

WE GATHER IN CHRIST’S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC *Prealudium and Fuga in C* Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CENTERING SILENCE The Rev. Dr. James Butler

* **UNISON INTROIT** (Hymn 17, v.4)
*Sing praises now, God’s people, your gift of speech employ.
To praise the Lord, our Maker, with thankfulness and joy!
Sing with the whole creation, a cosmic chorus raise.
To God alone be glory and never-ending praise!*

* **OPENING SENTENCES** (from Malachi 1:11 and Psalm 24) David Brill
From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same,
The name of the Lord is sovereign over the nations.
This is the day the Lord has made
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* **HYMN 667** “When Morning Gilds the Skies” LAUDES DOMINI

* **ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**
Beloved in Christ: God is with us!
We are not alone!

CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT REFLECTION

UNISON CONFESSION
Gracious Lord: When we desire what is not your will and when we cling to unhealthy habits, forgive us and set us free. When we doubt that you know us or hear our prayers, forgive us and help us to know that you are present, guiding and helping us. When we do not forgive as we have been forgiven, soften our hearts and help us to see the error of our ways. When we fail to seek your divine kingdom above the kingdoms of this world, forgive us and help us to serve you above all else, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON Colossians 4:2-5 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.202)

* **GOSPEL LESSON** Luke 11:1-13 (Pew Bible, N.T. p.72)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SUNG BLESSING (Hymn 469)
*Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

SERMON “The Arm That Will Not Be Twisted” Dr. Butler
“One of Jesus’ disciples asked: ‘Lord, teach us to pray.’”

WE PRAY AND GIVE THANKS

* **HYMN** (see insert) “Lord, Teach Us How to Pray” ST. THOMAS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
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.

OFFERTORY *Mélodie* César Franck

* **DOXOLOGY** (Hymn 606)
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

COMMISSION AND BLESSING OF YOUTH TRIENNIUM PARTICIPANTS

SONG

Journeys

Nancy R. Chegus

Triennium Participants

We're on the road and feeling fine. Traveling through life with a nickel and a dime. We're all bound to spread the love around. Oh, travel my soul. All things living here on earth change as time goes by. New leaves grow beside the old, living on the same green vine. Circles turning, seasons change. New life from the old. Lessons learned and wisdom earned, that's how life goes on. Journeys take us far and wide, we'll learn as we go. No one knows what lies ahead, following our heart and soul. Each new road will change our lives. And as time goes by, we'll be strengthened by God's love. Come journey by my side. When we pray, we look around and listen with our hearts. Through the songs of birds around, welcoming the rising sun! Skipping stones on riversides, and animals of power! God speaks to us equally. As long as we believe.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* DEPARTING MUSIC

Psalms 19 The Heavens Declare

Benedetto Marcello

The people are welcome to depart or remain seated while the Departing Music is played.

Our Mission

To extend the gracious welcome of God in Jesus Christ through worship, service and spiritual growth in a supportive community of faith.

Staff

The Rev. Dr. James Butler, Pastor

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 27, 2025

10 a.m.
