

**July 14, 2024**  
**8th Sunday after Pentecost**

**PRELUDE** "Chorale from Cantata 147" Bach

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING SENTENCES** Eph. 1:5, 11-12

God has accomplished all things through Christ,  
so that we might live as God's own children.  
Let us give thanks to God  
and live for the praise of God's glory.  
Let us worship God!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** Amos 7:7-8

+**HYMN: GTG #35** "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God,  
you call us to be your beloved children  
and to care for one another,  
yet we fail to love others and ourselves.  
Helpless and ashamed, we turn our hearts to you.  
Forgive us, and then tenderly teach us  
to stand strong and courageous  
in the fullness of your love,  
by the grace and mercy of Christ. Amen.

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

... therefore be at peace.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.

**HYMN: GTG #327** LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
"From All that Dwell Below the Skies"

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

... Gracious God,  
hear our prayer.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Children are dismissed to Kids Church

**MESSAGE FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE** Rex Hauser  
Mason Community Services

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** "Sarabande in b" Bach

+**RESPONSE: GTG #606** OLD HUNDREDTH  
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

+**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from A Brief Statement of Faith  
(United States, 1991)

We trust in God,  
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.  
In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image,  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live as one community.  
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.  
Ignoring God's commandments,  
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
accept lies as truth,  
exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God's condemnation.  
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.  
In everlasting love,  
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
to bless all families of the earth.  
Hearing their cry,  
God delivered the children of Israel  
from the house of bondage.  
Loving us still,  
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Amos 7:7-15 O.T. page 658

**PSALM** Psalm 85:8-13

I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;  
for you speak peace to your faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to you.  
Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell in our land.  
Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.  
Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.  
The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.  
Righteousness shall go before the LORD  
and shall prepare for God a pathway.

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Ephesians 1:3-14 N.T. page 148

**GOSPEL LESSON** Mark 6:14-29 N.T. page 31

**RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE** Rom. 10:8

This is the word of faith that we proclaim.  
Thanks be to God.

+**HYMN: GTG #175** "Seek Ye First" LAFFERTY

**SERMON** "A Plumb Line" Rev. Bill Pinches

+**HYMN: GTG #839** "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!" ASSURANCE

+**CHARGE**

Go forth in joy and peace, for you are God's beloved.  
Amen.

+**BLESSING**

May the god of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has blessed us in Christ,  
fill you with every blessing through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Alleluia!

+**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: GTG #748** TALLIS' CANON  
"Go with Us, Lord"

**POSTLUDE** "Humoresque No. 7" Dvořák

*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:** Kelli Green  
**Greeters:** Ginnie Gibson and Bill Leutscher  
**Next Week's Greeters:** Vicki Drown and Donna Hujsak  
**Sound:** Marty Subject  
**Livestream:** Tami Chapman  
**Security:** Tim Hammond

**Today's flowers are given by**  
Sue and Bruce Caltrider  
in memory of  
Sarah Caltrider

**CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE**

#93. *Book of Acts*: The Acts of the Apostles, a sequel to the Gospel of Luke and written by the same author, was also probably written around AD 85, give or take five to ten years.

**THE STUDY CATECHISM**

**Question 17. What does our creation in God’s image reflect about God’s reality?**

Our being created in and for relationship is a reflection of the Holy Trinity. In the mystery of the one God, the three divine persons — Father, Son and Holy Spirit — live in, with and for one another eternally in perfect love and freedom.

**CREDITS**

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**Class of 2024:** Jerry Ambrose, Lucinda Davenport, Loren Harkness, Tonya Seely.

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**Class of 2024:** Donna Hujsak, Issie Nielsen, Camille Subject.

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**Class of 2026:** Ron Dlouhy, Bill Leutscher, Sandy Leutscher, Nancy Sue MacDonald, Laurie McGonigal

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

<b>Tuesday</b>	Vacation Bible School	5:30 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Lunch Packing for Advent House	10:15 am
	Prayer Fellowship (in the Chapel)	12:00 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Vacation Bible School	5:30 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Finance Committee	8:00 am
	Vacation Bible School	5:30 pm
<b>Friday</b>	Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath	
<b>Saturday</b>	Yarners	10:00 am
	Montreat Youth Conference	

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Jerry Ambrose	July 14
Nancy Sue MacDonald	July 16
Judy Woolston	July 16
Merrilee Brockman	July 17
Tammy Sowles	July 19
Abby Blonshine	July 20

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**Amos**  
by James Tissot, c. 1896-1902

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