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10:15 am Worship Service

July 27, 2025 Liturgist: Shirley Metzger

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE GREETING

Please stand in body and in spirit

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,

For God will speak peace to the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;

Righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Truth will spring up from the earth,

and justice will look down from heaven.

Hymn #478

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Please be seated

CALL TO CONFESSION

We are invited to pray - all who have hurt someone else, and all who have been hurt by another. We are called to pray: for hope, for healing, for mercy. We pray to the One who seeks to make us whole; whose will it is to restore us to new life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We do not find it easy to speak of how we do not live as your people, but you invite us to share our weaknesses and failures with you, Inviting God. Tempted to think your salvation is for a select few, we put up barriers for others. Clinging to all you give to us, we are reluctant to share with those in need. Surrounded by evil and violence, we find it easier to close ranks with those just like us, rather than seeking peace and reconciliation for our world.

Forgive us, Salvation's God. Open our eyes to our neighbors all around us. Open our ears

to the word of hope you speak to us. Open our spirits to the presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who flings wide the open doors of your kingdom, that all might find life with you. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Here is the good news, my friends: Christ came searching for us, calling us by name, leading us into God's kingdom.

In Christ, we become new people: broken, we are made whole; lost, we are found; forsaken, we are restored to new life. Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of wisdom, you promise to give your Spirit to those who ask. Make our hearts burn with your Word, that we may know you more fully, love you more passionately, and follow you more closely. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Luke 11:1-13

The word of the Lord.

Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Hymn #349 Seek Ye First

Please be seated

Koinonia Time (community; communion; fellowship; intimacy)

(Please date, sign, and pass the pew pad to your neighbors)

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Our Creator/Mother/Father/Spirit, 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.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

We are invited to participate in God's will being done on earth as it is in heaven. Let us bring our tithes and offerings and our very selves so that God's kingdom may be known on earth.

OFFERTORY

Please stand in body or in spirit

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, you heavenly host.

Praise Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

As you have done with us, may we do for others, holding nothing back, but offering our treasures and lives that hope may be restored, that healing might touch the broken, that the suffering might be revived, and that all might know of your steadfast love in their lives. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Hymn #473 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

BENEDICTION

Ask, and it will be given to you;

Search, and you will find;

Knock, and the door will be opened to you.

May you meet God wherever you go and find steadfast love and peace. Amen.

Please be seated

Postlude

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Head Usher for July is Karen Peterson Ushers today are Doris Lindmeier and Ethel Dietrich Altar Guild for the month of July are Ethel Dietrich and Doris Lindmeier

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Consistory Secretary – Angela Stofflet; Treasurer – Jen Flexer

PRAYER & DEVOTION

Sweet Hour of Prayer

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- 1 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care,
- 2 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, the joys I feel, the bliss I share
- 3 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, your wings shall my pe ti tion bear



and bids me at my Fa-ther's throne make all my wants and wish-es known. of those whose anx-ious spir - its burn with strong de - sires for your re - turn! to him whose truth and faith - ful - ness en - gage the wait - ing soul to bless.



In sea-sons of dis-tress and grief my soul has oft - en found re-lief, With such I has - ten to the place where God my Sav - ior shows his face, And since he bids me seek his face, be-lieve his Word, and trust his grace,



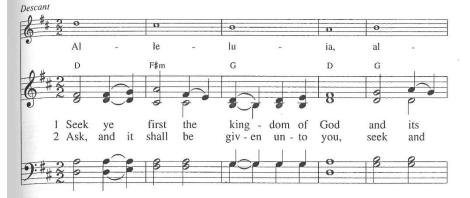
and oft es-caped the tempt-er's snare by your re-turn, sweet hour of prayer. and glad - ly take my sta-tion there, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer. I'll cast on him my ev-ery care, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer.

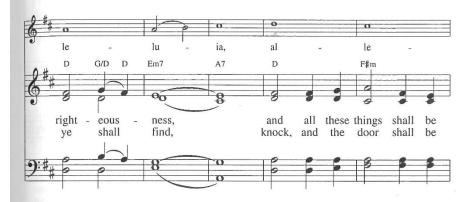


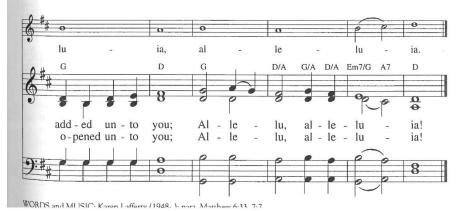
WORDS: William W. Walford (1772-1850), alt. MUSIC: William B. Bradbury (1816-1868) WEET HOUR L.M.D. CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

Seek Ye First

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