

Parkwood UMC Service of Worship  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
July 5, 2026

† Please stand as you are able.



*QR Code for Nursery  
Sign-In and Out Log*  
Desiree Davis-Omburo

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements  
*Chiming the Trinity*

Pastor Adam

† *Call to Worship*—*reflecting on faithful discipleship, national identity, and the call to worship God above all else.*

One: The God of all creation – diverse and wonderfully made – has placed us in many parts of this wondrous world. We celebrate the many, varied homelands that are embodied in the name America – North America, the Caribbean, Central America, and South America!

**All: We celebrate the differences among us. Lord, in your mercy, free us from every claim of superiority, for all nations you have made shall come before you.**

One: Scripture tells us that you, O God, are a God of equity. Since the foundations of the world in Genesis, Your Spirit has created and breathed life into diverse lands, animals, and peoples.

**All: We celebrate the differences among us – diverse cultures and lands. Lord, in your mercy, free us from every claim of superiority, for all nations you have made shall come before you.**

One: Your Spirit, O God, has created and breathed life into diverse lands, animals, and peoples.

**All: We celebrate the differences among us – diverse cultures and lands in Central America: Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama. Lord, in your mercy, free us from every claim of superiority, for all nations you have made shall come before you.**

One: Your Spirit, O God, has created and breathed life into diverse lands, animals, and peoples. We also celebrate and remember those peoples and cultures who have been erased, displaced, claimed as territories, and whose people have been rendered stateless and placeless.

**All: God of the stateless, placeless, erased, and displaced, forgive us for profaning peoples and lands You have called sacred. Work Your sanctifying love in us – a love that crosses lands and borders to honor and preserve the dignity and worth of God’s good creation. Amen.**

† *Opening Hymn* “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” **UMH 384**

*The children may now leave with volunteers for the nursery*

† *Hymn* “Crown Him with Many Crowns” **UMH 327**

*Prayer for Illumination*

**Lord, the One who calls us to not only believe but also walk by faith, we trust You are here to open our hearts and minds. Help us to hear a Word from You today, and may we truly hear and listen with open minds, hearts, and a willingness to act. Amen.**

*New Testament Reading* Luke 4:1-13 Autumn Boyer

*Prayer of Confession*—*by United Church of Christ Worship Archive*

Sheltering God, Guiding God, as you were present with Jesus in his wilderness experience, so you are present with us: you have urged us to trust you. For when we have felt discouraged, and at times even abandoned and betrayed by you, O God,

**Lord, have mercy.**

Instead of following where you lead, O God, at times we follow visions of the world that is a mere counterfeit of what you desire for us. For times, O God, when we are deceived and enticed by imitations of love, abundance, and joy,

**Christ, have mercy.**

For times, O God, when we have sought to control our lives and order our own steps, often ignoring your wisdom and pushing your guidance aside,

**Lord, have mercy. Help us to trust you to journey with us and to guide us. Help us to rest in your promise to never leave us or forsake us. Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon*

Sisters and brothers, God is at work in us and with us! As we worship today, with the word on our lips and in our hearts, experience the salvation of God for *all manner of things* in our lives. In the promise, presence, and power of God for *all manner of things*, Amen.

†*Peace of Christ*

*The Offering and Song*

“In Christ Alone”

UMH 467



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God all creatures high and low.  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit One. Amen.

*Doxology*

*Prayer over the Offering*

*Sermon*

“Christian Identity in America”

Pastor Adam

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The hymn of unending praise:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The mystery of faith:*

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*Words of Institution from Pastor*

†*Receiving the Bread and Cup of Christ*

*Prayer After Communion (In Unison)*

We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ’s gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

†*Closing Song:*

“Build Your Kingdom Here”

†*Benediction*

†*Chiming the Trinity*

†*Postlude*

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Ivan Kramskoi, “Christ in the Wilderness,” 1872 (photo: Public Domain)

## Christian Identity in America

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