

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 24, 2022

9:30 a.m.

Prelude - Psalm-Prelude - Robert Hebble

Call to Worship

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

The Lord will speak peace to the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.

Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear the Lord.

And God's glory will dwell in our land.

Opening Hymn No. 340** - Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
full of pity, love, and power.

Refrain:

I will arise and go to Jesus;
he will embrace me with his arms;
in the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
true belief and true repentance,
every grace that brings you nigh. (Refrain)

Come ye weary, heavy laden,
lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better,
you will never come at all. (Refrain)

Let not conscience make you linger,
nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth
is to feel your need of him. (Refrain)

Invocation

Ever faithful God, how often we turn away from you, yet you remain constant to us. We run from you, but you call us back. In our words and our deeds we dishonor you, yet you profess your love for us. We cut ourselves off from you and from others, but you will not let us go. Forgive our faithfulness and fickle ways and increase our gratitude that we might grow in faithfulness to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading - Psalm 85 (Message translation)

God, you smiled on your good earth!
You brought good times back to Jacob!
You lifted the cloud of guilt from your people,
you put their sins far out of sight.
You took back your sin-provoked threats,
you cooled your hot, righteous anger.

Help us again, God of our help;
don't hold a grudge against us forever.
You aren't going to keep this up, are you?
scowling and angry, year after year?
Why not help us make a fresh start—a resurrection life?
Then your people will laugh and sing!
Show us how much you love us, God!
Give us the salvation we need!

I can't wait to hear what he'll say.
God's about to pronounce his people well,
The holy people he loves so much,
so they'll never again live like fools.
See how close his salvation is to those who fear him?
Our country is home base for Glory!

Love and Truth meet in the street,
Right Living and Whole Living embrace and kiss!
Truth sprouts green from the ground,
Right Living pours down from the skies!
Oh yes! God gives Goodness and Beauty;
our land responds with Bounty and Blessing.
Right Living strides out before him,
and clears a path for his passage.

PROCLAMATION

The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages

God's Word for Young Disciples

Anthem - *Simple Praise* - Craig Courtney

Sermon

Pastor Mike Ward

Hymn of Response No. 472** - *Near to the Heart of God*

There is a place of quiet rest,
near to the heart of God;

a place where sin cannot molest,
near to the heart of God.

Refrain:

O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
sent from the heart of God,
hold us who wait before thee
near to the heart of God.

There is a place of comfort sweet,
near to the heart of God;
a place where we our Savior meet,
near to the heart of God.

(Refrain)

There is place a place of full release,
near to the heart of God;
a place where all is joy and peace,
near to the heart of God.

(Refrain)

Discipleship Moment

Offertory - O Day of Peace that Dimly Shines (Hymn 729) - Callahan

Doxology

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.

Prayers of the People and The 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

The people of God are sent forth to serve others and witness to their faith.

Closing Hymn No. 377** - It Is Well with My Soul

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well with my soul,

it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
(Refrain)

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
(Refrain)

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
even so, it is well with my soul.
(Refrain)

Benediction and Choral Response** - (Hymn No. 666)

Shalom to you now, shalom my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

Postlude - Celebration - Robert Hebble



The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God.

in honor of their 40th anniversary, by Steve and Sue Donahue.

Liturgist: Kim Yoak

Service Music: Summer Choir

Music: One License A-731491

****Please rise as you are able. Please silence all cell phones and other electronic equipment. Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available in the narthex. CDs of the service are available by signing up at the Welcome Center.**

Next Steps

Revival = _____

Restoration = _____

Questions for reflection:

What meaning does “God’s favor” have in the present day? Is it different than in biblical times?

Are there things in our modern world which might interfere in our hearing God speak to us?

How can the psalmist’s pattern of prayer shape our own prayers for society & the world?

Questions for discussion:

Should we only pray for God’s favor for us, the community of the baptized, or for all people?

