

SUNDAY ORDER OF WORSHIP

8:30 AM

July 19, 2026 - Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

[Please stand, as able, where indicated.]

GATHERING

PRELUDE

How Great is Our God

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MINISTRY OF FRIENDSHIP - ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY:

- **EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
- **PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES AND SMART WATCHES**
- **WELCOME TO ALL THOSE WHO ARE VISITING WITH US TODAY**

[Please stand as you are able]

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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.

(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.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives 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.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

God of Wonders

Lord of all creation, of water, earth, and sky;
The heavens are Your tabernacle. Glory to the Lord on high!

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.
The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy.
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth.

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light.
When I stumble in the darkness I will call Your name by night.

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.
The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy.
God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.
The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy.
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth.

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APOSTOLIC 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!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray...(silence) Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: **Amen.**

[Please sit]

FIRST READING Isaiah 44:6-8

God claims the right to sole rule, because God announces things that actually do happen, while supposed divine opponents remain silent. God is Israel's redeemer, that is, the best brother or sister they ever had.

Lector: A reading from Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 86:11-17

L: Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth;
knit my heart to you that I may fear your name.

**C: I will thank you, O LORD my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your name forevermore.**

L: For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the nethermost pit.

**C: The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent men seeks my life;
they have not set you before their eyes.**

L: But you, O LORD, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

**C: Turn to me and have mercy upon me;
give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your handmaid.**

L: Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed;
because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

**C: You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.**

L: May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.

**C: May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing.**

SECOND READING Romans 8:12-25

For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.

Lector: A reading from Romans.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ - if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

[Please stand as you are able]

Thy word, thy word is a lamp un-to my feet.

Thy word, oh, thy word is a lamp un-to my

feet; and a light un-to my path, and a light un-to my

To repeat *Last time*

path. path, and a light un-to my path.

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HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus tells a parable about the co-existence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.

P: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

P: The Holy Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

[Please sit]

SERMON

Pr. Finley

[Please stand as you are able]

HYMN OF THE DAY

Praise and Thanksgiving

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PROFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary, 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,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come 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.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

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

A: Mighty Ruler and Redeemer, Lord of Hosts, you hold in your hand the beginnings and the endings of all things. In these days when so many of your children suffer with depression and uncertainty, reassure us that you are in control. You know the things to come. Take away all fear and be the rock of our salvation.

A: Lord in your mercy. **C:** Hear our prayer.

A: Steadfast, Loving God, be gracious to those who fear for their lives because of hunger, hatred, neglect, war, natural disaster and despair. Turn their hearts with your grace and strengthen them. Show them your favor and comfort them.

A: Lord in your mercy. **C:** Hear our prayer.

A: God of all nations, you have adopted us all through your son, Jesus, to be children of the Living God. You have been with us in our bondage to decay and provided us with every good gift. You also command us to share from our bounty. Make us generous in telling others where we find our hope for each day and in giving to those in need what you have first given us.

A: Lord in your mercy. **C:** Hear our prayer.

A: Listening Lord God, you hear the cries of those who are in despair. We lift in prayer all who are in need in body, soul and spirit, especially all whom we name silently in our hearts and with our voices now... *(long pause)* ... Be with them and give them everlasting hope in you. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

A: Lord in your mercy. **C:** Hear our prayer.

