

The liturgical color is green for the 7th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE "God of Our Fathers" Hughes
Amy Bender, organ

WELCOME Jan Rose, liturgist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.

We are learning to follow Jesus.

The way is long, and we are thirsty.

We seek the living waters of Jesus.

We feel the weight of scarcity warring with hopeful whispers of abundance.

We need the living waters of Jesus.

We wonder if God will provide us with what we need, *here* and *now*.

As God gives us the living waters of Jesus, so God calls us to quench the thirst and meet the needs of our neighbors.

Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out! Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Director of Worship Arts, August 2022.

***OPENING HYMN** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" UMH 89

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, we thank you for bringing us together here today to worship You. As we sing praise to Your name, may we remember what Jesus said to the woman at the well, "the time is coming—and is here!—when true worshippers will worship in spirit and truth." Help us to be fully present in order to worship You, O God, in spirit and truth. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" arr. Tom Trenney
Charlie Tackett & Ben Chiappone, duet

BAPTISM 11:00 AM UMH 39

Makoa Anderson Phillips
daughter of Meredith Beckwith & Brandon Phillips

BAPTISM HYMN "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" UMH 611

Children are invited to stay in worship or meet in the Narthex to go to Sunday School

SHARING STORIES OF GOD AT WORK THROUGH CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

** Congregation invited to stand if able*

FAITH IN ACTION

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Just As I Am, I Come" Mary McDonald

***DOXOLOGY #94**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God, our provider, in Christ you give us a spring of pure water that overflows to eternal life. Your love and hope fill our hearts, so we want to worship you in Spirit and truth. Open our eyes to see the places in this neighborhood where our church's ministries could reach new people. Direct our gifts and offerings for your purposes, so that our community will become like a field ripe for harvest. We ask this through Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

***HYMN OF CENTERING** "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" UMH 465

SCRIPTURE

John 4:3-29, p. 752

MESSAGE

"Praying for Strangers: Connection"
Rev. Tammy Palermo

HOLY COMMUNION

UMH 12

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN OF MISSION

"Pass It On" UMH 572

Hymn History: The words and music to this hymn were written by Kurt Kaiser. He was born in Chicago in 1934. He studied at the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago. Kaiser played the piano and organ on radio stations as a teenager. He composed over 300 songs. Kaiser was also an arranger and publisher. He published albums for many artists including Tennessee Ernie Ford, Ethel Waters, Burl Ives and Wayne Newton. He was also the piano accompanist to George Beverly Shea who sang for the Billy Graham Crusades. Kaiser believed in incorporating the style of pop music into hymns to reach the youth about the message of Christ. He co-wrote the Christian musical, Tell It Like It Is, with Ralph Carmichael in 1969. Kaiser lived in Waco, Texas with his wife, Pat, and their four children. He died there in 2018.

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION SUNG RESPONSE** "Go Now In Peace"

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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POSTLUDE

"Fantasia on OLD HUNDRETH"

G. Young

Altar Flowers are presented by Debra & Dale Lewis
In Honor of their Daughters,
Tiffany Hughes & Mallory Miller

Red Rose on the Altar is for Makoa Anderson Phillips

*July 28th is open for flowers,
please contact Kathy Fellows at 440.477.4485*

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