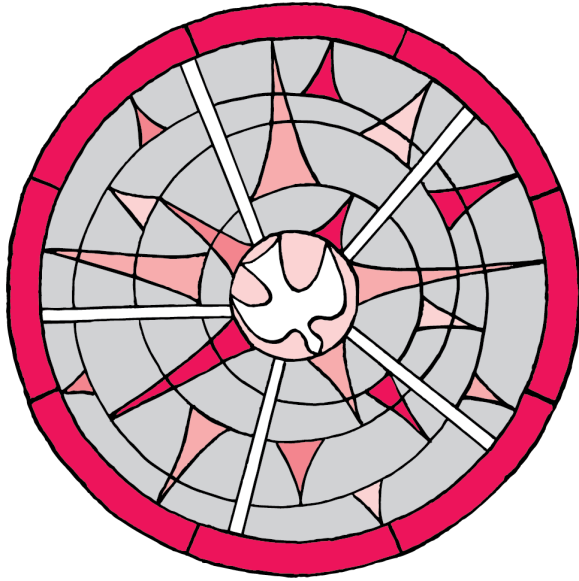




Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2026

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Adagio Maestoso" from *The Faithful Shepherd* George F. Handel

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: There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

All: **Thanks be to God in Christ.**

Liturgist: For through Jesus Christ the law of the Spirit has set you free from the law of sin and death.

All: **Thanks be to God in Christ.**

Liturgist: For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son.

All: **Thanks be to God in Christ.** *Romans 8:1-3 adapted*

Liturgist: Let us worship God in Christ in the freedom of the Holy Spirit.

* **All Singing:** **496** **"Come, All You People"**

* GOD'S GREETING

* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* **All Singing:** **521** **"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Reconciliation

Liturgist: Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.

All: **The mind controlled by the sinful nature is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace.** *Romans 8:5-6*

Silent Reflection and Confession

Liturgist: You, however, are not controlled by the sinful nature but by the Spirit of God which lives in you.

All: **If Christ is in you, even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.**

Liturgist: And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you. *Romans 8:9-11 adapted*

* **All Singing:** **"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"**
See insert, ensemble singing verse 1 and chorus, all joining to sing verses 2 and 3

Liturgist: Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation – but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. For if you live according to the sinful nature you will die; but if you by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

All: **For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.**

Liturgist: The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption as a child of God. And by him we cry, *Abba*, Father.

All: **The Spirit testifies with our spirit that we God's children.**

Liturgist: Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God in Christ.** *Romans 8:12-17 adapted*

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: **Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may hear your Word with joy. Amen.**

Scripture: Romans 8:1-11

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: The Spirit of *Hesed*

* **All Singing:** **232 "Come, Holy Ghost"**
Singing verses 1, 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. Bible League International

OFFERTORY "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

arr. Mayo

Eucharist

INSTITUTION

PRAYER

INVITATION

COMMUNION

Ensemble: "Crowded Table"

Carlile, Hemby, McKenna

You can hold my hand when you need to let go
I can be your mountain when you're feeling valley-low
I can be your streetlight showing you the way home
You can hold my hand when you need to let go

I want a house with a crowded table
And a place by the fire for everyone
Let us take on the world while we're young and able
And bring us back together when the day is done

If we want a garden we're gonna have to sow the seed
Plant a little happiness let the roots run deep
If it's love that we give then it's love that we reap
If we want a garden we're gonna have to sow the seed

The door is always open, your picture's on my wall
Everyone's a little broken and everyone belongs
Yeah, everyone belongs

All Singing: 833 "There is a Redeemer"
Standing to sing last verse

Sending

* BENEDICTION

Postlude: "I Will Enter His Gates"

arr. Christopher Norton

Worship Leaders

Organist:	Dora Diephouse	Acolyte:	Elouise Keeley-Jonker
Pianist:	Anna Triezenberg-Sims	Liturgist:	Bruno Brumirski
Postlude Pianist:	Lydia Carlson	Prayer:	Corky DeBoer
Vocalist / Guitar:	Marjie Coleman		
Violinist:	Bethany Keeley-Jonker		
Guitar:	Ty Hillegonds		
Bass / Percussion:	Clay Carlson		
Minister:	Roger Nelson		

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