

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 11, 2021 – 10:30 a.m.**



Welcome!

To our guests and visitors:

We are glad that you are here with us today!

If you have no church home, why don't you consider joining us?
Please speak to Pastor Parrish after the service and enjoy a special
gift for visiting with us today!

Draw Me Close

Draw me close to You, never let me go.
I lay it all down again to hear You say that I'm Your friend.
You are my desire, no one else will do,
'cause nothing else could take Your place, To feel the warmth of Your embrace.
Help me find the way; bring me back to You.

You're all I want, You're all I've ever needed.
You're all I want - help me know You are near.

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INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Today's psalm has two parts. The first is the plea of the psalmist to God, and the second is his announcement of God's promised salvation. We now use Psalm 85 as we confess our sins and hear God's forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

Pastor: LORD, You were favorable to Your land;

People: **You restored the fortunes of Jacob.**

Pastor: You forgave the iniquity of Your people;
People: You covered all their sin.

Pastor: You withdrew all Your wrath;
People: You turned from Your hot anger.

Pastor: Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
People: and put away Your indignation toward us!

Pastor: Will You be angry with us forever?
People: Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?

Pastor: Will You not revive us again,
People: that Your people may rejoice in You?

Pastor: Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD,
People: and grant us Your salvation.

We confess, Lord our God, that we have listened to the voices of Satan, the world, and our own desires. We have not loved You with all that we are and have, and we have not considered our neighbors' needs as important as our own. We can only throw ourselves on the mercy of Your gracious court and ask for forgiveness, that we may amend our sinful ways.

Pastor: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints;
People: but let them not turn back to folly.

Pastor: Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him,
People: that glory may dwell in our land.

Pastor: Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
People: righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Pastor: Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
People: **and righteousness looks down from the sky.**

Pastor: Yes, the LORD will give what is good,
People: **and our land will yield its increase.**

Pastor: Righteousness will go before Him
People: **and make His footsteps a way.**

Pastor: The steadfast love and faithfulness of our God are endless. For the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ and His sacrifice for all our sins, God declares us to be His own children and has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord, You gave such faith to Your prophets that they listened and boldly spoke what they heard You say to them.

People: **Grant that we hear what You have to say now and, confident of Your promised salvation, that we speak words of comfort and peace in a world that desperately needs both;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Amos 7:7-15

Pastor: This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in His hand. And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst

of My people Israel; I will never again pass by them; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

People: **Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying,**

Pastor: “Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, ‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’”

People: **And Amaziah said to Amos,**

Pastor: “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

People: **Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah,**

Pastor: “I was no prophet, nor a prophet’s son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to My people Israel.’”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Reading

Ephesians 1:3–14

³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship^[b] through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹he^[c] made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good

pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

¹¹ In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. ¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.

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The Holy Gospel

Mark 6:45-56

⁴⁵ Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶ After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray. ⁴⁷ Later that night, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and he was alone on land. ⁴⁸ He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. Shortly before dawn he went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them, ⁴⁹ but when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought he was a ghost. They cried out, ⁵⁰ because they all saw him and were terrified.

Immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.” ⁵¹ Then he climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down. They were completely amazed, ⁵² for they had not understood about the loaves; their hearts were hardened.

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. ⁵⁴ As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized Jesus. ⁵⁵ They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

You Are God Alone

You are not a God created by human hands;
You are not a God dependent on any mortal man.
You are not a God in need of anything we can give.
By Your plan, that's just the way it is.

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You are not a God dependent on any mortal man.
You are not a God in need of anything we can give.
By Your plan, that's just the way it is.

You are God alone: from before time began.
You are on Your throne; You are God alone.
And right now in the good times and bad,
You are on Your throne; You are God alone!

You're the only God whose power none can contend.
You're the only God whose Name and praise will never end.
You're the only God who's worthy of everything we can give.
You are God, that's just the way it is.

You are God alone: from before time began.
You are on Your throne; You are God alone.
And right now in the good times and bad,
You are on Your throne; You are God alone!

