



Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 1, 2025

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" arr. Karen Ball

Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: Jesus Christ is alive and among us now. Even as the light pushes back the dark, so too Jesus Christ has defeated death. Let us worship God in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.

All: Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

Liturgist: His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

All: The heavens proclaim his righteousness and all peoples see his glory.

Liturgist: For you, Lord, are the Most High over all the earth;

All: You are exalted far above all gods. *Psalm 97:1-9, adapted*

* **All Singing: 538 "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"**

* GOD'S GREETING

* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* **All Singing: 559 "Ten Thousand Reasons"**

Children ages 2–7 may come forward for a brief word and blessing before they leave for "God Loves Me" and "Children in Worship."

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

Reconciliation

Liturgist: Let those who love the Lord hate evil; for the Lord guards the lives of his faithful ones and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

Psalm 97:10

All: **We long for the day when our bodies are raised, the Lord wipes away our tears, and we dwell forever in the presence of God.**

Liturgist: We will take our place in the new creation, where there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, and the Lord will be our light.

Our World Belongs to God, 56

All: **Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

Silent Confession and Reflection

Liturgist: Jesus says, "Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."

All: **Blessed are those who wash their robes in the blood of the Lamb, that they may have the right to the tree of life.**

Liturgist: The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let the one who hears say, "Come!"

All: **Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.**

Revelation 22:12-14, 17

* **All Singing:** **689 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"**

Liturgist: Brothers and sisters, let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law.

Romans 13:8-10

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All Singing: **761 "I Will Hide Your Word Inside My Heart"**

Scripture: Acts 16:16-34

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: 'Round Midnight

* **All Singing:** **568 "I Will Sing of My Redeemer"**
Singing verses 1, 2, and 4

Dedication

ORDINATION OF ELDERS & DEACONS

Charge to the Elders – Faith Triemstra

Charge to the Deacons – Anne Uzueta

Charge to the Congregation – Richard DeJong

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness

OFFERING

1. General Fund

2. Rehoboth Christian School

OFFERTORY “Amazing Grace”

Jack Schrader

* **All Singing: 956 “To God be the Glory”**
Following vocalist

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

* BENEDICTION

Postlude: “Praise!”

Gilbert M. Martin

Worship Leaders

Organist / Pianist:

Dora Diephouse

Acolyte:

Charlotte Post

Pianist:

Anna Triezenberg

Liturgist:

Mary Post

Guitar:

Ty Hillegonds

Prayer:

Lisa Dykstra

Percussion:

Clay Carlson

Minister:

Roger Nelson

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