

Thy Kingdom come:

may it be a kingdom of peace, not prejudice;
may it be a kingdom of sharing, not grasping;
may it be a kingdom of hope, not hurting.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven:

may your Word be more than print on a page;
may your justice be more than a wish in our hearts;
may your will become our deepest desire.

Give us this day our daily bread:

let us taste it in the kisses of loved ones;
let it fill us in the empty moments of our lives;
let it slip out of our hands to mend the brokenness of our world.

And forgive us our debts as we forgive others:

may those who have hurt us find a welcome in our hearts,
even as we have found our home in yours.

And lead us not into temptation:

turn our hearts from the seductions of our world;
and the simple pleasures that turn us from you.

Keep us from thinking we are so important that we ignore those around us.

Help us to always bring others to you in prayer,
before we bring ourselves,
as we do in these moments of joys and concerns:

But deliver us from evil:

not just great evils of war and hunger,
but from ingratitude, self-love, pride,
all those little evils that do such great harm.

For thine is the kingdom:

our heart's true longing;

and the power:

which you set aside to serve us in weakness;

and the glory:

which we would mirror in our lives,
our bodies, our minds, our souls,
this day and every day.

Forever and ever.

Amen.

GRATITUDE FOR OFFERING / DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost

***HYMN** NCH 469 O Grant Us Light

BENEDICTION

As you go from here, remember this:
The same Spirit of God who raised Jesus Christ from the dead, also lives in you,
breathing new life and freedom into your hearts and minds.
So go from here with joy and confidence,
knowing that God is at work within you.
Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen

POSTLUDE *Voluntary in D Major*, Jean Francois Dandrieu (1682-1738)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

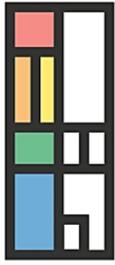
Would You Join Us? New Members Conversation

The Covid-19 Pandemic challenged us as a community of faith to reimagine what church might look like, feel like, and sound like. We grew in our capacity to worship using technology - with an opportunity for hybrid worship that is here to stay. We stretched ourselves to figure out what it looks like to celebrate communion when we can't gather in person and we even managed to pull off a pretty amazing Christmas pageant from a distance. But as we come out the other side, as the pandemic gives way to an endemic way of life with Covid - one thing remains constant - our community is our heart and soul.

If you are someone who has been worshipping with us for a while now and are interested in learning more about what it means to become an official member/join the church please join Pastor Jessica for a no-strings-attached conversation on **Sunday, July 31 at 9:30am downstairs in Friendship Hall**. This will be a chance for all of us to gather, ask questions and discuss the process for church membership. Coffee and donuts provided!

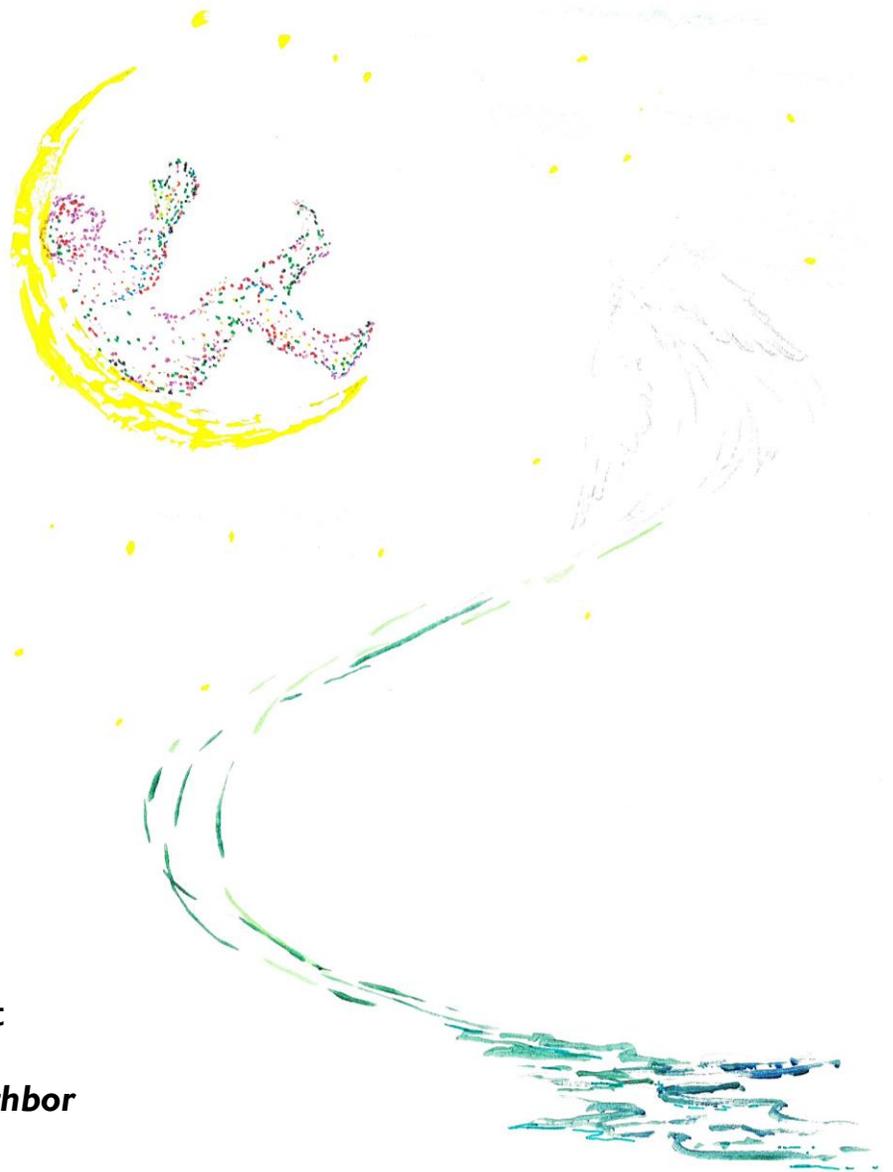
Worship Resources

Call to Worship ~ posted on the Lectionary Sermons Archives <http://www.lectionarysermons.com/ARCH-WV.html>
Pastoral Prayer ~ written by Thom Shuman, and posted on Lectionary Liturgies. <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>



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**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 24, 2022
*To Grow in Love of God and Neighbor***

Worship Participants

Guest Minister	Rev. Liz Colton
Liturgist	JoAnn Britton
Vocalist:	Liz Rodrigues
Organist	Kenneth Davis
Artist	Edd Scheer
Worship Hosts	JoAnn Britton, Nancy Brown, Jeananne Schild
Tech Team	Barbara and John Ashby, Dave Eberbach, Josh Sandquist
Sunday Drivers	Rick Ramsey, George Britton, Denny Conway, Shane Estes, John Noer
Chancel Care	Sarah White, Glenyce Conway, Karen Edwards, Sue Ramsey, Oliva Wright