



July 12, 2026 – Livestream
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brandon Wallace

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

Little Prelude in B-Flat Major

J. S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O Lord, open my lips

People: and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Leader: Thanks be to God

People: who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*OPENING HYMN #600

Wonderful Words of Life

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;

let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;

words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.

Refrain: Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

Christ, the blessed one, gives to all wonderful words of life;

sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life;

all so freely given, wooing us to heaven. [Refrain]

Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life;

offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;

Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever. [Refrain]

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God,

speak to each of us the word that we need to hear,

and let that word sit with us until it has worked your holy will in us.

Clean up, stir up, and lift up our hearts; direct and deepen our faith.

Enable us to love as you love and to see the hope you give us,

in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Open thou mine eyes and I shall see: incline my heart and I shall desire:
 Order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of thy commandments.
 O Lord God, be thou to me a God and beside thee let there be none else, no other, nought else with thee.
 Vouchsafe to me to worship thee and serve thee according to thy commandments,
 in truth of spirit, in rev'rence of body, in blessing of lips, in private and public.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalm 119:105-112

Leader: Thy word is a lamp to my feet
 and a light unto my path.

**People: I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
 to observe your righteous ordinances.**

Leader: I am severely afflicted;
 give me life, O Lord, according to your word.

**People: Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord,
 and teach me your ordinances.**

Leader: I hold my life in my hand continually,
 but I do not forget your law.

**People: The wicked have laid a snare for me,
 but I do not stray from your precepts.**

Leader: Your decrees are my heritage forever;
 they are the joy of my heart.

People: I incline my heart to perform your laws forever, to the end.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Curtis Hurley

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 25:19-24

¹⁹ These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son. Abraham became the father of Isaac. ²⁰ Isaac was 40 years old when he married Rebekah the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean and the sister of Laban the Aramean, from Paddan-aram. ²¹ Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, since she was unable to have children. The Lord was moved by his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. ²² But the boys pushed against each other inside of her, and she said, "If this is what it's like, why did it happen to me?"

So she went to ask the Lord. ²³ And the Lord said to her,
 "Two nations are in your womb;
 two different peoples will emerge from your body.

One people will be stronger than the other;
 the older will serve the younger."

²⁴ When she reached the end of her pregnancy, she discovered that she had twins.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PRAYER #601

Thy Word is a Lamp

Refrain: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

*When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me,
 and nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end. [Refrain]*

Now I will not forget your love for me and yet my heart forever is wandering.

Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side, and I will love you to the end. [Refrain]

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jill Moffett

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

MUSICAL RESPONSE #349

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

***Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of his glory and grace.***

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

If with all your hearts (from Elijah)

F. B. Mendelssohn

Theo Hicks, tenor

Kathleen Custer, piano

"If with all your hearts ye truly seek me, ye shall ever surely find me," thus saith our God.

Oh! that I knew where I might find Him, that I might even come before His presence.

"If with all your hearts ye truly seek me, ye shall ever surely find me," thus saith our God.

*DOXOLOGY #94

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² For you shall go out in joy
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Lamp Parts and a Warped Bible

Darren Cushman Wood

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #594

Come, Divine Interpreter
(to the tune of *For the Beauty of the Earth*)

***Come, divine Interpreter,
bring me eyes thy book to read,
ears the mystic words to hear,
words which did from thee proceed,
words that endless bliss impart,
kept in an obedient heart.***

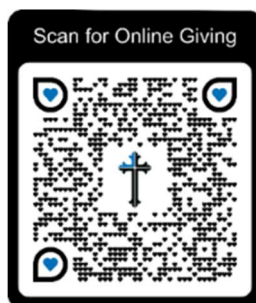
***All who read, or hear, are blessed,
if thy plain commands we do;
of thy kingdom here possessed,
thee we shall in glory view
when thou comest on earth to abide,
reign triumphant at thy side.***

*THE BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Processional

W. Mathias



Upcoming Events:

Farmers Market
Thursdays from 4-6pm: July 23; Aug 6 & 20; Sept 3

LGBTQ Dinner
July 21, 6:00pm, AMP at 16 Tech

MLK Block Party
August 1, 3:00 – 7:00pm

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Senior Pastor
Jill Moffett
Pastor of Community Formation
Brandon Wallace
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James Horton
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Theo Hicks
Director of Music
Kathleen Custer
Today's Organist