



**Order of Worship  
July 11, 2021  
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**8:30 and 11:00 Indoor In-Person Worship  
8:30 Online Worship YouTube Channel "Harmony UMCVA"**

**GATHERING AND PRAISE**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

*Beginnings*

*The prelude signals the beginning of our sacred time together. During the prelude, you are invited to prepare your heart for worship by focusing your attention upon God.*

**Call to Worship**

Chip Ikwild/Shally Stanley

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world, who destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, who has forgiven our sins according to the riches of his grace, and has made known to us the mystery of his will. This is our God! Let's worship God together.

**\*Opening Prayer**

Chip Ikwild/Shally Stanley

Merciful God, we come before You with praise and thanksgiving! Through Jesus Christ, you have lavished on us every spiritual blessing we could possibly imagine! Before the world was created, you already knew us and loved us. You adopted us as your own children, and redeemed us through the blood of Christ. Even more, you have made us your heirs, and given us your own Spirit as a sign and guarantee. How we praise you!

Open our hearts and minds to your presence among us here. May our worship this morning bring you honor and glory, for you alone are worthy of our praise. Amen.

**Hymn** (See last page)

*To God Be the Glory*

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**Children's Message**

Ashley Johnson

*"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior" (1 Timothy 2:1-3, NIV)*

**The Lord's Prayer (All Praying)**

**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. Amen.**

**Ministry of Music**

*Fur Elise*

Abigail Winn

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

**Prayer for Illumination (All Praying)**

Chip Ikwild/Shally Stanley

**Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.**

**Psalm 24 (NIV)**

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it;

<sup>2</sup> for he founded it on the seas  
and established it on the waters.

<sup>3</sup> Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord?  
Who may stand in his holy place?

<sup>4</sup> The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
who does not trust in an idol  
or swear by a false god.

<sup>5</sup> They will receive blessing from the Lord  
and vindication from God their Savior.

<sup>6</sup> Such is the generation of those who seek him,  
who seek your face, God of Jacob.

<sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, you gates;  
be lifted up, you ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>8</sup> Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord strong and mighty,  
the Lord mighty in battle.

<sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, you gates;  
lift them up, you ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>10</sup> Who is he, this King of glory?  
The Lord Almighty—  
he is the King of glory.

## **Epistle Reading**

*Ephesians 1:3-14 (NRSV)*

Chip Ikwild/Shally Stanley

### **Spiritual Blessings in Christ**

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup> He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

<sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

<sup>11</sup> In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup> so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup> this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

### **Response to the Word**

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **Sermon**

*Every Spiritual Blessing*

Pastor Debra

### **Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings**

Pastor Debra

*Offertory Music*

*Arietta*

*\*Doxology*

*\*Prayer of Dedication*

Pastor Debra

### **Response to the Word**

Chip Ikwild/Shally Stanley

### **The Apostles' Creed (Traditional Version)**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;\*  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,**

**and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.**

### **GOING FORTH TO SERVE**

**Closing Hymn** (See last page)

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

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### **A Blessing of Farewell for Ashley Johnson, Youth Director**

**Prayer for Christian Service**

All Praying

**God of grace and powerful weakness, at times your projects were ignored, rejected, belittled, and unwelcome. Trusting that we, too, are called to be prophets, fill us with your Spirit, and support us by your gentle hands, that we may persevere in speaking your word and living our faith. Amen.**

**Benediction**

Pastor Debra

**Postlude**

*Cry Aloud and Shout*

## **To God Be the Glory**

To God be the glory, great things he hath done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
to every believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (Refrain)

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,  
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;  
but purer, and higher, and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

## **In Christ There Is No East or West**

In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north;  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere  
their high communion find;  
his service is the golden cord  
close binding humankind.

In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek, and  
neither slave nor free;  
Both male and female heirs are made,  
And all are kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,  
in him meet south and north;  
all Christly souls are one in him  
throughout the whole wide earth.