Unchangeable! Unshakable! Unstoppable! That's what You are.
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Sermon

To What the Lord Has To Say

Amos 7:7-15

The Offering

Prayer of Blessing

God of every blessing, bless these gifts that they might be used to accomplish Your purposes among us. Give us faith that graces the lives of others; hope that inspires the lives of others; and love that shapes the lives of others in Jesus' name.

Amen!

The Sending of the Mission Team

Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Let us go to God in prayer for the Church around the world, the nations of this earth, and all who call to Him in their various needs.

Our Father in heaven, uphold and strengthen all families on the earth. Guide parents to teach their children all that You have done and promised. Grant Your blessing wherever Your people gather around Word and Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: When the world seems to be winning and Your holy name is used without thought, put a strong confession on the lips of church leaders everywhere.

Grant that they are used so that the reality of Your power and grace shine forth to dispel fear and to bring many to faith in our Savior. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Extend Your kingdom, O Lord, through mission efforts around the world. Open voices to speak Your word of judgment and grace, and open ears to hear Your invitation to turn and be saved. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Raise up, we pray, leaders at all levels of government who will order society according to Your will. Strengthen those who protect at home and those who defend abroad so that our nation and all others find peaceful solutions to chaos and conflict. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Hear the prayers of the poor, so that their daily needs of food, clothing, and shelter be available to them. Bless all who grow and distribute crops, all who seek to alleviate pain and suffering, and all who fund and build decent housing. Listen especially to those whose needs we know, [*including . . .*]. Give them the healing, comfort, and hope that fits Your gracious plans for them. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: You have graciously forgiven us for Jesus' sake; open doors of opportunity for this congregation to be a welcoming place for people burdened with their past. Grant us to tell them what You have to say to them—words of forgiveness, peace, and hope. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your grace for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

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 and ever. Amen

Words of Institution On The Night

On the night He was betrayed, He took the bread, gave thanks, and said,
“Take eat, my friends, this broken bread, this is my body for forgiveness of your sin.
When you eat, my friends, this meal of love, remember me and my love for you again.”

On the night He was betrayed, He took the cup, gave thanks, and said,
“Take drink, my friends, this cup of wine, this is my blood for forgiveness of your sin.
When you drink, my friends, this cup of love, remember me and my love for you again.”

**Oh, we are here, to thank you Lord, for the bread and wine outpoured.
For it is your body and your blood that you so lovingly and freely give to us.
So we praise you holy Lamb of God; we love you our sweet Jesus.
We love you our sweet Jesus. We love you our sweet Jesus.**

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Scars

Waking up to a new sunrise,
looking back from the other side,
I can see now with open eyes.

Darkest water and deepest pain,
I wouldn't trade it for anything,
'cause my brokenness brought me to You.
And these wounds are a story You'll use.

So I'm thankful for the scars,
'cause without them I wouldn't know Your heart.
And I know they'll always tell of who You are,
So forever I am thankful for the scars.

Now I'm standing in confidence
With the strength of Your faithful ness.
And I'm not who I was before.
No, I don't have to fear anymore.

So I'm thankful for the scars,
'cause without them I wouldn't know Your heart.
And I know they'll always tell of who You are,
So forever I am thankful for the scars.

I can see, I can see, how You delivered me.
In Your hands, in Your feet I found my victory. (Repeat)

So I'm thankful for the scars,
'cause without them I wouldn't know Your heart.
And with my life I'll tell of who You are,
So forever I am thankful.

I'm thankful for the scars,
'cause without them I wouldn't know Your heart.
And I know they'll always tell of who You are,
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The Dismissal

Post-Communion Collect

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benediction

P Now go and live your life at the intersection of the Kingdom of God and everyday life. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Let It Be Said Of Us

Let it be said of us that the Lord was our passion,
That with gladness we bore ev'ry cross we were given;
That we fought the good fight, that we finished the course
Knowing within us the pow'r of the risen Lord.

Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song,
By mercy made holy, by the Spirit made strong.
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song
'Til the likeness of Jesus be through us made known.
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song.

Let it be said of us: we were marked by forgiveness,
We were known by our love and delighted in meekness.
We were ruled by His peace, heeding unity's call,
Joined as one body that Christ would be seen by all.

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