

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2026

Gathering Music (MV # 92)

“Like a Rock”

Welcome





Light the Christ Candle

We light this candle as a reminder that it takes effort to seek God. It's not always easy—and yet, by seeking the holy in community, we give meaning to the journey we take together. Amen.





Prelude “Jacob’s Ladder” (*stairway to heaven*)

Call to Worship

From every direction, we come and gather. We have made our way here today. And we greeted one another as we arrived.

No matter who we are, or from where we come, God meets us in this place. God meets us in the eyes of the stranger sitting next to us, and in the wonder of children's whispers. Led by the Spirit of God, remind us that we are children of God.

Led by the Spirit, let us be present to the community we create. We are here. Gathered to listen and respond to God's blessings.

Amen.

Hymn # VU 516

“Come, You Thankful People, Come”

1.

Come, you thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home !

All is safely gathered in,
safe before the storms begin;
God, our maker, does provide
for our needs to be supplied:
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home !

2 All the world is God's own field,
harvests for God's praise to yield;
wheat and weeds together sown,
here for joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
Harvest-giver, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

3 For our God, one day, shall come,
and shall take this harvest home;
from the field shall in that day
all offences purge away;
giving angels charge at last
in the fire the weeds to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in the garner evermore.

4

Even so, God, quickly come
to your final harvest home !
Gather all your people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin;
there for ever purified,
in your presence to abide:
come, with all your angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.

Prayer of Confession

God, we admit that too often we confuse your time for our time, your world for our world. We lose sight of what is truly important, and we think that we have all the answers. When we feel strong and confident, we forget you. And we forget our neighbours. Help us to see that we are wound up in a tangled web of community, with you at the centre. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The good news is that our God is one of patience and understanding. Even when we stray, we are accompanied by a love that is too deep for words.

Hear this. Know this. Remember this !

Thanks be to God !

GOD IS Good

Time with the Young People
Children Song

by Rev. Yun-Hee

“He’s got the Whole World In His Hands” (sing twice)

He's got the Whole World in His Hands (x4).



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



Offering Prayer

With all that we have, and all that we are, we reach out to you, our God of generosity. We ask that you receive these ordinary gifts; may they be used to offer extraordinary blessings in our community and world. May these gifts remind us that through you, all *is* possible ! Amen.

The Scriptures

read by Bill

First Reading

Genesis 28:10–19a

Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.



There above it stood the Lord, and he said: "I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it." He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place ! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven." Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. He called that place Bethel, though the city used

Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. “The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field ? Where then did the weeds come from?’ “ ‘An enemy did this,’ he replied. “The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up ?’ “ ‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’ ”

Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.” He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. “As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to God !



Message

by Rev. Yun-Hee

Hymn VU # 644

"I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"

- 1 I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptised,
to see your life unfold.

- 2 I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell.



- 3 When you heard the wonder of the Word,
I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.
- 4 If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk 'til rising sun.
- 5 **In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young.
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.**

6 When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise.

7 I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptised,
to see your life unfold.





Minutes for Mission

by Donna

Prayers of the People

Holy God, we bring our whole selves to you. We take time to focus on our breath, reminded that with each inhale and exhale, you are closer to us than the breath that we breathe.

We take a moment to offer prayers for ourselves. Into the silence of this space, we offer – aloud or in silence – the prayers that are on our hearts this day, trusting that you know all of our prayers, even those that are too deep for words.

(Pause for silent prayer.)

We give thanks for this gathered community. Looking into the eyes of friends and strangers in this space, we are reminded that in each person we meet, we encounter Christ's love and light in the world. As we give thanks for this gathered community, we also take a moment to offer the prayers of this community. (*Pause for silent prayer.*)

Creation whispers and murmurs and hums. So we take time to offer our prayers for Creation. We give thanks for the beauty of your created world, O God, and ask that we remember that you have given us the task of being stewards of Creation

We pray for all who struggle with grief or fear in wars, anger or pain, hear our prayers...*(Pause for silent prayer.)*

We offer ourselves to you this day, and with our whole selves, we offer all of the prayers that we collect and hold so dear.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer VU # 960

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Refrain

**My Lord, what a morning.
My Lord, what a morning.
My Lord, what a morning
when the stars begin to fall.**

- 1 You'll hear the trumpet sound
to wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand
when the stars begin to fall. *R***

2 You'll hear the sinner cry
to wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand
when the stars begin to fall.

Refrain

**My Lord, what a morning.
My Lord, what a morning.
My Lord, what a morning
when the stars begin to fall.**

3 You'll hear the Christian shout
to wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand
when the stars begin to fall.

Refrain

My Lord, what a morning.

My Lord, what a morning.

**My Lord, what a morning
when the stars begin to fall.**



Blessing

Go forth let the hope rise !

Go forth, watch the yield of Grace
spread !

Go forth, you treasures of God's
delight and live in faithfulness.

As you go from this place,
may God's love hold you,
may Jesus Christ's light guide you,
and
may God's Spirit liberation free
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 !**

**And
thank you for
your participation !**

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