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July 7, 2024

9:45 AM

**7th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Summer of Fun & Games**

*Thank you for worshipping with us today. If you are a guest, we invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.*

*We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back narthex where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We have children's books and activity bags for them to enjoy! Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**JOYS & CONCERNS**

**PRELUDE**

*This is My Song*

arr. Tate

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Here in our hometown—

**C: We gather to worship our God who meets us here.**

L: Here in our safe space—

**C: We praise God's goodness surrounded by our family and friends.**

L: Here in our comfort zone—

**C: We wait for Jesus to shake things up and do something new.**

L: Here in this place, God is creating something new.

**C: Stretch our understandings of your glory and grace.**

L: Here in this place, Jesus calls us out of our comfort and into his ministry.

**C: We come to praise a God who knows our name and calls us forth to share.**

L: Ready for anything—let us stand as comfortable to praise our God together.

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 2137 FWS** (see next page)

*Would I Have Answered When You Called*

# Would I Have Answered When You Called

Piano  $\text{♩} = 80$

1. Would I have an - s - w - e - r - e - d when you called, "Come,  
 2. Would I have fol - l - o - w - e - d where you led through  
 3. Would I have matched my step with yours when  
 4. O Christ, I can - not search my heart through

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fol - low, fol - low me!?" Would I at once have left be - hind both  
 an - cient Gal - i - lee, on roads un - known, by ways un - tried, be -  
 crowds cried, "Cru - ci - fy!" when on a rock - y hill I saw a  
 all its tangled ways, nor can I with a cer - tain mind my

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work and fam - i - ly? Or would the old, fa - mil - iar round have  
 yond se - cu - ri - ty? Or would I soon have hur - ried back where  
 cross a - gainst the sky? Or would I too have slipped a - way and  
 stead - fast - ness ap - praise. I on - ly pray that when you call, "Come,

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held me by its claim and kept the spark with - in my heart from  
 home and com - fort drew, where truth you taught would not dis - turb the  
 left you there a - lone, a dy - ing king with crown of thorns up -  
 fol - low, fol - low me!" you'll give me strength be - yond my own to

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burst - ing in - to flame?  
 or - dered world I knew.  
 on a ter - rible throne?  
 fol - low faith - ful - ly.

## **\*TIME OF CONFESSION**

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Holy God

**C: We confess to you that we are a stubborn people. Often more concerned with keeping our Team together, than recruiting and welcoming others onto the mission field.**

**Soften our hearts. Break the lines we have created that keep others out. Set free the boundaries we have held too tightly to, in order to preserve what is now. And open us to where your Spirit leads.**

**When we have shot down the ideas of visionaries and prophets, forgive us, O God.**

**When we have refused to let go of our ways to make way for yours, forgive us, O God.**

**When we only call upon our friends and leave others feeling cast out, forgive us, O God.**

**When we reject the inspiration of your love for self-preservation, forgive us, O God.**

**Continue to call us forward into new realities and hold us steady in your grace. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### ACT OF PRAISE NO. 2279 FWS

*The Trees of the Field*

**ALL SING: You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.**

**And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will clap their hands, while you go out with joy.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **SCRIPTURE**

*Mark 6:1-13 (CEB)*

## **SERMON**

# Community of Christ

Shirley Erena Murray, 1985

adapt. Meyer Lyon, 1770

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Piano 

1. Com - mun - i - ty of Christ, who make the Cross your
2. Com - mun - i - ty of Christ, look past the chur - ch's
3. Com - mun - i - ty of Christ, through whom the word must
4. When men - ace melts a - way, so shall God's will be

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own, live out your creed and risk your life for God a -  
 door and see the ref - u - gee, the hun - gry and the  
 sound; cry out for jus - tice and for peace the whole world  
 done, the cli - mate of the world be peace and Christ its

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- lone: The God who wears your face, to whom all worlds be -  
 poor. Take hands with the op - pressed, the job - less in your  
 round: Dis - arm the powers that war and all that can de -  
 Sun; Our cur - ren - cy be love and kind - li - ness our

13



- long, whose chil - dren are of ev - ery race and ev - ery  
 street, take towel and wa - ter, that you wash your neigh - bor's  
 - stroy, turn bombs to bread, and tears of an - guish in - to  
 law, our food and faith be shared as one for - ev - er

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song.  
 feet.  
 joy.  
 more.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### A TIME FOR SHARING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP

OFFERTORY

*Lord of All Hopefulness*

by Struther

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE NO. 425 NCH (black hymnal, vs. 1)

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

**ALL SING: For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For God's gifts to every nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION:

INVITATION

P: Called to one meal together, let us gather our hearts

**C: Our hearts are at home in God.**

P: Called to one table together, let us give thanks for God's unfailing love.

**C: God's love endures forever.**

P: Called as one people together, let every heart be lifted up

**C: Let us prepare to receive our Christ.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL: 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: I invite you to stand as comfortable, as together we pray. Eternal God,

**C: ...you have graciously accepted us as living members of your son, our savior, Jesus Christ. And you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of Eucharist. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us the strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 2241 FWS (see next page)

*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

# The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

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Piano

1. The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we
2. We go to com - fort those who mourn and
3. We go to be the hands of Christ, to
4. Then let us go to serve in peace, the

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go in Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
 set the bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
 scat - ter joy like seed and, all our days, to  
 gos - pel to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -

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to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
 share a dream and help the blind to see.  
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
 - pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

**\*BENEDICTION  
POSTLUDE**

*Prelude in G Minor*

by Bach

## References

<sup>1</sup> Communion liturgy is written by Danielle Shroyer, “AN ORIGINAL BLESSING COMMUNION LITURGY” that was shared for use on November 2, 2017 on her website, <https://danielleshroyer.com/original-blessing-communion-liturgy/> and accessed for use 6/26/24.

Thank you to all serving in worship this morning!

**Welcome Team Members**—Jennifer Damon, Rick & Cindy Hogentogler, & Robin Schriver

**Liturgist**—Andrea Adams

**Tech Team**—Deb Herlocker, Jack Herlocker, & Ron Miles



