



The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2026

Gathering Music

(VU # 508) *"Just as I Am"*

Welcome

Announcements



Light the Christ Candle



**We light this candle as a visible reminder that we are committed to working toward creative change in the world. We turn to the Christ light as we worship with a spirit of love.
Amen.**



Prelude

"Nobody Knows"



Hymn VU # 352 (vs. 1 & 5)

*“I Danced
in
the Morning”*

(Vida)

1

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came from Heaven and I danced on the Earth;
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

R

**Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

5

They cut me down and I leap up high;
I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he.

**R Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

Call to Worship

The Spirit of the Lord is upon us, and in the shelter of the Spirit, we will rejoice and be glad.

The heavens are telling of the glory of God, and beneath those very stars, we raise our spirits and proclaim that God is good.

The gifts of the Spirit are offered to us, and, when we put them to use, we discover that our gifts blend with the gifts of others into a wonderful song filled with hope, energy, life, and love.

In this house of prayer, may we find shelter, lift our hearts in prayer, and sing songs of praise: May we find strength in knowing we are the Body of Christ, enlivened by the Spirit, engaging the work of God in this world. Come, let us worship our God!



Hymn VU # 297 (vs. 1 & 3) “All Praise to You”
(Derek: A reminder of our stewardship)

- 1 All praise to you, O God of all Creation:
you made the world, and it is yours alone.
The planet Earth you spun in its location
amid the stars adorning Heaven's dome.
We lease the Earth but for a life's duration,
yet for this life it is our cherished home.



- 3 To tend the Earth is our entrusted duty,
for Earth is ours to use and not abuse.
O gracious God, true source of all resources,
forgive our greed that wields destruction's
sword.
Then let us serve as wise and faithful stewards
while Earth gives glory to Creation's Lord.



Prayer of Confession

Empowering God, from our spaces of rest, safety, and hectic life schedules, we gather, united and uniting in the warm glow of the Spirit. We are surrounded by all the signs of God's loving power.

We pause in this space recognising that we long for the renewing of life, for hope given when we are without hope. We long for a spark in our hearts, for power in worship, for power in the midst of injustice. We need Strength of you.

Words of Assurance

Jesus is speaking, “Shhhhhh, my friend. You are forgiven. Peace. Relax. Rest.”

You are growing powerful. The Spirit is in your heart, testifying that you are forgiven. God is always with you.

Thanks be to God ! Amen.



Hymn VU # 55 (vs 1 & 2)

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

(Greg)

1

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

2 Our God, Heaven cannot hold him, nor Earth
sustain;

Heaven and Earth shall flee away when he
comes to reign;

in the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
the Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ.

- 1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine !
O what a foretaste of glory divine !
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of the Spirit, washed in Christ's blood.

Refrain

**This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.**

3

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blessed;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with God's goodness, lost in Christ's love.

Refrain

**This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.**

Time with the Young People *with Rev. Yun-Hee*



Hymn VU # 703 (v 1 & 3) *“In The Bulb There Is a Flower”*
(Wanda: Beautiful melody)

1 In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free !
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.



3

In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.



*In the bulb, there is a flower
In the seed, an apple tree
Each cocoon holds a promise,
Butterflies will soon be free*

from Hymn of Promise



To Make a Family

We Offer Our Gifts

Musical Offering

Hymn VU # 747 (vs. 1 & 5)

“Psalm 23” (Marian)

The LORD's my Shepherd, I'll not want
He makes me down to lie,
in pastures green; He leadeth me,
the quiet waters by.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me:
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling place shall be.



Offering Prayer

Creator God, you loved us into being, blessing us with gifts of diversity and abundance. Christ Jesus, you came among us, infusing the ordinary with holiness. Open our hearts to your extravagant love Spirit Song, you dance with and through us, inspiring possibility and hope. Enliven our faith and embolden our justice.

May you inspire possibility and hope. Amen



Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow your righteous laws. I have suffered much; preserve my life, Lord, according to your word. Accept, Lord, the willing praise of my mouth, and teach me your laws. Though I constantly take my life in my hands, I will not forget your law. The wicked have set a snare for me, but I have not strayed from your precepts. Your statutes are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart. My heart is set on keeping your decrees to the very end.

This is the Word of God

Thanks be to God !



Message

by Rev. Yun-Hee

Hymn VU # 574 (vs. 1 & 4)

“Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love” (Eleanor)

- 1 Come, let us sing of a wonderful love,
tender and true, tender and true,
out of the heart of the Father above,
streaming to me and to you:
wonderful love, wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.

4

Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love !
Come and abide, come and abide,
lifting my life 'til it rises above
envy and falsehood and pride:
seeking to be, seeking to be
lowly and humble, a learner of thee.



Hymn VU # 376 (vs. 1 & 2)

"Spirit of the Living God" (Wendy)

1 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

2
Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in
love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love !

Hymn VU # 670 (vs. 1 & 3)

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” (Donna)

- 1 Precious Lord, take my hand,
lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

3 When the darkness appears,
and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand,
guide my feet, hold my hand:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.



Prayers of the People

God of each, God of all: we pray for our families, those with whom we are drawn together by birth or by marriage or by adoption. May they receive care and love from you and from us as well.

We pray for our friends and neighbours, those with whom we are drawn together by common places of work or learning, by common aspirations and values. Strengthen the ties between us, and may we find in these relationships the freedom and companionship and community that nurture us and the world around us.

We pray for our fellow citizens, those with whom we are drawn together by birthplace and nation, by regional ties and societal traditions. Fashion these bonds so to insure the relationships and ideals we claim are paid more than lip-service, so that who we are and have been never closes us to whom we may yet become.

We pray for those who are part of this community and in the whole Christian Church, those with whom we are drawn together by common faith and uncommon Grace. May we thrive in ministry, may we expand in mission, may we deepen in spirituality, and may we grow closer to one another and you.

We pray for those who are fashioned in your image, with whom we are drawn together in one family. Free us to recognize the stranger as no stranger, but sister and brother; and to see the joy and need of any as the cause for our rejoicing and compassion. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer *(spoken)*

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowéd 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn

“Onward Christian Soldiers”

(Ed and Jim)

1

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus going on before !
Christ, the royal Master, leads against the foe;
Forward into battle, see his banner go !

Refrain:

**Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus going on before !**

2

At the sign of triumph Satan's host doth flee;
On, then, Christian soldiers, on to victory!
Hell's foundations quiver at the shout of praise;
Brothers, lift your voices, loud your anthems raise !

Refrain:

**Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus going on before !**





Blessing

Go from this place in the certain knowledge of God's love.

We go, knowing that Jesus travels with us: in our fear, in our sorrow, in our joy.

Go in faith and in love.

We go with the assurance that God sets us free, equipped to wrestle faithfully with a world of contradiction.

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

Commissioning “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 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.
And
thank you
Congregation
for worshipping today
in person and by Zoom !**

**Thank you for your
participation !**

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