

BENEDICTION

Pastor: May God the Father prepare your journey;
May Jesus the Son guide your footsteps;
May the Spirit of Life strengthen your body;
May the Three in One watch over you
on every road
that you may follow.

All people: Amen.

CANDLE EXTINGUISHING

POSTLUDE

Acolyte

Mr. Kevin Crone

Resources

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July 7, 2024
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

PREWORSHIP MUSIC

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANDLELIGHTING

PRELUDE

(Please stand in body and/or spirit)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 130)

Pastor: Here we are, the young and old,

Congregation: The believing and doubting,

Pastor: The weak and strong.

Congregation: Here God is, almighty and merciful,

Pastor: Gracious and just,

Congregation: Trustworthy and true.

Pastor: So since we are here, and God is here...

All people: Let us worship God!

HYMN

Come We That Love the Lord

Blue Hymnal, #707

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor: When we gather to worship God, we must first be honest with our selves. We are not who God has called us to be as a people. We have not cared for others in every instance. We have made many mistakes. Let us unburden ourselves and confess our sins, knowing that God awaits to forgive and renew.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All people: Gracious God, we live in the tension of what we are called to be and our lived reality. We often fall short of the good we intend and our growing in the likeness of Christ is painfully slow at best. Forgive us we pray. Offer us the peace that passes all understanding that we might be forgiven and begin anew. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Mr. Kevin Crone
Rev. Laura C. Baker
Acolyte

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Hear the Good News! The old life is gone, a new life has begun.
You are not who you were, may you live into who you can be.
Know you are forgiven and be at peace.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

All people: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

Blue Hymnal, #35

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor: On the road of faith, we rarely feel up to the journey. Look around at your fellow travelers, then share signs of Christ's peace, for this peace is grace and strength for the journey.

(The congregation may be seated, as the children & youth come forward)

JESUS SAID, "LET THE CHILDREN COME"

HYMN

I Surrender All

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

GOSPEL READING

Mark 6:1-13

SERMON

Rev. Laura C. Baker

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All people: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Mr. Kevin Crone

OFFERING INVITATION

Liturgist: All that we have and all that we are is a gift from God. With a song and a prayer, let us then give back a portion of that goodness to God's work in the world.

(Please stand in body and/or spirit)

DOXOLOGY

Praise God

Blue Hymnal, #46

(An Offering Collection Box is located on the table in the back of sanctuary, by the exit door)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All people: Gracious God, we offer these gifts to you. May they be used to bring grace and healing to this hurting world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

HYMN

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Blue Hymnal, #459

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32–33)*

All people: The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.