcome. We pray for those who need your help; some of them we know well, and some we will never meet. But we know your love covers everyone. We ask today that you will intervene in the lives of your children both near and far.

— *Silent prayers for others and ourselves. A candle is lit.* —

Pastor: Thank you, Father, for your great love for all the world. May we, as individuals and as your people gathered here, follow you by showing your love in tangible ways to all who seek your help. Amen.

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP Diana Brandon

OFFERTORY "Awake, Awake to Love and Work" Wilbur Held

***OFFERING (in unison) "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"**
***God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
Open wide our hands in sharing as we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.***

DEDICATION (unison)

If we love one another, we must show it in everything we do. These gifts are a sign that we understand people are more important than things, and if one of us is in need, the rest of us must fill the gap. Use our gifts, Lord, to help those who need it most. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #711 "Lord of All Good"

BENEDICTION Pastor Joseph

DOXOLOGY (in unison) #606

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

POSTLUDE "Let us Talents and Tongues Employ" John Behnke

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

The English word "Messiah" comes from a Hebrew Word that is sometimes translated "anointed one," sometimes "liberator," and sometimes "savior." How does Jesus save us from our fears? How can we live in ways that show our liberation from fear, and encourage one another to live our salvation here and now?

MONDAY Joshua 1:1-11

TUESDAY I Samuel 3:1-9

WEDNESDAY Job 38:39-39:12

THURSDAY Hebrews 2:5-9

FRIDAY Acts 5:17-26

SATURDAY Romans 6:1-11

SUNDAY Matthew 10:24-31