

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR JULY 24, 2022

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *God Leads Us Along* Ron Loree

**INTROIT 654** *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful* TAIZE COMMUNITY 1986

## Gathering Around The World

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come to this place of holiness with our fears, our doubts, and the questions of our hearts.

**All: We come to hear God speak to us; words of peace, of hope, and of joy.**

One: It is in this place of discovery that we can reveal our searching spirits.

**All: We come to this place and find our God, who has been looking for us.**

One: It is in this place of openness that we can come knocking.

**All: We come here to be embraced by the One whose heart is never closed.**

**\*HYMN 260** *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* HYFRYDON

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Eternal and ever-present God, so often we turn away from you, yet you remain faithful to us. We run from you, but you call us back. In our words and deeds we dishonor you, yet you still profess your love for us. We cut ourselves off from you and from others, but you will not let us go. Forgive our faithless and fickle ways and grow our gratitude, that we might grow in faithfulness to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

*\*for portions marked with an asterisk, you're invited to rise in body or spirit*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Col. 2:6-7; 12  
Hear these words of scripture, dear friends: when we were buried with Christ in baptism, we were also raised with him through faith in the power of God. By that power we are made clean and set free to live in gratitude and love. Just as you have received Christ, continue to live your lives rooted and growing in him, abounding in thanksgiving for this Good News:

**All: Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**  
*We invite you to share the peace of Christ with others.*

**\*RESPONSE 581** GLORIA PATRI  
*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.*

## Listening To the Word

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF GOD'S WORD** Luke 11:13

**FIRST READING** Psalm 138  
*(The scripture readings can be found on the side panel of the bulletin)*

### SHARING FAITH WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

**ANTHEM 728** *Somebody's Knocking at Your Door* African American Spiritual

**SECOND READING** Luke 11:1-13

### SERMON

## Responding to the Word

**\*HYMN 175** *Seek Ye First* LAFFERTY

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** CHURCH CREED  
*inside cover of hymnal*

**SHARING OUR PRAYERS** *See prayer concerns list, back page*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *page 35 in hymnal*

## GIVING BACK TO GOD'S KINGDOM

*Christ invites us to participate in God's work, bringing the offering of our lives with joyful gratitude.*

**\*THE DOXOLOGY 606**  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## God Sends Us Forth

**\*HYMN 39** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

### \*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

**\*BLESSING**  
**HYMN 541** *God, Be with You Till We Meet Again(vrs1)* RANDOLPH

### POSTLUDE

### Visiting today? Welcome!

Please tell us a little about yourself! You can scan this QR code with your smartphone to fill out our online form. We would love to get to know you better!



### This Week

**Wed., July 27 @ 10:00am** - Quilting Bee  
**Wed., July 27 @ 6:00pm** - Youth Group with St. Mildred's Catholic Church  
**Thur., July 28 @ 5:00pm** - Finance Committee Meeting  
**Thur., July 28 @ 6:00pm** - Centering Prayer  
**Sun., July 31 @ 11:00am** - Worship  
**Sun., July 31 @ 12:00pm** - WotC Labyrinth Luncheon

### Worship Assistants Next Week

**Liturgist**.....Brenda Wesley  
**Ushers**.....John & Lynn Cain  
**Sound**.....Josh Jones

**First Reading—Psalm 138**

<sup>1</sup> I give thanks to you with all my heart, Lord.  
 I sing your praise before all other gods.  
<sup>2</sup> I bow toward your holy temple  
 and thank your name  
 for your loyal love and faithfulness  
 because you have made your name and word  
 greater than everything else.  
<sup>3</sup> On the day I cried out, you answered me.  
 You encouraged me with inner strength.  
<sup>4</sup> Let all the earth's rulers give thanks to you, Lord,  
 when they hear what you say.  
<sup>5</sup> Let them sing about the Lord's ways  
 because the Lord's glory is so great!  
<sup>6</sup> Even though the Lord is high,  
 he can still see the lowly,  
 but God keeps his distance from the arrogant.  
<sup>7</sup> Whenever I am in deep trouble,  
 you make me live again;  
 you send your power against my enemies' wrath;  
 you save me with your strong hand.  
<sup>8</sup> The Lord will do all this for my sake.  
 Your faithful love lasts forever, Lord!  
 Don't let go of what your hands  
 have made.

**Second Reading—Luke 11:1-13**

<sup>1</sup> Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."  
<sup>2</sup> Jesus told them, "When you pray, say:  
 'Father, uphold the holiness of your name.  
 Bring in your kingdom.'  
<sup>3</sup> Give us the bread we need for today.  
<sup>4</sup> Forgive us our sins,  
 for we also forgive everyone who has wronged us.  
 And don't lead us into temptation."  
<sup>5</sup> He also said to them, "Imagine that one of you has a friend and you go to that friend in the middle of the night. Imagine saying, 'Friend, loan me three loaves of bread <sup>6</sup> because a friend of mine on a journey has arrived and I have nothing to set before him.' <sup>7</sup> Imagine further that he answers from within the house, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up to give you anything.' <sup>8</sup> I assure you, even if he wouldn't get up and help because of his friendship, he will get up and give his friend whatever he needs because of his friend's brashness. <sup>9</sup> And I tell you: Ask and you will receive. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup> Everyone who asks, receives. Whoever seeks, finds. To everyone who knocks, the door is opened.  
<sup>11</sup> "Which father among you would give a snake to your child if the child asked for a fish? <sup>12</sup> If a child asked for an egg, what father would give the child a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you who are evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

*Scripture verses taken from  
 the Common English Bible translation*



**Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing**

Paul Henderson; Bill House; George Joplin; Richard Wright's sister, Peggy; Mary Jane Lackey; Ed Mick & family; Barb & Gordon Germain's daughter, Janet Piercy; Ed Cook; Angie Butler; Jon Burlew; Sherry Woodall's sister, Ardenia; Karen Dikeman; Leslie Phillips; Becky Pitman's sister, Rhonda Roark

**Current Giving**

	Rec'd Wk of 7/17/22	Needed Weekly	Received YTD	Needed YTD
<b>Pledged Offering</b>	\$900	\$3,682	\$88,062	\$106,778
<b>Non- Pledged</b>	\$625	\$728	\$27,406	\$21,112

**Assisting In Worship**

**Ministers**.....Every Member  
**Liturgist**.....Naomi Judy  
**Ushers**.....Marshall Judy  
**Sound**.....Sue Guffey  
**Director of Music**.....Theresa Jean Kibby  
**Piano & Organ**.....Debby McDonald  
**Pastor**.....Rev. Andrew Bowman

**Deacons:**

Paula Burlew	Eileen Stockham	Marty Whitson
Cindy Fountain	Mary Beth Waller	Katie Jones
Carol Prater	Susie Lackey	George Joplin
	Stephanie Ousley	

**Elders:**

<i>Class of 2022</i>	<i>Class of 2023</i>	<i>Class of 2024</i>
Forrest Brock	Bill Fountain	Charlie Leveridge
Chris Phillips	Kimberly King	Zack Vaught
Erin Stephens	Perry Waller	John Wright

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July 24th, 2022

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**



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**People of God, Welcome Home!**

May Christ's peace and presence fill your heart as you worship this day, and may you go forth with the light and love of God shining within you.

We welcome you to worship, and ask that any electronic devices be placed on silent so that all may hear what God has to say.

Due to the personal boundaries and preferences of others, please ask before offering a hug or handshake.

**Our sanctuary is equipped with a T-coil system for people with hearing difficulty.**