Should we offer prayers for the welfare of a nation that might not want those prayers?

What would it mean for us today, to hear God speak peace to God’s very own people?

If revival let’s God’s people rejoice in God. And restoration returns a group or community to return to a sense of peace, what would that look like in our community?

Memory verse:

vs 8: I can’t wait to hear what he’ll say. GOD’s about to pronounce his people well, The holy people he loves so much, so they’ll never again live like fools.

Readings for next week:

Psalm 107: 1-9, 43

Hosea 11: 1-11

Colossians 3: 1-11

Luke 12: 13-21

CHURCH NOTES

New Attendance Cards: We have put new “Presence and Discipleship” cards in the pews, these are replacing both the pew pads and the prayer cards, that we have not used since COVID began. We are asking everyone to fill a card out each week and bring it up to the front during the offering time, or drop it in an offering plate on your way out. We also are asking that **everyone** fill out all of the information on the card the first time so that we can update everyone's info in our system. Please mark if you a first time guest or if it is the first time you are giving us your contact information as we have a gift we would like to get to you. Also, be sure to give us updated information whenever anything changes, so we can have the most accurate information.

Important Wesley Camp Changes: Due to the number of kids signed up for Wesley camp we have shortened camp this year to Friday and Saturday, August 5 and 6. We will leave at 10:30 am Friday and return to the church at 6 pm on Saturday. The cost has been lowered to \$100. Contact Pastor Karol for questions and please register with the church by tomorrow, July 25.

First Fridays: The last First Friday will take place on August 5 at 5 p.m. Join us at Kelsey Creek Pavilion at Water Works Park for a meal, fellowship, and Game Night! The church will provide hot dogs and buns so bring a dish to share, a beverage, tableware, and your favorite game!

We Need You! On Sunday, July 31, at 10:30 am, there will be a short, informal meeting for anyone interested in being an usher. No experience necessary! If you have questions or are interested but unable to attend, please contact Joe Demeter at 740-334-8914.

Access Buddies: We are looking for a few people who would like to be buddies for a couple of the children in our kids’ ministries.need someone to provide some one on one attention as they move through our activities.We will train those who are able to help and pair you up with a young disciple whom you can help on their faith journey.Please contact Pastor Karol if you would be able to help in this crucial ministry of our church.

Heart4theCity: Can you help our United Methodist local mission church again?You have been very generous in the past and we thank you for all your donations for Heart4theCity. The next drive is to bring in new, packaged undergarments for children through adults. We will keep this collection going thru the summer (June- August). The collection bin is located near the church office, next to the library. Drop off anytime.

Holy Land Journey: Revs. Karol and Jim Lewis, PhD, would like to invite you to join them on a journey to follow Jesus’ footsteps in the Holy Land from January 30 to February 7, 2023. Brochures are available at the Welcome Center. Early bird registration for a reduced price ends July 31. Contact Pastor Karol for more information.

Leader Training: We will soon have Leader training sessions for all of those who are participate in our various ministries including those serving or leading on ministry teams, committees, and those teaching in various ministries. The first will be on Sunday, August 14, from 10:30 am to noon which will include all ushers, greeters, welcome center folks, those who serve on the Finance, Missions, Access, PPR, Trustees and in any other ministries/committees of the church that don't involve teaching ministries. This is an important time for us to gather to support and learn together how to live out our calling as leaders of the church. Sunday, August 21, from 10:30 am to noon we will have a training for all those who will be serving in the teaching ministries of our church. We will then follow that with a safe sanctuary training for those who need to take or retake it.

Financial Report:

	June	Year to date
	<u>Income</u>	<u>Income</u>
Actual	\$46,723	\$414,854
Budget	\$47,890	\$432,898
Over/(Under)	(\$1,167)	(\$18,044)

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July 24, 2022



MINISTERS & STAFF:

Forrest Waller

HOSPITALIZED:

MEMBERS TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

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