

Worship Guide July 20, 2025

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements Pastor

Call to Worship Pastor

ONE I am like a green olive tree in the house of God.

ALL I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.

I will thank you forever,

because of what you have done.

In the presence of the faithful

I will proclaim your name, for it is good.

(Ps 52:8, 9, lectionary reading)

Lighting of the Christ Candle - by Child during Interlude of Song

Song – PH #288 “Spirit of the Living God” Worship Leader Bea

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

(Interlude Child lights candle)

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Prayer of the Day or Opening Prayer **Worship Leader Bea**

“My word shall accomplish that which I purpose,” says the Lord,

“and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”
May your promise be fulfilled again today in our worship.
Amen.

(Isaiah 55:11, suggested for this Sunday by Book of Common Worship)

Song LYH #151 - “Come, Spirit, Come” Worship Leader **Bea**

**Come, Holy Spirit
Dwell here among us
We need your power, your healing grace**

**Show us your favor
Grant us your presence
As you have promised, Come Spirit, come**

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**Show us your favor
Grant us your presence
As you have promised, Come Spirit, come**

**Come rushing wind, come holy fire, here and now descend
O breath of God, O perfect peace, revive us once again**

**Come, Holy Spirit
Dwell here among us
We need your power, your healing grace**

**Show us your favor
Grant us your presence
As you have promised, Come Spirit, come
As you have promised, Come Spirit, come**

Song LYH #101 “In His Presence”

**In his presence there is comfort,
In his presence there is peace.
When we seek the Father’s heart
We will find such bless’d assurance,
In the presence of the Lord.**

**In your presence there is comfort,
In your presence there is peace.
When we seek to know your heart
We will find such bless'd assurance,
In your holy presence, Lord.**

Confession and Pardon **Worship Assistant Tracy**

Call to Confession **Worship Assistant Tracy**

O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,

And speak the truth from their heart..."

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(Psalm 15:1,2, Lectionary)

Confession of Sin - **Led by Worship Assistant Tracy**

Let us confess our sin before God.

ALL

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess

Our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offences against you.

You alone know how often we have sinned

In wandering from your ways,

In wasting your gifts,

In forgetting your love.

Have mercy on us, O Lord,

For we are ashamed and sorry

For all we have done to displease you.

Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light,

And walk in your ways,

For the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon - **Worship Assistant Tracy**

Hear the good news!

Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ,

And Christ died for us,

Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power for us,

Christ prays for us.

*Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.*

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen.**
(Romans 8:34; 2 Cor 5:1)

Worship Assistant Tracy

Please rise for the Doxology
and remain standing for the Children's Blessing
and the Offering.

Doxology PH #606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Children's Blessing "You are Somebody" - **Worship Leader Emmanuel**

**You are somebody, somebody on the Lord's side.
You are somebody, somebody on the Lord's side.**
(repeat)

Offering

Invitation to Offering - **Worship Assistant Tracy**

Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth.
Freely you have received, freely give. (Mt 10:8b)

Bread and Cup Brought forward by **Children**

Presentation of tithes and offerings

Song PH #314 – "Christ, Be Our Light" Worship Leader Emmanuel

**v.1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.**

Refrain

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!**

Shine in your church gathered today.

**v.2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.**

Refrain

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

(if needed)

**v.5 Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come.**

Refrain

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

Dedication of Offering **Worship Assistant Tracy** (Or own words for prayer)

Blessed are you, God of all creation;
through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom. (based on 1 Chron 29:11)
Blessed be God forever.

You may be seated.

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination - **Worship Assistant Tracy**

O God, by your Spirit tell us what we need to hear,
And show us what we ought to do,
To obey Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Presentation of the Word **by Youth or Adult**

Song – "In Christ Alone" - Worship Leader-Bea or Emmanuel

1. In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

(Children leave during this song.)

New Testament Reading Colossians 1:15-23 Worship Assistant Tracy

Hear the Word of the Lord!

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation,

¹⁶ for in^[a] him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him.

¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in^[b] him all things hold together.

¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God^[c] was pleased to dwell,

²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,

22 he has now reconciled^[d] in his fleshly body^[e] through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him,

23 provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature^[f] under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

Response: Thanks be to God!

Silence after Reading of Scripture

Sermon "He is the Image of the Invisible God"

July is Presbyterian Library Month. Today: The Book of Confessions

Invitation (Optional use by Preacher)

Peter said: Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ

So that your sins may be forgiven;

And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

For the promise is for you, for your children,

And for all who are far away,

Everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him. (Acts 2:38,39)

Song LYH #39 "Jesus, Name above All Names" Worship Leader-**Bea**

Jesus, name above all names;

Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.

Emmanuel, God is with us;

Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

(Repeat)

Affirmation of Faith **Worship Assistant Tracy**

Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again for the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
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 **Worship Assistant Tracy**

Song PH#749 "Come! Live in the Light!"

(One verse only)

Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
To live in the freedom of the city of God.

(Refrain)

We are called to act with justice;
We are called to love tenderly;
We are called to serve one another,
To walk humbly with God.

THE EUCHARIST Led by Pastor

Invitation to the Lord's Table

*Jesus said: Behold I stand at the door and knock;
If those who hear my voice open the door,
I will come in to them and eat with them, and they with me.*

*O taste and see that the Lord is good!
Happy are all who find refuge in God! (Rev 3:20; Ps 34:8)*

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, holy and mighty, it is truly right and our greatest joy

To give you thanks and praise,

and to worship you in every place where your glory abides.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices

with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,

and with all the faithful of every time and place,

who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed in the he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ,

we take from your creation this bread and this wine

and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising,

as we await the day of his coming.

With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you dedicated to your service.

According to his commandment:

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory.

In union with your church in heaven and on earth,

we pray, O God, that you will fulfill your eternal purpose

in us and in all the world.

Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory,

and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Let us pray for God's rule on earth as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread,
and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.
In the same way he took the cup, saying:
This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.
Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes.
With thanksgiving, let us offer God our grateful praise.
Friends, this is the joyful feast of the People of God!

Communion of the People

The gifts of God for the people of God.
After the deacons come forward to serve, please, come to the table!

Communion Song LYH #99 "Center of My Life"

**O Lord, you are the center of my life:
I will always praise you,
I will always serve you,
I will always keep you in my sight.**

Prayer after Communion

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits!

SENDING

Charge and Blessing Pastor

*“The righteous will see, and fear,
and will laugh at the evildoer, saying,
“See the one who would not take refuge in God
and sought refuge in wealth!”*

*But [you are] like a green olive tree in the house of God.
[You] trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.
[You] will thank [God] forever, because of what [God has] done.
In the presence of the faithful [we] will proclaim [God’s] name, for it is good.
(Ps 52:6-9, tenses and singular altered)*

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. (2 Cor 13:13) Amen.*

Song PH #625 “How Great Thou Art” Worship Leader **Bea**

**v.1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:**

(refrain)

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

**v.4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim,
“My God, how great thou art!”**

(refrain)

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:**

How great thou art! How great thou art!