



8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 19, 2026

10:00 am

*please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.

Liturgist for today's worship is Sandi Webster.

Thanks to Robin Begnoche and Marya Katz for special music today.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

CALL TO WORSHIP* (from Psalm 8)

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars that you have established;

What are human beings that you are mindful of them,

mortals that you care for them?

*Yet you have made them a little lower than God
and crowned them with glory and honor.*

HYMN* *“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”* 367

PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

**Merciful God, your creatures cry—creation
groans—but we turn away; we surround
ourselves with noise. We excuse ourselves—we
are young, we are old, we are tired, we are busy. It
is hard to imagine that we might make a
difference. Wash us clean, O God. Let your courage
and compassion flow through our veins until we
love with abandon and our hands reach out in
blessing.**

[silence]

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy. Kyrie Eleison. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

RESPONSE TO PARDON 582

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

OLD TESTAMENT – Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

OFFERING OF MUSIC Robin Begnoche and Marya Katz
“How Beautiful Heaven Must Be”

GOSPEL– Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

SERMON *“Weeding Woes”* Dr. Linda Dickerson

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE *(from “A Declaration of Faith”)*

We must not equate the Christian faith with any nation’s way of life or with opposition to the ideologies of other nations.

We must not allow governments to impose Christian faith by legislation, nor should we demand undue advantages for the church.

The church must be free to speak to civil authorities, neither claiming expert knowledge it does not have, nor remaining silent when God’s Word is clear.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/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. Amen.

HYMN* *"Gather Us In"* 401

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE* 295, v. 3

**Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
The nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN – All are welcome!