



Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 9, 2023

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Come, You Disconsolate"

Roger Wilson

Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: May the Holy Spirit unit us in worship, point us toward Jesus Christ, and inspire us to love mercy, do justice, and walk humbly with God. Come, let us worship God.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Liturgist: Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will soon find rest for your souls.

Minister: For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28-30

All: Let us worship the Lord in spirit and in truth and find rest for our souls and a light for our path.

* **All Singing: 378 "Lord of All Hopefulness"**

* GOD'S GREETING

* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* **All Singing: 528 "Come and Fill Our Hearts"**
Repeating, following leaders

Children ages 2–7 may come forward for a brief word and blessing before they leave for "God Loves Me" and "Children in Worship."

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

Reconciliation

Liturgist: I don't understand what I do. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil that I don't want to do – this I keep on doing.

All: **Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.**

Liturgist: So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin within me.
Romans 7:15, 18-23

Silent Confession and Reflection

All Singing: **627 "Just as I Am, Without One Plea"**

Liturgist: Who will rescue me from this body of death?

All: **Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!**

Liturgist: Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death,

All: **for what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful humanity to be a sin offering.**

Liturgist: And so he condemned sin in human flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit.
Romans 7:24 - 8:4

* All Singing: **177 "Oh, to See the Dawn"**

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: **Lord God, let the words of your servant's mouth and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, our Rock and Redeemer. Through Christ. Amen.**
Psalm 19:14 NRSV

Scripture: Genesis 24:1-21, 62-67

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: The Will Of God

* All Singing: **348 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"**

Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness.

OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. World Renew

OFFERTORY “Come to Me”

All joining to sing the refrain

Wendell Kimbrough

You are weighed down; you are worried.
Child I see you; child I know you.
Bring your burdens; bring your labor.
Come to me.

(Refrain)

**Come to me, come to me,
Come to me if you are weary.
I will give you, I will give you my rest.**

I am gentle; I am humble.
Let me teach you, let me show you.
Trade your burden; mine is easy.
Come to me.

* **All Singing:** **394** “**All Praise to You, My God, This Night**”
Singing verse 4

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

* BENEDICTION

* **All Singing:** **943** “**God Be with You Till We Meet Again**”
Singing verses 1, 3, and 4

Postlude: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Joel Raney

Worship Leaders

Organist / Pianist:	Dora Diephouse	Acolyte:	Lillian Post
Pianist / Vocalist:	Erin Pacheco	Liturgist:	Mary Post
Flutist:	Lynn Hollender	Prayer:	Gerrit Veenstra
Violinist:	Frances Boerman-Cornell		
Minister:	Roger Nelson		

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