

7th Sunday after Pentecost
ORDER OF WORSHIP
10:00 a.m.

Sunday, July 24, 2022

Seasonal Color: Green

WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

*(Please take a moment to silence your cell phones and electronic devices.
And, with the gift of music, let us prepare our hearts, minds, and souls
for this special time with God and with one another.)*

Prelude: “Amazing Grace”

arr. Harry Strack

(Please stand in body or spirit and let us join together in the Call to Worship)

*Call to Worship

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
Righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
**Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.**
The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.
**Righteousness will go before the Lord
and make a path for God’s steps.**
Let us worship God!

*Prayer of Praise and Adoration

**You make us glad with the joy of your presence, O God, and fill our days
with your steadfast love. Day by day you meet us with goodly blessings;
night after night your steadfast love upholds us. Your glory is great;
your help is unfailing. We bow before your splendor and majesty, and
praise your name.**

*Opening Hymn: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

GTG # 275

WE ARE RENEWED IN GRACE

*Litany of Confession:

If you then have been raised with Christ, set your mind
on the things that are above.
For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication,
impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry.
For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
But now you must get rid of all such things – anger, wrath, malice,
slander, and abusive language from your mouth.
For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old
self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self.
For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

*Congregational Response: “The Steadfast Love of the Lord”
(sing twice)

GTG #59

**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
God’s mercies never come to an end.
They are new every morning, new every morning;
Great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness.**

WE RECEIVE GOD’S WORD

Anthem: “Seek the Lord”

John Carter

Seek the Lord while He may be found,
Call upon Him while He is near.
Let the wicked forsake his way,
And the unrighteous man his thoughts;
Let him return to the Lord,
That he may have mercy on him,
And to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
Seek the Lord while He may be found,
Call upon Him while He is near. Seek the Lord.

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Sparks

Prayer of Illumination

**God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds, that as the
Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into
your truth and taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Scripture: Colossians 2:6-19

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Sermon: “How to Be a Christian”

David Roquemore

*Hymn: “We Know That Christ Is Raised”

GTG #485

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

*Affirmation of Faith: Brief Statement of Faith, Part I

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord
Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we
trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we
worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and
release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the
children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with
outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the
gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was
crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the
sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his
sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death
to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that
nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ
Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit. 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 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.**

*Doxology: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

GTG # 606

**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.**

Offering Our Gifts

*Prayer of Dedication

**Abounding in hope, we come before you, O God; you are deliverance and
life divine. You should build a storehouse of goodly blessings and set us
within it to sample your love. Whatever our needs, you meet them
completely. You surround us with your compassion and care. Receive the
offerings that we lay before you. We dedicate all our possessions to your
continuing glory.**

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

*Closing Hymn: “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

GTG # 837

*Benediction

*Postlude: “Allegro” from *Sonata 1*

W. A. Mozart

(* Please stand in body or spirit.)

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