

# Welcome

**3rd Sunday after Pentecost**

June 13, 2021

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion



## **UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*Christ Centered - Mission Driven - Traditionally-Grounded - Congregationally Focused*

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

“Jubilation” on “Come thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Wold

*The Altar Candles are lit at this time during the Prelude.*

*The minister leads the congregation in the invocation.*

*Please stand as able.*

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (Matt. 28:19)

C **Amen**

### BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

*The minister stands and addresses the congregation.*

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
(John 20:22-23)

C **Amen**

## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.  
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

### GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE IS OMITTED THIS WEEK.

HYMN OF PRAISE



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al- might- y God and Fa- ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



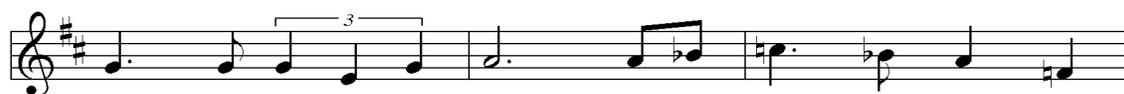
glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: 4 re- ceive our prayer.

**C** Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;  
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.  
**I**  
**II** For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
 Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.  
**C** Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;  
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,  
 and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

**SALUTATION**

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

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray. O Lord, our God, arrange the course of this world that peace may come and your tranquil Church rejoice through greater service. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** **Amen**

*Please be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 17:22-24

<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord God: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. <sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. <sup>24</sup>And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it."

Lay Reader    The word of the Lord.

**C                    Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 1 *spoken in unison*

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>Their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and they meditate on his law day and night.

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,  
with leaves that do not wither;  
everything they do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>It is not so with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 5:1-17

<sup>1</sup>For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. <sup>2</sup>For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, <sup>3</sup>if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. <sup>4</sup>For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened — not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup>He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. <sup>6</sup>So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, <sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is

known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. <sup>12</sup>We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. <sup>13</sup>For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. <sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; <sup>15</sup>and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. <sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Lay Reader    The word of the Lord.  
**C**                **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**P**                The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 3rd chapter.  
**C**                **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL:** Mark 4:26-34

<sup>26</sup>{Jesus} said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup>He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.” <sup>30</sup>And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” <sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. <sup>34</sup>He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

P The Gospel of the Lord.  
C Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

SERMON  
Freed to be All That God Wants Us to Be

Pastor Heidi Punt

*Please stand as you are able.*

## My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'  
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on  
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood Sus - tain me  
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I

blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my  
his un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and  
in the rag - ing flood; When all sup - ports are  
then in him be found, Clothed in his righ - teous -

own I claim, But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
washed a - way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

*Refrain*

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

## APOSTLES' CREED

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.\* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and was seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

*\*Or, He descended to the dead.*

## THE PRAYERS

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*After each portion of the prayers:*

**P** Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen**

## THE PEACE

*In an attempt to be vigilant and responsible, please use Hand Sanitizers provided at each entrance. Please refrain from shaking hands and reserve a little space between one another. Nods, elbows, or gentle pat on the shoulders, etc., are welcome!*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

*The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared. All loose offering will go towards the Gerald Bame Scholarship Fund. If you wish to contribute to Benevolence, please mark your envelope accordingly. For the month of June, Congo is the focused Benevolence, if you wish for your giving to go there please specify accordingly.*

### ANTHEM

Canticle for a Festive Day

Belles and Beaus  
Kevin McChesney

*Please stand as you are able.*

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

P Let us pray. Merciful God,  
C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us--ourselves,  
our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for  
the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.  
C And also with you.

