

Season after Pentecost, Year B, Proper 6

(Sunday between June 12 and June 18 inclusive)

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Scriptures: [Scripture linked to NRSV at Oremus Bible Browser]

[1 Samuel 15:34-16:13](#) (*The Lord sends Samuel to anoint David as king*)

[Psalm 20](#) (*I know that the Lord will help his anointed*)

[2 Corinthians 5:6-10 \(11-13\), 14-17](#) (*If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation*)

[Mark 4:26-34](#) (*Parables about seeds describe the kingdom of God*)

Alternate First Reading and Psalm:

[Ezekiel 17:22-24](#) (*A sign: from a small sprig, God will bring forth a noble tree*)

[Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15](#) (*For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work*)

Themes: Calling, Faith, New Creation, Growth, Love of Christ, Kingdom of God

HYMN SUGGESTIONS

Hymn Suggestions link to Hymnary.org, a searchable resource with a wealth of information. The tunes listed here are the ones most commonly associated with the texts, and the biblical/thematic references suggest the hymn's association with the scriptures or themes of this service.

Children of God (<i>CHILDREN OF GOD</i>)	2 Corinthians
The Church's One Foundation (<i>AURELIA</i>)	2 Corinthians
For the Fruit of All Creation (<i>AR HYD Y NOS</i>)	Mark, Ezekiel
Hail to the Lord's Anointed (<i>ELLACOMBE; ROCKPORT; SHEFFIELD</i>)	1 Samuel, Psalm 20
If You Only Had Faith (<i>SI TUVIERAS FE</i>)	Mark
In the Bulb There Is a Flower (Hymn of Promise) (<i>PROMISE</i>)	Ezekiel, 2 Corinthians, Mark
Just A Closer Walk With Thee (<i>CLOSER WALK</i>)	2 Corinthians
Lord, Here Am I (<i>BECK</i>)	1 Samuel
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (<i>BEECHER; HYRFYDOL</i>)	2 Corinthians
O God, Our Help in Ages Past (<i>ST. ANNE</i>)	Psalm 20
Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart (<i>MARION</i>)	1 Samuel, Psalm 20, Psalm 92
This Is a Day of New Beginnings (<i>BEGINNINGS</i>)	2 Corinthians
We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight (<i>DUNLAP'S CREEK; FAITH'S JOURNEY</i>)	2 Corinthians
We Are Singing, for the Lord Is Our Light (<i>SIYAHAMBA</i>)	Psalm 20, Psalm 92
When We Are Living (Pues si vivimos) (<i>SOMOS DEL SEÑOR</i>)	2 Corinthians

ANTHEMS

E = Easy, M = Moderate, MD = Moderately Difficult

The Church's One Foundation – M 2 Corinthians
AURELIA/John Ferguson, arr.
© 1999, Augsburg Fortress, 978-0-8006-5831-1
SATB, Organ, Brass, opt. Congregation

Festive Praise – M Psalm 92
Allen Pote
© 1991, Hope Publishing, F 998
SATB, Keyboard, opt. Brass

Hail to the Lord's Anointed – E 1 Sam, Psalm 20
WEDLOCK/Austin Lovelace, arr.
© 2010, E.C. Schirmer, 7318
SATB, Organ

Hope Is a Seed – E Mark
Jane Best
© 2016, GIA Publications, G-9116
SAB, Piano

Hymn of Promise – ME Ezekiel, 2 Cor, Mark
Natalie Sleeth/John Ferguson, arr.
© 1996, Hope Publishing, A705
SATB, Piano

I Know the Lord's Laid His Hand on Me – M 1 Sam
Traditional Spiritual/Richard Kent, arr.
© 1966, World Library Publications, 001080
SATB, Solo, a cappella

If You Have Faith (Si Tienen Fe) – ME Mark
Ronald F. Krisman
© 2008, GIA Publications, G-6620
SATB, Keyboard, opt. Various Inst., Congregation

Just a Closer Walk With Thee – E 2 Corinthians
CLOSER WALK/Mark Hayes, arr.
© 1999, Alfred Publishing, 18947
SATB, Solo, Piano

Let All the People Praise Thee – E Psalm 20 & 92
Natalie Sleeth, quoting *St. ANNE*
© 1990, Sacred Music Press, S-474
2-Part (or SATB), Keyboard, opt. Trumpet

Psalm 1 – M Ezekiel
Nathan Carter
© 2003, GIA Publications, G-6024
SSATB, Keyboard

We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight – ME 2 Cor
Michael Burkhardt
© 2008, Concordia Publishing, 97-7294
SATB, Organ, opt. Brass, Handbells

– YOUTH and CHILDREN –

Uyai Mose – M Psalm 92
Alexander Gondo/Kevin B. Holland, arr.
© 2014, Choristers Guild, CGA1373
SATB, Percussion

A Mustard Seed – ME Mark
Hank Beebe
© 1991, Kirkland/Lorenz, K139
2-Part, Piano

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL (Prayers, Poems, Quotes & Liturgies)

*The most regretful people on earth are those who felt the call
to creative work, who felt their own creative power restive and
uprising, and gave to it neither power nor time.*

– MARY OLIVER, *Upstream*

*The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness
and the world's deep hunger meet..*

– FREDERICK BUECHNER, *Wishful Thinking*

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day the Lord has made, a chance to be transformed,
Everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!
Seeds spring up and fruit is harvested, ever constant, yet always new,
Everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!
There is might in meekness and strength in humility,
Everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!
Let the work of God's Kingdom be our act of worship,
Everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

— JD Granade*

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*I lift a song of praise, Lord,
for unnumbered blessings.
In the morning your love is
the theme. From silence to
silence, you accompany me
on instruments played by
skilled hands, until the close
of the day, when in your
great faithfulness, you hang
lamps in the darkening sky.*

— WH, based upon Psalm 92:1-4

GATHERING PRAYER/PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, in whom we live and move and have our being,

As we walk by way of faith, may we trust the way You have called us to. Even when what we see for ourselves feels comfortable and secure, open our eyes, our minds, and our hearts that we may follow You.

Let us not pass by the seemingly small. What we see as meek, You see as mighty. You know the potential of what we are tempted to write off. Help us to see greatness as You do.

May we recognize Your unseen work. When we overlook the stirring movement of Your just presence, open our eyes to recognize You. And let us not miss our opportunity to join the good work. Move us beyond our own understanding and self-interest that we may be joyful collaborators.

Open our hearts to transformation. You change old to new, small to great, and defeat to victory. We doubt it could be possible, and yet we know it's true. Transform us for our full potential, so that we may use our time on earth to do what is pleasing to You and right by Your people. Amen.

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

TODAY, WE WILL HEAR a story about a child named David.

God told the prophet Eli that the new king would come from David's family, but David had seven older brothers. Of course, everyone thought one of these big, strong brothers would be the king—their dad, Jesse, didn't even bring David to meet Eli at first.

But God doesn't look at people like we do. God knew that David had a heart to listen to God, and chose David as the new king even though he was just a child!

God doesn't care about who is strongest, or smartest, or funniest, or any of the things we might say are the best. God looks for hearts full of love—hearts that will care for God's people.

And God looks at each of you and knows you can do great things!

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

O God, all of our blessings come from you.
As you look into our hearts may we be inspired
in generous living that reflects your generous giving.

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BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

As you go,
May the seed planted here continue to grow,
May the anointing of your life assure you
that you are worthy,
May you participate in a transformation
greater than you could ever imagine,
And may the love of God sustain you
until we meet again. Amen.

* Thanks to JD Granade for his contribution to this week's liturgies.

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