

July 16, 2023
7th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE "Sonetto 104 de petrarca" Liszt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good. Ps. 118:1
God's steadfast love endures forever.
The word of the Lord will not return empty; Isa. 55:11
it will accomplish all that God intends.
Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; Ps. 85:10
righteousness and peace will kiss.
Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+HYMN: GTG #65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDDA

CALL TO CONFESSION

1 Tim. 1:14-15

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:
Cleanse us from all our offenses,
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,
that with reverent and humble hearts
we may draw near to you,
confessing our faults,
confiding in your grace,
and finding in you our refuge and strength;
through Jesus Christ your Son.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

... By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Isa. 43:1, 19
Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN: GTG #288 "Spirit of the Living God" LIVING GOD
(repeat three times)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Gracious God,
hear our prayer.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

+ Those who are able may stand. 1

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL RECAP

Lori Filka

Children are dismissed to Kids Church

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Rom 6:13

OFFERTORY

"Valse No. 1"

Granados

+RESPONSE: GTG #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Heidelberg Catechism*
(Germany, 1563)

21. What is true faith?
True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merit.
22. What then must a Christian believe?
All that is promised us in the gospel, a summary of which is taught us in the articles of our universal and undisputed Christian faith.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 25:19-34

O.T. page 16

PSALM

Psalm 119:105-112

Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light upon my path.
I have sworn and am determined to keep your righteous judgments.
I am deeply troubled;
preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.
**Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips,
and teach me your judgments.**

My life is always in danger,
yet I do not forget your teaching.
**The wicked have set a trap for me,
but I have not strayed from your commandments.**
Your decrees are my inheritance forever;
truly, they are the joy of my heart.
**I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes
forever and to the end.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 8:1-11

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GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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GTG = Glory to God (purple) 2

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE

Rev. 21:5

These words are trustworthy and true.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"A Sower Went Out to Sow..."

Rev. Bill Pinches

+HYMN: GTG #451

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

OPEN MY EYES

+BLESSING

1 Thess. 5:23

May the God of peace
make you holy in every way
and keep your whole being—
spirit, soul, and body—
free from every fault
at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen!

+CHARGE

1 Pet. 1:13

Prepare your minds for action;
discipline yourselves;
set all your hope on the grace
that Jesus Christ will bring you
when he is revealed.
Thanks be to God!

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: GTG #748

TALLIS' CANON

"Go with Us, Lord"

POSTLUDE

"La bohème"

Puccini

**You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.**
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.

SERVING US TODAY

Liturgist: Mary Ozee
Greeters: Ron Dlouhy and Jane Hamelink
Sound: Andrew Pinches
Livestream: Tami Chapman
Security: Tim Hammond
Today's flowers are given by
Sue and Bruce Caltrider
in memory of Sarah Caltrider

TWC = The Worshiping Church (red) 3

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#43. Corinth:

In Corinth, a bustling Greek port city, Paul, Silas, Timothy, and new friends Aquila and Priscilla found a church. Paul stays there 18 months. (Acts 18:1-17) (c. AD 50-52)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 83. How can you forgive those who have really hurt you ?

I cannot love my enemies, I cannot pray for those who persecute me, I cannot even be ready to forgive those who have really hurt me, without the grace that comes from above. I cannot be conformed to the image of God's Son, apart from the power of God's Word and Spirit. Yet I am promised that I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

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DAILY PRAYER

Book of Common Worship: Daily Prayer (2018)

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday Pine Ridge Mission Trip meeting 7:00 pm
Wednesday Lunch Packing for Advent House 10:30 am
Prayer Fellowship 12:00 pm
Thurs.-Tue. Pastor Bill on vacation
Friday Church Office closed / Pastor's Sabbath
Saturday Yarners 10:00 am

BIRTHDAYS

Judy Woolston July 16
Merrilee Brockman July 17
Tammy Sowles July 19
Abby Blonshine July 20
Kevin Mackey July 21

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The Sower
by Vincent van Gogh, 1888

*The fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
(Galatians 5:22-23)*