



July 7, 2024  
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

## GATHERING AND PRAISE

### Welcome

### Prelude

*If You Search With All Your Heart*

Courtney

### Call to Worship

Rely on God's providential care.

**God's grace is sufficient for us.**

Take nothing for the journey but faith in Christ.

**We can trust the God of our salvation.**

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Come! Let us worship.

### Opening Prayer

Eternal Spirit, you call us to set aside our scheming  
and place our trust in you alone.

You challenge us to take nothing for the journey  
but our desire to do your will.

Teach us once more that your strength  
is made perfect in weakness,  
and that your grace is sufficient  
to meet our every need.

With the confidence of little children,  
we place our lives in your hands this day.

For we know that you will be with us  
every moment of our lives. Amen.

**Hymn***The Church's One Foundation*

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**Passing the Peace of Christ**

Liturgist

As God has loved us, so shall we love each other. As Christ has called us friends, so we have become friends to one another. Let us abide in God's love together now, sharing both friendship and peace.

**Children's Message**

Pastor Larry

**Ministry of Music***What A Friend We Have in Jesus*

Greg Wilmoth

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE****Prayer of Preparation**

All Praying

**May your Word and your presence  
work within us, O God.  
May they come to life  
through our lives. Amen.**

**Acts 10:34-38**

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism <sup>35</sup> but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. <sup>36</sup> You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

<sup>39</sup> "We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. <sup>41</sup> He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

<sup>44</sup> While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. <sup>45</sup> The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. <sup>46</sup> For they heard them speaking in tongues<sup>[b]</sup> and praising God.

Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup> "Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have." <sup>48</sup> So he ordered that they be

baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **\*Hymn**

*Spirit of the Living God*

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### **Sermon**

*"A Clearer Understanding"*

Pastor Larry

### **Offertory Invitation**

Liturgist

You give us everything we need, O God,  
to build your kingdom.

With nothing but your presence  
and your promise to be with us,  
your presence in our lives blesses the world.

Receive our love and commitment  
in this morning's gifts and offerings,  
that the world may know  
the healing love of your Son. Amen.

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

*Offertory*

*Make Me a Servant*

Willard

*\*Doxology*

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

***Praise God who blesses everyone!***

***Praise Jesus Christ, who is to come!***

***Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***Praise Spirit, making Three-in-One!***

***All praise the miracle begun!***

***Alleluia! Alleluia!***

\* Prayer of Dedication

Liturgist

**Bountiful God,**

**All that we can offer you stems from your generosity.**

**May the gifts that we return to you**

**become a blessing for your whole community,**

**enriching and empowering us for the work to which you call us.**

**Amen.**

### **Invitation to the Lord's Table**

Pastor Larry

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,

always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Father Almighty (almighty God), creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ,

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection

you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death,

and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,

gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,

gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,

poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,

and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,

that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.  
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (*God*), now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

### **Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

#### **Communion Hymn**

*Where He Leads Me*

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#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving (All Praying)**

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the word in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### **GOING FORTH WITH JOY**

#### **\*Closing Hymn**

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

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#### **\*Benediction**

Pastor Larry

#### **\*Choral Benediction**

*Spirit of the Living God*

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*Spirit of the living God,*

*Fall afresh on me.*

*Spirit of the living God,*

*Fall afresh on me.*

*Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.*

*Spirit of the living God,*

*Fall afresh on me.*

#### **\*Postlude**

*Let the Word Go Forth*

Birchwood

## THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

*The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the Word.  
From heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.*

*2. Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth;  
her charter of salvation,  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with every grace endued.*

*3. Though with a scornful wonder  
we see her sore oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping;  
their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.*

*4. Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace forevermore;  
till, with the vision glorious,  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.*

*5. Yet she on earth hath union  
with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy!*

*Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.*

### **SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD**

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

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### **WHERE HE LEADS ME**

*I can hear my Savior calling,  
I can hear my Savior calling,  
I can hear my Savior calling,  
"Take thy cross and follow, follow me."*

#### **Refrain:**

***Where he leads me I will follow,  
where he leads me I will follow,  
where he leads me I will follow;  
I'll go with him, with him all the way.***

*2. I'll go with him through the garden,  
I'll go with him through the garden,  
I'll go with him through the garden,  
I'll go with him, with him all the way.*

#### **(Refrain)**

*3. I'll go with him through the judgment,  
I'll go with him through the judgment,  
I'll go with him through the judgment,  
I'll go with him, with him all the way.*

#### **(Refrain)**

*4. He will give me grace and glory,  
he will give me grace and glory,*

*he will give me grace and glory,  
and go with me, with me all the way.  
(Refrain)*

***BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS***

*Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds  
is like to that above.*

*2. Before our Father's throne  
we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
our comforts and our cares.*

*3. We share each other's woes,  
our mutual burdens bear;  
and often for each other flows  
the sympathizing tear.*

*4. When we asunder part,  
it gives us inward pain;  
but we shall still be joined in heart,  
and hope to meet again.*