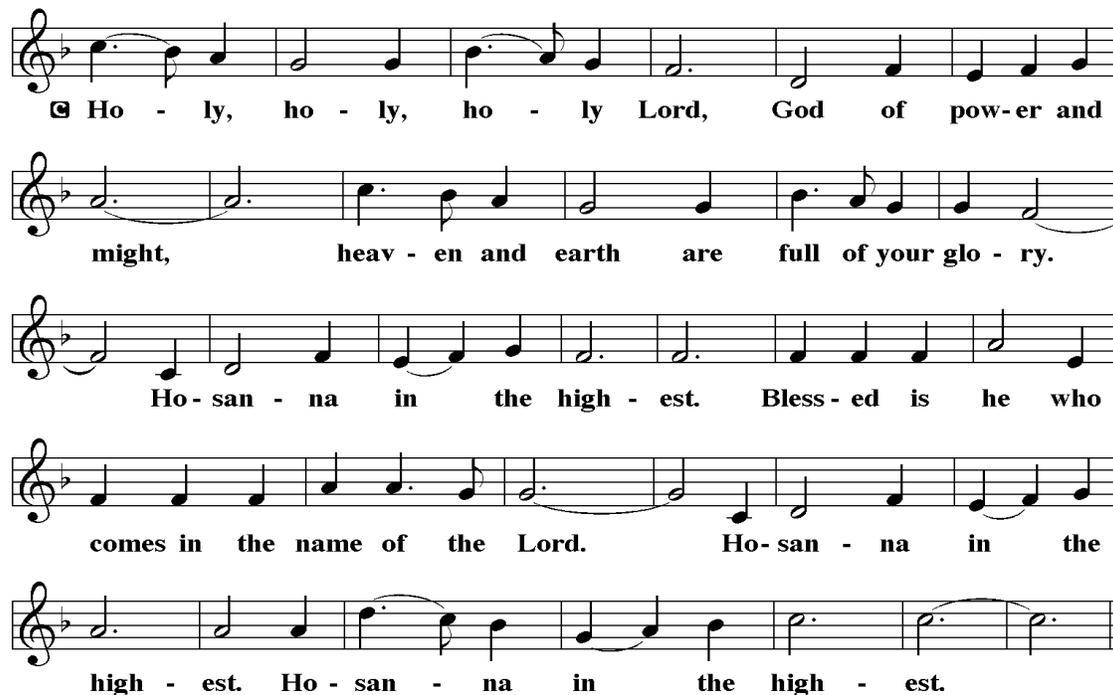
P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**C Amen**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C** **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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

*Please be seated.*

### COMMUNION

*As the minister gives the bread and wine, and says these words to each communicant:*

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The communicant may say: Amen*

*At Union Lutheran Church the Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday. All baptized Christians who believe in the real presence of Christ in the Lord's Supper are invited to commune. All who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please follow the directions of the Ushers.*

☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

# In the Quiet Consecration

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1 In the qui - et con - se - cra - tion Of this  
 2 Christ, our liv - ing bread from heav - en, Lord, whose  
 3 By your death for sin a - ton - ing, By your  
 4 While a - far in sol - emn ra - diance Shines the

glad com - mu - nion hour, Here we rest in you, Lord  
 blood is drink in - deed: Here by faith and with thanks-  
 res - ur - rec - tion life, Hold us fast in bless - ed  
 feast that is to come Af - ter con - flict, toil, and

Je - sus, Taste your love, and touch your pow'r.  
 giv - ing In this feast on you we feed.  
 u - nion; Gird us, nerve us for the strife;  
 test - ing— Your great feast of love and home.

