



Church of the Hills

“For Thine is the Kingdom”

Psalm 139:1-12;23-24

Matthew 6:9-13

Pastor Richard Aylor

July 19, 2026

We are a vibrant family of faith rooted in God's Word, gathering together to worship and equipped to share the love of Christ in the world.

Prelude

“The Lord’s Prayer” performed by Sheresa Wilbanks

****Opening Chant**

“As the Deer”

Purple Hymnal 626

As the deer pants for the water, so my
soul longs after you. You alone are my
heart’s desire, and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone
may my spirit yield. You alone are my
heart’s desire, and I long to worship you.

Welcome

Pastor Richard Aylor

****Call to Worship**

Leader: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

People: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.

****Opening Hymn**

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

Purple Hymnal 451

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine.

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!

****Invitation to Confession**

Carolyn Alexander

Leader: All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

People: We did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but we have received a spirit of adoption.

Leader: Let us then confess our sin with the freedom of children who know how deeply they are loved.

****Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, your creatures cry – creation groans – but we turn away; we surround ourselves with noise. We are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility: we are young; we are old; we are tired; we are busy. It is hard to imagine that we might make a difference. Life-giving God, wash us clean. Restore our imaginations and our hearts. Let your courage and compassion flow through our veins until we love with abandon and our hands reach out in blessing, for the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God. Amen.

**** Declaration of Forgiveness and the Peace of Christ**

Leader: Hear the word of the Lord. In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God says unequivocally, irrevocably: you are my own; you are forgiven; and I need you to be about my business in the world.

People: Shape us for service in your world, for we carry the name of Jesus and live by the power of your breath.

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And, also with you.

Leader: Share the Peace of Christ with one another.

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia!

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Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Please join me in the Prayer for Illumination.

All: Holy One, you love with a father’s tenderness, a mother’s zeal. Move now in our hearts. Breathe through the words we hear, the songs we share, the burdens we carry, until we discover our purpose in your liberating love, for we long to join creation’s praise and to shine with the mercy of the Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 139:1-12; 23-24

- ¹ O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
² You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
³ You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.
⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue,
O LORD, you know it completely.
⁵ You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.
⁷ Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
⁹ If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.
¹¹ If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and night wraps itself around me,”
¹² even the darkness is not dark to you;

the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.

²⁴ See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

Ministry of Music

“The Lord’s Prayer (It’s Yours)”

performed by the choir

New Testament Reading

Matthew 6:9-13

9 “Pray, then, in this way:

Our Father in heaven,
may your name be revered as holy.

10 May your kingdom come.

May your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.

11 Give us today our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

13 And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one.

Sermon

“For Thine is the Kingdom”

****Response to Sermon**

“Lord, Listen to your Children Praying”

Purple Hymnal 469

Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

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Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
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Invitation to the Offering and Prayer of Dedication

****Doxology**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Purple Hymnal 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.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

****Closing Hymn**

“In My Life Lord, Be Glorified”

Purple Hymnal 468

In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In our song, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In our song, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

In your world, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

****Charge and Blessing**

Leader: And the people of God say

People: Alleluia. Amen.

Postlude

“The Lord’s Prayer (It’s Yours)”

Please join us for Fellowship Time in the Narthex immediately following the Worship Service. To all of our visitors, you are welcome to join us, and we look forward to getting to know you during this time.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are donated by Vicki Kyle in memory of Ken on his Celebration of Life Week-end.

For Pastoral Care:

Please contact Pastor Richard at 303-828-8263

A General Note regarding Financial Solicitations:

Please remember that a church leader will never directly solicit you for funds or the transfer of funds. We will only ask for your support of the church through the traditional process of filling out pledge cards and fulfilling that pledge accordingly.

Office Hours:

The Church Office is open Tuesday – Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (aside from staff lunch hours). Friday from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Deadlines:

The deadline for all Church Communication Publications and notifications is **Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.**

Additionally, please provide advance notice for any special projects you may have, so that time can be accurately allocated, supplies ordered, and quality and fairness can be provided for all parties concerned.

Please be aware that any items received after the deadline will go into the **following week's** communication publications and job tasks.

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Blue - “The Presbyterian Hymnal”

Red - “Songs for Praise and Worship”

Purple - “Glory to God”

Yellow - “Hymns for the Family of God”

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