

The Fourth
Sunday after
Pentecost
July 6, 2025

Welcome

Gathering Music "For the Healing of the Nations" (VU # 678)



## **Light the Christ Candle**

With thankful hearts, we gather here where the doors are wide open to all. As we are to walk always in the light of Christ, may we keep the flame of faith alive in our hearts and shine today and always. Amen.



## **Announcements / Happy Birthday**

- Happy Birthday, Happy Birthday
- We Love You
- Happy Birthday and may all your dreams come true
- When you blow out your candles,
- One remains aglow
- Its the love-light in your eyes
- Where e'er you go
- (Repeat)





**Prelude** 

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

## **Call to Worship**

Moses said to God, "I am slow of speech and slow of tongue..." but God sent him anyway.

Jeremiah said, "I am just a boy..." but God spoke through him anyway.

Mary was perplexed by the angel's visit, but God still invited her to give birth to Jesus.

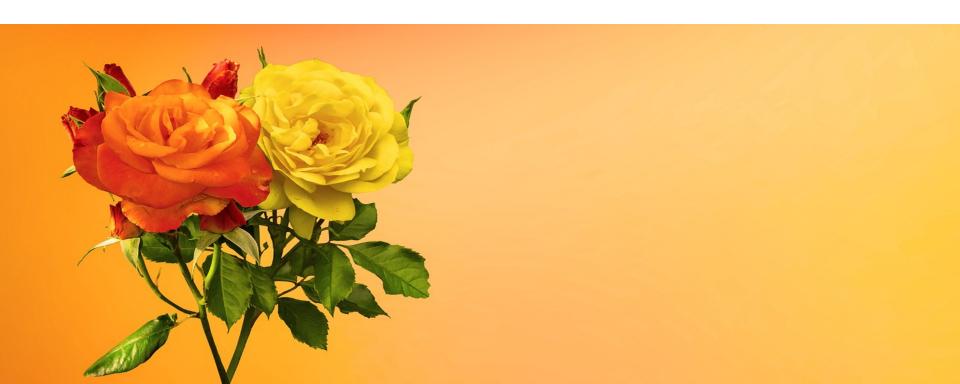
God invites us to understand that we have gifts and we are needed: whether old or young; tired or energetic; quick or slow. Whoever we are, however we are,

We hear your call, O God. We have come. Amen.

## "Lord, Speak to Me"

Hymn VU # 589

Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone; as you have sought, so let me seek your straying children lost and lone.



- O lead me, so that I may lead the wandering and the waivering feet; O feed me, so that I may feed your hungering ones with manna sweet.
- O teach me, so that I may teach the precious truths which you impart; and wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many'a heart.
- O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflows in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

## **Prayer of Confession**

Dear God, so often we have need, but we don't want to admit it: we stand proud, unbending, unwilling to acknowledge we need something we cannot create ourselves. We try to make do with substitutes for your truth and your grace, but they fail us.

Holy One, may you help us to seek your path, your words, your leading, your peace. May you forgive us for those paths we have followed when we trusted in the world's wisdom rather than yours: help us to name our need for you.

Amen.

#### **Words of Assurance**

God's love never leaves us. We are loved, understood, forgiven, enabled to begin again.

For God's great Grace toward us, let us praise our God! **Amen.** 



## **Time with the Young People**

## by Derek

## **Children Song**

"Jesus loves me"

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(The children may now proceed with their guardians to have sharing time.)

### God's Ten Commandments.

- 1 There is only one God YHWH, which means "I AM".
- 2 We must honour God and not use His name to do harm
- 3 We are to set aside a day to honour God, our Sundays
- 4 We are to honour our parents, that is do as they say
- 5 We are not to harm other people, no fighting
- 6 We are to be faithful to our family and friends, help them
- 7 We are not to steal other people's stuff, like their toys
- 8 We must always tell the truth, never lie
- 9 We must not be jealous of other people's relationships if they have more friends
- 10 We must not be jealous of what other people have, more toys or more fun.

## Jesus added two other New Commandments to make life easier

## Love God Love everyone

These last two include all of the previous ten.

The Scriptures read by Donna

First Reading 2 Kings 5:1-4

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**Naaman** (All Men): I am Naaman. I am a commander of many. I am strong. But my body is not what I need it to be.

Congregation: We are strong...but our bodies are not always what we want them to be.

Maidservant (All Women): I am a maidservant in Naaman's household. I am not strong. I am not powerful. But I know on whom to call.

Congregation: O God, be with us and help us.