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

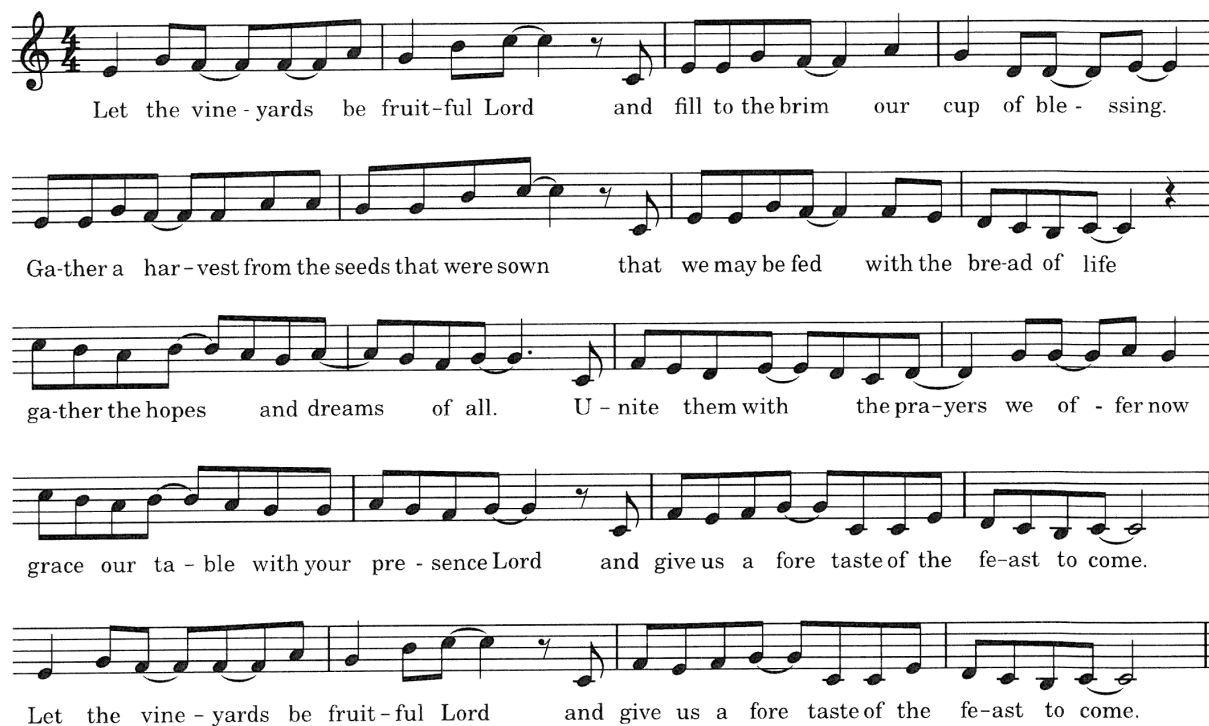
C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C:** And also with you.

THE OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful Lord and fill to the brim our cup of ble - ssing.

Ga - ther a har - vest from the seeds that were sown that we may be fed with the bre - ad of life

ga - ther the hopes and dreams of all. U - nite them with the pra - yers we of - fer now

grace our ta - ble with your pre - sence Lord and give us a fore taste of the fe - ast to come.

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful Lord and give us a fore taste of the fe - ast to come.

Arr. Chad Watkins

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Blessed are you,

C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEAL

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.

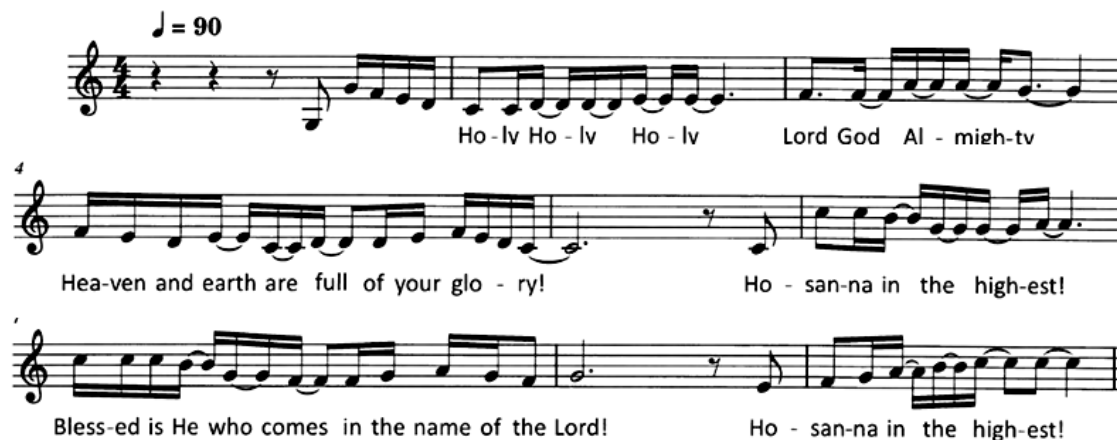
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Arr. Chad Watkins

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:

Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.

You have filled all creation with light and life;

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations.

You rescued Israel, your chosen people.

Through the prophets you renewed your promise;

and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son,

who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom

and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

For as often as we eat of his body and drink of his blood
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Therefore, gracious Father, with Christ's body and blood
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection,
that we who receive the Lord's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

INVITATION & FRACTURE

P: This is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

C: Lord, give us this bread always.

[Please sit]

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the whole world have mercy on us

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the whole world have mercy on us God have

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have mercy on us Lamb of God you take away the sin of the whole world

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MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

Give Thanks

Henry Smith

[Please stand as you are able]

TABLE BLESSING

P: May this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Rally Day is Sunday, August 9. Discipleship classes resume at 9:45 a.m. Everyone is invited to lunch and water activities after the 11:00 a.m. service. See the flyer in your bulletin for more information.**
- **The Youth will be stuffing backpacks for students in need, please see your bulletin for ways you can help.**

SENDING

SENDING HYMN

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

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BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

A: Glorify God. Spread the Word.

C: **Love One Another.**

POSTLUDE