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# WEEKLY WORSHIP

love all ● live spiritually ● rejoice in hope ● show hospitality

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## Community Prayer

God of power, you uphold us in times of persecution and strengthen us to meet the trials of faithful witness. As you delivered us from death through our baptism in Christ and the victory of his resurrection send us forth to proclaim that glorious redemption, so that the world may claim the freedom of forgiveness and new life in you. Amen.

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## Call to Worship

One: There is no hope like you, O God!

**Many: Hope for those who cry out from the deserts of their lives.**

One: There is no grace like you, O God!

**Many: Grace for those rejected, ignored, cast aside by the world.**

One: There is no love like you, O God!

**Many: Love for those who have known days of trouble and nights of loneliness.**

One: There is no one like you, O God!

# Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse

Psalm 86

*A Sacred Song*

The thing I like about the psalms is they are completely human. They are someone else's story, and yet, in them, we can see ourselves. Psalm 86, for example, is the words of King David. We know he was "a man after God's own heart;" and yet we also know he made some really bad choices and struggled at times. It's his vulnerability that we can relate to so well. The psalms are also a beautiful reflection of human emotion: they can go up and down and all around. They can be joyful or a raw lament; desperate confession or statement of faith. And, often, a single psalm is all of the above. Join us for worship, for a time of reflection, rejuvenation, fellowship and worship. We'll see you at First!

*Pastor Kara*



# Scripture Reading

## Psalm 86

“Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long. Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you. Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication. In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me. There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.”

“Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name. I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever. For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol. O God, the insolent rise up against me; a band of ruffians seeks my life, and they do not set you before them. But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant; save the child of your serving girl. Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame, because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.”



**“Teach me thy way, O LORD;  
I will walk in thy truth: unite my  
heart to fear thy name.”**

Psalms 86:11 (KJV)

# Prayers & Praises

## June 21, 2026



## Song of the Week

### Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show

Praise the Lord! God's glories show, Alleluia!  
saints within God's courts below, Alleluia!  
angels round the throne above, Alleluia! all  
who see and share God's love. Alleluia!

Earth to heaven exalt the strain, Alleluia!  
Send it, heaven, to earth again, Alleluia! Age  
to age, God's mercies trace, Alleluia! Praise  
God's providence and grace! Alleluia!

Strings and voices, hands and hearts,  
Alleluia! in the concert, bear your parts,  
Alleluia! All that breathes, your Lord adore,  
Alleluia! singing praise forevermore, Alleluia!



Praise the Lord

### In Our Church

#### Family:

- Donna Baker
- Cec Burkhart
- Joan Dietrich
- Monte Dietrick
- Polly Putney
- Bob Throop
- Marvin Thurber
- Phyllis Thurber
- Jessica Vocasek
- Roger Vocasek

*Prayers for healing for Kristie Christianson's mom, Lucy Reuter-Masek, after a mild stroke.*

*Prayers for Monte Dietrick, who had a fall and broke 3 ribs.*

*Prayers for Cec Burkhart for healing from a fall where she is bruised and had to have stitches by her eye.*

*Prayers for Bob Throop for continued healing and strength.*

*Prayers for Roger Vocasek as he looks for a job.*

*Prayers for Jessica Stehlik-Vocasek for her health issues.*

*Prayers for Katleynn Long for continued healing and strength.*

#### Friends:

- Ron Collamore, *prayers for his health.*

#### Our Timothy

- Rev. Bruce Frogge, *Cypress Creek CC in Spring, TX*

**In the Nebraska Region:** Lincoln First Christian Church - Kara Hillhouse

#### Our Global Ministries in: Namibia

*"Heavenly Father, We pray for our communities, especially those facing poverty, unemployment, sickness, substance abuse, and gender-based violence. Bring healing where there is brokenness, hope where there is despair, and provision where there is need. Strengthen families and restore dignity to those who feel forgotten. Bless our work of empowering communities and women, nurturing youth, and promoting health and well-being in our communities. May these efforts reflect Your love in action. Amen"*

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# JUNE

## Call to Confession

One:

When we gather to praise our God, we know—whether we name it or not—that we are people who tend to choose our will over God’s. Seeking God’s power to transform us into new people in Christ, let us confess our sins before God and one another, as we pray:

## Prayer of Confession

Many:

It is never easy to confess our sins to you, Listening God. When we have a chance to speak up for the outsider, we too often join in sending them away into the wilderness of hopelessness. When we could shout good news to a needy world, our voices drop to a whisper. When we could abound in grace, we continue to wallow in wrongdoing. Forgive us, Lord, and have mercy on us. You lean over to listen to our words, and then to cast them into your sea of forgiveness. You show us the signs of hope, that we might point others to you. Help us remember, you save us when we cannot save ourselves.

## Good News of God’s Grace

One:

Do not be afraid. God cherishes us. God treasures you. You are graced, you are forgiven, you are healed.

Many:

We will not keep this good news to ourselves. We will shout our hope from the rooftop of our hearts. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven!

Amen.



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