

PRAYER *of* THANKSGIVING *and* DEDICATION
Generous God, may the gifts we bring provide for our community and neighbors just as you provided a ram for Abraham.
Bless our time, talent, and treasure for your glory and your kindom. Amen.

***SONG “Marching to Zion”** **#707**

BENEDICTION
Be confident that the Holy One will provide, for the promise of God is trustworthy, and the presence of God is enduring,
Therefore, show up in the world, with boldness and clarity, that justice and righteousness will prevail, In the name of Holy
Love and Everlasting Peace, May it be so for you and through you.

SUNG “Amen” *(feel free to clap along!)*

Postlude
* Please stand if you are able.
Bold- Words in bold are said in unison.

Our worship has ended ~ Let our service begin!

Warm Birthday wishes go out to:

<i>Edie Shaw July 6th</i>	<i>Kylee Dobeck July 6th</i>
<i>Nancy Moran July 7th</i>	<i>Kelly Turcotte-Colby July 7th</i>
<i>Alison Zinsli July 7th</i>	<i>Irving Dietel July 9th</i>
<i>Erin Ruperto July 15th</i>	<i>Sue Smethurst July 15th</i>
<i>Maddison Arpano July 29th</i>	<i>Reese Taylor July 30th</i>
<i>Debora Wheeler July 31st</i>	

*Service prayers for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Year A was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A Lindsay, Minister for Worship
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During the First Hymn we have a collection for our monthly meal at WHEAT Community Cafe. Thank you for your generosity!

*For all joys and concerns mentioned in the Pastor’s Tuesday email.
Remember in your prayers our special members: June and Edie K.*

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS
RINGING of the BELL/TIME of CENTER

*CALL to WORSHIP

One: We gather as a people to worship the Holy One who considers our cries and responds to our conditions.

Many: We gather even when wearied by the world because we trust in God’s steadfast love.

One: Our souls may ask, “How long, Holy One?” Yet our hearts rejoice in your saving acts.

Many: We gather even when shaken and sorrowful because we hope in God’s steadfast love.

One: We gather to sing to the Holy One who has been generous with us.

Many: Our worship and our work testifies to the goodness of the God who prevails. Let us worship the God of Life!

*SONG of PRAISE and SUPPORTING HUMAN JUSTICE

“Standing In the Need of Prayer ”

#579

*PRAYER of the DAY

God who provides, we acknowledge your presence that invites us to draw near to you. We glorify your name, for you, Holy and Righteous One, remain faithful to your creation. We open our hearts and minds to remember the testimonies of the past and to receive the truth revealed in your word for the present. May you delight in our praise as we honor you and encourage one another in the journey of faithful living. Amen.

*AFFIRMING and CONNECTING (Passing of the Peace) We sing: “Peace be with You” Twice.

* GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen. Amen. (Be seated)

Moment for All God’s Children

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. 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.

SCRIPTURE Romans 7: 15-25 (Common English Bible)

¹⁵ I don’t know what I’m doing, because I don’t do what I want to do. Instead, I do the thing that I hate. ¹⁶ But if I’m doing the thing that I don’t want to do, I’m agreeing that the Law is right. ¹⁷ But now I’m not the one doing it anymore. Instead, it’s sin that lives in me. ¹⁸ I know that good doesn’t live in me—that is, in my body. The desire to do good is inside of me, but I can’t do it. ¹⁹ I don’t do the good that I want to do, but I do the evil that I don’t want to do. ²⁰ But if I do the very thing that I don’t want to do, then I’m not the one doing it anymore. Instead, it is sin that lives in me that is doing it.²¹ So I find that, as a rule, when I want to do what is good, evil is right there with me. ²² I gladly agree with the Law on the inside, ²³ but I see a different law at work in my body. It wages a war against the law of my through Jesus Christ mind and takes me prisoner with the law of sin that is in my body. ²⁴ I’m a miserable human being. Who will deliver me from this dead corpse? ²⁵ Thank God our Lord! So then I’m a slave to God’s Law in my mind, but I’m a slave to sin’s law in my body.

*SONG “Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

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God of the Covenant, in you, we have new life. In you, we have a faithful companion. Yet, difficult moments confronts us with the limits of our trust in you. We struggle to release control so that we might participate fully in your plan without fear, hesitation, or resistance. Help us, O God, to be your faithful service who trust you even through the tests and trials of life. May we know the assurance and peace of your eternal love. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE AND ASSURANCE

The Holy One loves you and has made you participants in the everlasting covenant. God will not abandon you in despair or deprivation. Rather, the one who creates also sustains. Receive the grace of God.

Prayer Concerns and Joys Lifted Up

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Matthew 11: 16-30 (Common English Version)

This generation ¹⁶ “To what will I compare this generation? It is like a child sitting in the marketplaces calling out to others, ¹⁷ ‘We played the flute for you and you didn’t dance. We sang a funeral song and you didn’t mourn.’ ¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ ¹⁹ Yet the Human One^[a] came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunk, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’ But wisdom is proved to be right by her works.” **Condemnation of Bethsaida and Capernaum** ²⁰ Then he began to scold the cities where he had done his greatest miracles because they didn’t change their hearts and lives. ²¹ “How terrible it will be for you, Chorazin! How terrible it will be for you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles done among you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have changed their hearts and lives and put on funeral clothes and ashes a long time ago. ²² But I say to you that Tyre and Sidon will be better off on Judgment Day than you. ²³ And you, Capernaum, will you be honored by being raised up to heaven? No, you will be thrown down to the place of the dead. After all, if the miracles that were done among you had been done in Sodom, it would still be here today. ²⁴ But I say to you that it will be better for the land of Sodom on the Judgment Day than it will be for you.” **The Father and the Son** ²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you’ve hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have shown them to babies. ²⁶ Indeed, Father, this brings you happiness.²⁷ “My Father has handed all things over to me. No one knows the Son except the Father. And nobody knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wants to reveal him. ²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are struggling hard and carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Put on my yoke, and learn from me. I’m gentle and humble. And you will find rest for yourselves. ³⁰ My yoke is easy to bear, and my burden is light.”

Meditation - Bob Lidstone

Musical Meditation

INVITATION to GENEROSITY

God is still creating and still providing. Let us honor the continued and new gifts of God’s generosity by bringing forth a portion of what we receive so that all needs will be met. Let us participate in the realization of the kindom through offering material resources to the Body of Christ.

Passing of the Plate

DOXOLOGY (Use whatever words are comfortable for you)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly host. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost (Creator, Christ, and Spirit One/Father, Son, and Holy Ghost). Amen.

