



July 12, 2026

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Interim Pastor: Rev. Frank Yates

Liturgist: Karen Beaton

Psalmist: Linda Hood

Greeters: Birgitta Gustafson & Karen Payne

Ushers: Bill Cox, Marie Fry, Craig Kelley & Virginia Kelley

Flowers: Given by Marie Fry, in honor of her husband, David
on their 24th wedding anniversary

Early Morning Security: Pat Gerlach

July Sanctuary Stewards: Helen Huntley and Linda Hood

Director of Music: Nancy Leffler

Accompanist: Nathan Secrest

Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church

Gathering Music *Just For Today* - by Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

Welcome & Announcements, including prayer concerns

Moment For Mission Sharon Furl and Ben Wakashige

Passing of the Peace

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us share Christ's peace with each other.

Prelude *Higher Ground* - arr. by Joseph Prentiss

Call to Worship (from Psalm 119) Karen Beaton

Leader: Your word, O Lord, is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

People: I have sworn an oath to observe your righteous ordinances.

Leader: Give me life, O Lord, according to your word.

People: Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord.

All: Your decrees are the joy of my heart. Praise the Lord!

***Hymn #645** *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

Call to Confession Karen Beaton

Prayer of Confession (unison):

Karen Beaton

All: Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Hear now, our silent prayers.

Silent Prayer

Response ***Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us***

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us;

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Karen Beaton

Hymn #581

Glory be to the Father/Gloria Patri

Prayer for Illumination

Karen Beaton

Reading from the Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23 Karen Beaton

(This can be found on p. 889 of your pew Bible.)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Reading from the Psalter: Psalm 65: 1-13 Linda Hood

(This can be found on p. 516 of your pew Bible.)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Word Through Music *Healer* - sung by Anne Kinney

Reading from the New Testament: Romans 7: 15-25

(This can be found on p. 1029 of your pew Bible.) Rev. Frank Yates

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Stubborn Resistance* Rev. Frank Yates

***Hymn #654** *In the Lord, I'll Be Ever Thankful* (sing twice)

Call to Prayer *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

Incline thine ear to us; and grant us thy peace.

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Call for the Offering Karen Beaton

Offertory *In the Garden* - sung by Vocal Ensemble

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Karen Beaton

***Sending Song #369:** *Blessing and Honor*

Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response *My Peace*

My peace I give unto you.

It's a peace that the world cannot give.

It's a peace that the world cannot understand.

Peace to know, peace to live. My peace I give unto you.

Postlude

Postlude in D

- arr. by Michael Ryan

Reign and rain over us, please Lord, we pray!

Thank you for worshipping with us!

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

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645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
 4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

mur-mur stilled:
all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!
cho - sen band:
take your part:

The image shows a musical score for a Thanksgiving song. It consists of two staves, a treble staff on top and a bass staff on the bottom. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written between the staves. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the word 'glory'.

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful 654

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful; in the Lord I will re -

joice! Look to God; do not be a - fraid. Lift up your

voic - es; the Lord is near. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is near.

This refrain from the ecumenical monastic community at Taizé, France, is meant for repeated singing. A wonderful quilt of psalm-like phrases, it would be appropriate at any time but the concluding emphasis on the nearness of the Lord makes it especially fitting for use in Advent.

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Blessing and Honor

1 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and power,
 2 Let all the heav - ens sound forth Je - sus' name;
 3 Ev - er as - cend - ing the song and the joy,
 4 Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb;

wis - dom and rich - es and strength ev - er - more,
 let all the earth sing his glo - ry and fame.
 ev - er de - scend - ing the love from on high;
 take we the robe and the harp and the palm;

be to the Lamb who our bat - tle has won,
 O - cean and moun - tain, stream, for - est, and flower
 bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and praise:
 sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,

whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne.
 ech - o these prais - es and tell of God's power.
 this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.
 dy - ing in weak - ness but ris - ing to reign.

Fittingly titled "The Song of the Lamb" by its author, this hymn is a paraphrase and expansion of Revelation 5:12. It is set here to a resonant French tune of a kind that flourished in the transition from the older chant style to the harmonies and rhythms of modern hymns.