

# The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 11, 2021

9:00 a.m.

+ Indicates those times where all who are able may stand.  
**Bold indicates congregational response.**

Ringing of the Bell

Pastor's Welcome

Prelude            "*The Church*" from Scenes from Mexico-Gomez  
                          Skylar Traffas, marimba

Call to Worship (*Psalm 23, adapted*)

As God is our shepherd, we need nothing else.

**We rest in green pastures and walk by still waters, which renews and refreshes our spirits.**

God guides us along paths of righteousness

**And walks with us through shadowed valleys so we are not afraid.  
The shepherd's staff comforts us.**

God set the banquet table for us in the presence of our enemies.  
There, we're anointed with oil and our cup overflows.

**Goodness and mercy shall never depart from us as long as we dwell in  
the house of God.**

Gathering Prayer

Let us pray:

**O Holy Spirit, Breath of God, blow in our lives this day. Clear out the  
cobwebs of closed minds and outworn ideas. Fill us with the  
freshness of your living love. Cleanse and renew us that we might go  
from this place ready to be your people in the world. We ask this in  
the name of the one who came to reconcile the world to you. Amen.**

First Reading of Scripture

Psalm 23 (*Common English Bible*)

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church...

**Many: Thanks be to God!**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We have promised to live as your people, God. Yet, we confess that we fail you and one another. We do not honor one another as we should. As the body of Christ, we are often disjointed and clumsy. We do not work together as one to your glory. We refuse your cry for help in the voices of the poor and hungry. We have not been faithful to the trust you have placed in us.

**Merciful God, receive us as we are, and forgive us. Encourage us with your love that we may commit ourselves anew to live as those who belong to you; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Silent Prayer*

Assurance of Grace

Hear the good news: In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we learn that God's love has no bounds. In Christ we are forgiven and are empowered to begin anew.

**Thanks be to God, Amen!**

Second Reading of Scripture

2 Samuel 5:1-16 (*Common English Bible*)

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church...

**Many: Thanks be to God!**

Special Music

"*The Village*" from Scenes from Mexico-Gomez  
Skylar Traffas, marimba

Sermon

## Pastoral Prayer

### The Prayer of Our Savior

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 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.

## Announcements

### Giving From Our Hearts

#### Prayer of Dedication

God from whom all blessings flow, we give you praise. We have gathered our varied gifts before you. Bless our gifts that they may help repair what is broken. May they give rest to the weary. And may we further your realm in all we do. Amen.

### Closing Music

*“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”*

### Benediction

### Postlude

*“Praise the Lord of All Creation”*

Sewell

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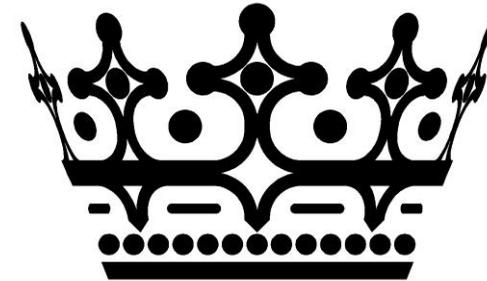
We commit ourselves...

to worship God

to form faithful followers of Jesus

and to care for our wider community.

*We care as Christ cares.*



David became  
*greater and  
greater, for the  
LORD, the  
God of hosts,  
was with him.*

*2 Samuel 5:10, NRSV*

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