

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 6, 2025

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

arr. Cindy Blevins

Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: May the Holy Spirit unite us in worship, point us toward Jesus Christ, and inspire us to love mercy, do justice, and walk humbly with God. Come, let us worship God.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Shout for joy to God, all the earth!

All: **Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious.**

Liturgist: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

All: **So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.**

Liturgist: All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you,
they sing the praises of your name." *Psalm 66:1-4*

* **All Singing:** **575 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"**

* GOD'S GREETING

* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* **All Singing:** **562 "We Will Extol You, God and King"**

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Reconciliation

Liturgist: Early the next morning Jesus was back again at the Temple. A crowd soon gathered, and he sat down and taught them. As he was speaking, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They put her in front of the crowd. They said to Jesus,

All: Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?

Liturgist: Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger. They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, "All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!" Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust.

All: When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman.

Silent Reflection and Confession

Liturgist: Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, "Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you?"

All: No, Lord.

Liturgist: And Jesus said, "Neither do I. Go and sin no more."

John 8:1-11 adapted

All Singing: 615 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"

Liturgist: Come and hear, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me.

All: I cried out to him with my mouth; his praise was on my tongue.

Liturgist: If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened; but God has surely listened and has heard my prayer.

All: Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!

Psalm 66:16-20

*** All Singing: "He Will Hold Me Fast"**

Soloist singing verses, all singing refrain

**When I fear my faith will fail Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold He must hold me fast**

**He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Saviour loves me so
He will hold me fast**

**Those He saves are His delight Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost His promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost He will hold me fast**

**For my life He bled and died Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life He will hold me fast
'Til our faith is turned to sight When He comes at last!**

Liturgist: Luke 6:27-36

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Soloist: "Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
Make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love;
Humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.

Scripture: Romans 8:18-25

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: What Does it Mean to Be Reformed? Distorted

* **All Singing: 658 "Bring Peace to Earth Again"**
Soloist singing first verse, all singing verses 2, 3, and 4

Dedication

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. STRAT

OFFERTORY "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

arr. David Gaines

* **All Singing: 964 "Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow"**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

* BENEDICTION

* **All Singing: 927 "God, the Father of Your People"**

Postlude: "Doxology"


arr. Philip Keveren

Worship Leaders

Organist: Dora Diephouse
Pianist: Anna Triezenberg
Flute Duet: Charlotte Lydon
Lynn Hollender
Vocalist: Marissa Carpenter
Minister: Roger Nelson

Acolyte: Cora Varghese
Liturgist: Kris Jousma
Prayer: Aron Reppmann

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