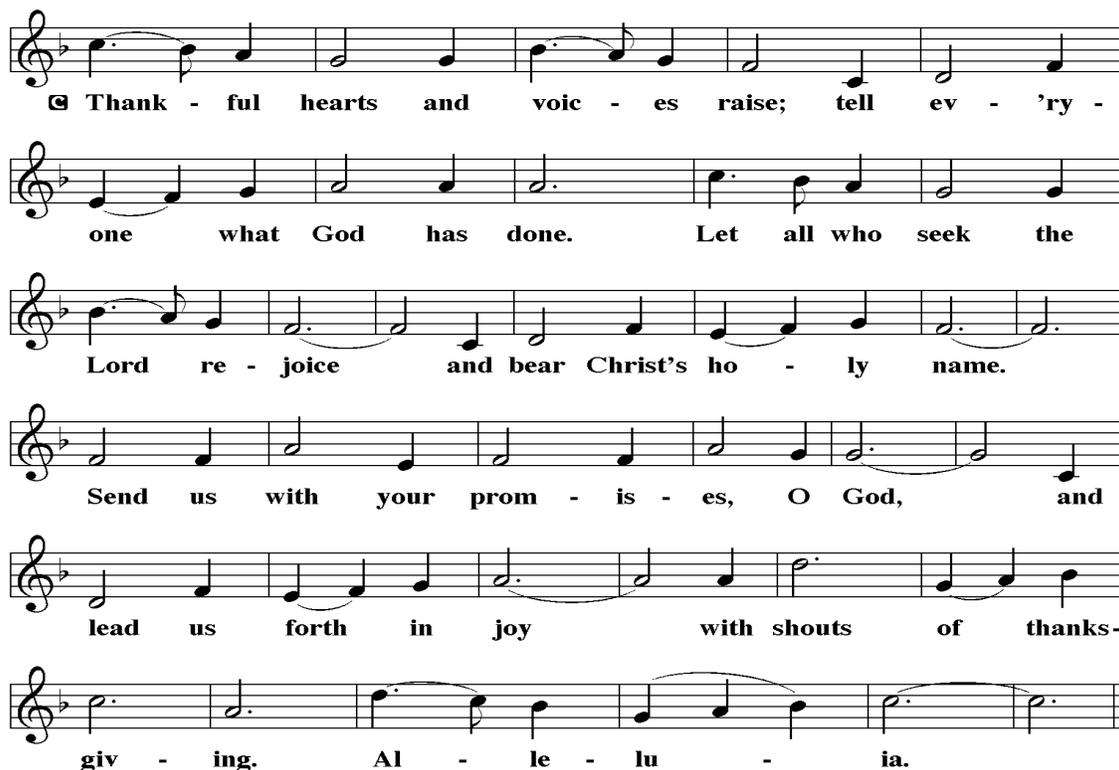
*Please stand as you are able.*

*After all have returned to their places, the minister may say these or similar words.*

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C **Amen**

## CANTICLE

*A post-communion canticle or an appropriate hymn or song may be sung.*



☞ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -  
one what God has done. Let all who seek the  
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and  
lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER

*The following or a similar post-communion prayer is said.*

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood, may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

**C** **Amen**

## BLESSING

*The minister blesses the congregation, using this or another appropriate blessing.*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C** **Amen**

# Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word

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1 Spread, oh, spread, al - might - y Word, Spread the reign of God the Lord;  
2 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race  
3 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,  
4 Lord of har - vest, great and kind, Rouse to ac - tion heart and mind;

Tell how his own Son - he gave, All from sin and death to save.  
And to pay re - bel - lion's price, Gave him - self as sac - ri - fice.  
Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.  
Let the gath - ring na - tions all See your light and heed your call.

## THE SENDING

*The minister may dismiss the congregation.*

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

Come thou Fount of Every Blessing

Roberts

### Next Week's Readings (June 20):

Job 38:1-11; Psalm 124; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

### Those Serving in June

**Guest Organist:** Dawn Merrell

**Acolyte:** Emma Clifton

**Altar Guild:** Deena Lanning and Karen Morgan

**Communion Assistants:** Deena Lanning and Karen Morgan

**Lay Readers:** Deena Lanning and Karen Morgan

**Ushers:** Larry Barringer, Phil Cauble (HU), LA Earnhardt, and Wade Leazer

**Offering Counting Team:**

Mary Elizabeth Earnhardt ~ Sonya Mulkey ~ Vivian Sprinkle

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