

July 12, 2026 + Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

We are called to let our light shine as instruments of the Holy Spirit so all may know God's love.

The Good Book - P is for Puah

Call to Worship

Come. Wrestle with God, who receives us and welcomes us just as we are.

Come, let us worship!

Come. Look around with questions, look around with wonder.

Come, let us worship!

Come. God calls us into renewed relationships with one another.

Come, let us worship!

Come. God invites us into new beginnings.

Come, let us worship!

Confession and Forgiveness

Gathered into one by God's Spirit, we are bold to confess our sins, our shortcomings, our failures, right here in the presence of God and of one another.

God of grace, **We confess that we have failed you, ourselves, and one another. We assume the worst about those around us, rather than giving them the benefit of the doubt. We do the same to ourselves, and sometimes we do the same to you. We are stubborn and determined to hold a grudge. We fail to exercise our imaginations. We fail to recognize your works waiting to be born. If only we would step up to help. If only we would move out of the way. Forgive us, O God, and show us another way forward. Amen.**

Hear the good news of the risen Christ: God is making all things new! Our sins are forgiven. God's invitation is to another way of living.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Opening Hymn "What Is This Place"

1. What is this place where we are meeting? Only a house, the earth its floor. Walls and a roof sheltering people, windows for light, an open door. Yet it becomes a body that lives when we are gathered here, and know our God is near.

2. Words from afar, stars that are falling, sparks that are sown in us like seed: names of our God, dreams, signs and wonders sent from the past are all we need. We in this place remember and speak again what we have heard: God's free redeeming word.

3. And we accept bread at this table, broken and shared, a living sign. Here in this world, dying and living, we are each other's bread and wine. This is the place where we can receive what we need to increase: our justice and God's peace.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

O God, you invite us to be part of your new creation, over and over again. And yet, we doubt our own faith, our own abilities, our own witness. Give us clear minds, steady hands, strong stomachs, that we might stand tall in the face of fear, that we might recognize your call to disobedience in the face of evil. Amen.

Psalm 65:9-13 *Your paths overflow with plenty.*

You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;

with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.

May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

Reading - P is for Puah Exodus 1

Before: The Bible is full of GOOD NEWS!

We're listening, tell us our story.

After: Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Message

Pastor Liz Rossing

Hymn of the Day

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

1. Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav'lers on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.
5. Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the

power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Offering

Giving Prayer

God of abundance beyond measure, **It feels like privilege to offer back to you even a portion of the blessings you have poured out upon us. Keep us ever-mindful of what we call our own, ever-seeking new ways to come alongside you in the creation of abundance for the world. Amen.**

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 and ever. Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

May we rest in the knowledge that God has got us, like the strong and steady hands of a midwife on a slippery newborn baby.

May we delight in the grace and forgiveness of Jesus, inviting us again and again to repentance and repair. May we recognize new birth all around, the spirit of God made manifest in abundant imagination. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

1. Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of Love! Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, Well spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

Dismissal

Go now in peace, Love your God, Serve your neighbor. **Thanks be to God.**

