



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 2023

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Glorify Thy Name"

D. Adkins, B. Kilpatrick;
arr. E. Pacheco

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

Liturgist: There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

All: **Thanks be to God in Christ.**

Liturgist: For through Jesus Christ the law of the Spirit has set you free from the law of sin and death.

All: **Thanks be to God in Christ.**

Liturgist: For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son.

All: **Thanks be to God in Christ.** *Romans 8:1-3 adapted*

Liturgist: Let us worship God in Christ in the freedom of the Holy Spirit.

* **All Singing:** **542** "All Glory Be to God on High"

* GOD'S GREETING

* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* **All Singing:** **232** "Come Holy Ghost"
Singing verses 1, 2, and 4

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: Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.

All: The mind controlled by the sinful nature is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace. *Romans 8:5-6*

Silent Confession and Reflection

Solo: “O Spirit of the Living God” H. Tweedy / A. Assad

O Spirit of the living God, thou Light and Fire Divine
Descend upon Thy Church once more and make it truly Thine
Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace
Till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.

Blow, wind of God, with wisdom blow until our minds are free
From mists of error, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to Thee
Burn, winged fire, inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal
To preach to all Thy great good news, God's glorious commonweal.

So shall we know the power of Christ, who came this world to save
So shall we rise with Him to life which soars beyond the grave
And earth shall win true holiness which makes Thy children whole
Till, perfected by Thee, we reach creation's glorious goal.

Liturgist: You, however, are not controlled by the sinful nature but by the Spirit of God which lives in you.

All: If Christ is in you, even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.

Liturgist: And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you. *Romans 8:9-11 adapted*

* **All Singing: 695 “And Can It Be”**
Singing verses 1, 2, and 4

Liturgist: Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation – but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. For if you live according to the sinful nature you will die; but if you live by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

All: For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.

Liturgist: The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption as a child of God. And by him we cry, *Abba*, Father.

All: The Spirit testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.

Liturgist: Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ.
Romans 8:12-17 adapted

All: Thanks be to God in Christ.

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All Singing: 641 “Eternal Spirit, God of Truth”

Scripture: Genesis 25:19-34

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Gestational Jostling

* **All Singing: 862 “Take Us as We Are, O God”**

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. Bible League International

OFFERTORY “Fairest Lord Jesus”

arr. Richard Storris Willis

* **All Singing: 953 “Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God”**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

* BENEDICTION

* **All Singing: 949 “May the Peace of Christ Be with You”**

Postlude: “Let There Be Peace On Earth”

Jackson and Miller

Worship Leaders

Organist:	Dora Diephouse	Acolyte:	Cora Varghese
Pianist / Vocalist:	Erin Pacheco	Liturgist:	Kim Ottenhoff
Offertory Pianist:	Dorothy Wassenaar	Prayer:	Wally Ottenhoff
Vocalist:	Betsy Maher		
Guitarist:	Dave DeWit		
Percussion:	Eric Robbert		
Minister:	Roger Nelson		

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