Naaman (All Men): She sent me to God's prophet, a man named Elisha. He left me on his doorstep, refused to see me, to consult with me. I was so angry...

Congregation: Pride blinded you to what was important.

**Servant** (All Men): I am Naaman's servant. I am not strong. I am not powerful. But I know on whom to call, and I know to whom to listen.

Naaman (All Men): My servant told me to stop, to listen, to do the thing Elisha said.

Congregation: Pride let go of you.

Naaman (All Men): So I went. I washed. I was made whole!

Congregation: Praise be to God!

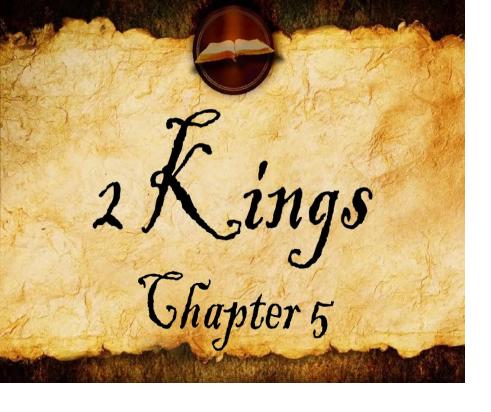
**Naaman** (All Men): Now, you good people: when shall you unbend, lose your pride and ask for what you need?



After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road. "When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to

"When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God has come near.' "Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me." The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from Heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in Heaven." Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

## We give thanks for inspiration.



Message by Rev. Yun-Hee

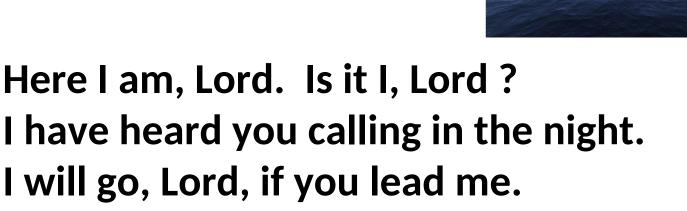


**Hymn # VU 509** "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
 I have heard my people cry.
 All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain



I will hold your people in my heart.

Here I Am. Lord

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
'til their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

## **Prayers of the People**

Healing God, we come before you with wounds in our hearts and in our bodies: illnesses and griefs; difficult relationships; financial problems; harsh words said that we cannot retract; pain we have inflicted and pain we carry.

## We seek your help.

For our friends and family members: (pause). For our congregation and our community: (pause).

## For those we do not know, here and abroad: (pause).

We ask that your tender arms surround those in pain. May there be healing where healing is possible. May all know your loving, caring presence; remind us that we can, each of We can be your hands and feet in this world, no matter how strong or how smart we are. May you help us to see how we can shine the light of your love and care to those who need to see it and be warmed by it. Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer VU#960

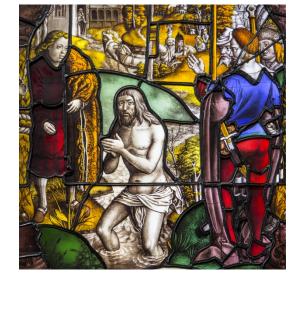
- Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven.
- Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine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

# We Offer Our Gifts Musical Offering VU # 540

Grant us, God, the grace of giving, with a spirit large and free, that ourselves and all our living we may offer faithfully.



Holy God, your generosity to us calls out of us a response: in this place and in these plates, we offer a portion of our treasure, our talents, our time...even our very selves. Please bless our offerings. Use them to further your work among us, our community, and our world. Amen.



Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind, yea, all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

- Just as I am, though tossed about with many'a conflict, many'a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down; now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.



## **Blessing**

Whether big or small, old or young, may you know yourself blessed and loved by God. May that love bubble in you, bubble out of you, and brighten the lives of all you meet.

The Grace of Christ attend you, the Love of God surround you, and the Holy Spirit keep you. **Amen.** 

### **Commissioning**

- 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 God 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 within, around, above.
- Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

Amen, amen, amen.



God, we thank you for being with us.



Thank you Congregation for worshipping today in person and by Zoom!

## { A short devotional Time }

So often, Lord

I reach the bottom of the abyss. So often I taste the dregs of my own helplessness.

Yet it is there, exactly there that you come to my immediate rescue.

When I feel totally impoverished of all self – sufficiency When I want to vanish into nowhere from the depths of despair I call your name and you are always there with me!

> ~ from "The One Year book of Bible Promises" by Ruth Harms Calkin