



# Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 27, 2025

\* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

arr. Wayne Oquin

## 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: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

**All:** **just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.**

Liturgist: He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will,

**All:** **to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.**  
*Ephesians 1:3-6 NRSV*

\* **All Singing:** **572 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"**  
*Singing verses 1, 2, 3, and 5*

\* GOD'S GREETING

\* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

\* **All Singing:** **593 "Lord Most High**

## CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## Reconciliation

Liturgist: In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us.

**All: With all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.**

Liturgist: In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will,

**All: so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.**

Liturgist: In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

*Ephesians 1:7-14 NRSV*

### *Silent Reflection and Confession*

**All Singing: 741 "Take, O Take Me as I Am"**  
*Singing through three times*

**Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

Liturgist: But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

**All: For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us,**

Liturgist: abolishing the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two,

**All: thus making peace, and might reconcile both to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.**

Liturgist: So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near,

**All: for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.**

Liturgist: So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone;

**All: in him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.**

*Ephesians 2:13-21 NRSV*

\* **All Singing: 252 “Church of God, Elect and Glorious”**

## Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Minister: For this reason, I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

**All: We pray that we may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with all the fullness of God. Amen.**

*Ephesians 3:14-19 NRSV*

Scripture: Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: What Does it Mean to Be Reformed? Therefore

\* **All Singing: 876 “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”**

## 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. Unity Christian Academy

OFFERTORY “The Gift of Love”

arr. John Carter

\* **All Singing: 358 “Give Thanks”**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## Sending

\* BENEDICTION

Minister: Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine,

**All: to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.**

*Ephesians 3:20-21 NRSV*

\* **All Singing: 956 “To God Be the Glory”**

Postlude: “Gigue”

Douglas E. Wagner

**Worship Leaders**

Organist: Dora Diephouse  
Pianist: Anna Triezenberg  
Percussion: Clay Carlson  
Minister: Roger Nelson

Acolyte: Vera Hulford  
Liturgist: Anne VanderWeele  
Prayer: Richard DeJong

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