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Come, Worship the Lord, Our God
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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July 24, 2022

10:00 am

PRELUDE *Morning Has Broken*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

GATHERING PRAYER

Holy God,

You are our faithful lover, our generous parent,
our patient teacher, our constant friend.

We live by the hope of your promises,
seek to follow your way, and rely on the gift of your Spirit,
by whose power we breathe, and move, and pray. **Amen.**

HYMN: *Be Thou My Vision #450

CALL TO CONFESSION

The truth about us is this:

We all sin and fall short of the glory of God.

Yet God promises to pour out grace upon us,
giving us confidence to show ourselves as we are
and be freed from shame.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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 still profess your love for us.**

**We cut ourselves off from you and from others,
but you will not let us go.**

**Forgive our faithless 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.

Time for Silent Confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news!

When you were buried with Christ in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God. By that power we are made clean and set free to live in gratitude and love with zeal.

As you have received Christ Jesus, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and abounding in thanksgiving.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of Wisdom,

You promise to give your Spirit to those who ask.

Overwhelm us with your Word, that we may know you more fully, love you more passionately, and follow you more closely; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Psalms 138

¹ I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart; before the "gods" I will sing your praise. ² I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your unfailing love and your faithfulness, for you have so exalted your solemn decree that it surpasses your fame. ³ When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me. ⁴ May all the kings of the earth praise you, LORD, when they hear what you have decreed. ⁵ May they sing of the ways of the LORD, for the glory of the LORD is great. ⁶ Though the LORD is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly; though lofty, he sees them from afar. ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life. You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes; with your right hand you save me. ⁸ The LORD will vindicate me; your love, LORD, endures forever— do not abandon the works of your hands.

Luke 11:1-13

¹ One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." ² He said to them, "When you pray, say:

"Father,

Hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, ³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us And lead us not into temptation."

⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶ a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' ⁷ And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

⁹ "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

¹¹ “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? ¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

SERMON:

Mr. Michael Donovan

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

CALL TO THE OFFERING

God is our rock and our fortress. Let us celebrate our salvation by fearlessly giving a portion of what has already been given to us, either by placing it in the basket in the back of the church, or by mailing it in.

THE OFFERTORY

Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Lord, you are the giver of every good gift. Accept these offerings
We pray, that through them we may do justice, and love kindness,
and walk humbly with you, our Sovereign and our God.**

***HYMN:**

Guide My Feet #741

CHARGE

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
Go in peace, confident in the promises of God.

BENEDICTION

May the grace of Christ attend you,
the love of God surround you,
and the Holy Spirit keep you,
this day and forevermore.

We would like to thank Mr. Michael Donovan for sharing his gifts with us today.

Hymns

“Be Thou My Vision” #450

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.

3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

“Guide My Feet” #741

1 Guide my feet while I run this race, guide my feet while I run this race,
guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

2 Hold my hand while I run this race, hold my hand while I run this race,
hold my hand while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

3 Stand by me while I run this race, stand by me while I run this race,
stand by me while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

4 I'm your child while I run this race, I'm your child while I run this race,
I'm your child while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

5 Search my heart while I run this race, search my heart while I run this race,
search my heart while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!

6 Guide my feet while I run this race, guide my feet while I run this race,
guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!