

## Bulletin Liturgy for July 23, 2023

### *Preparation*

*Welcome & Announcements* (Dana will lead)

### *Voluntary*

(Liturgist will lead the *Call to Worship* through the first *scripture reading*. Please arrive at least 10 minutes before the start of worship to touch base with Pastor Dana about details for the service.)

### *\*Call to Worship*

Liturgist: “Please stand as you are able for the Call to Worship.”

We come. We wait.

**We long. We hope.**

We suffer. We pray.

**We rejoice. We sing.**

We know we are children of God.

**We wait for Christ to set all things right.**

*\*Hymn 192*

“Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining”

*Call to Confession*

(Liturgist will read; not printed in the bulletin)

Liturgist: “Please be seated.”

There is goodness within us that grows like fresh wheat.

There is also sin within us that chokes that wheat like weeds.

Let us bring all of who we are to God, who can separate out what is good,  
so that we are not overcome with evil.

Join me in our prayer of confession:

***Prayer of Confession*** (Liturgist will read responsively)

**Ever-present God, there is no place where you are not with us.**

**You see us at our worst and at our best.**

**There is much we would hide from you— the ways we harm your creation,  
the ways we mistreat others, the ways we turn away when we should turn toward.  
Even as you know us, forgive us. Guide our thoughts, our words, our actions,  
that you may delight in us as we delight in you. Amen.**

***Declaration of Forgiveness*** (Liturgist will read; not printed in the bulletin)

Beloved, hear the good news:

God knows us and forgives us

and leads us in the way of everlasting life.

Thanks be to God!

***\*Sharing the Peace of Christ*** (Liturgist will read; not printed in the bulletin)

And now, as forgiven people of God,

let us stand and offer Christ's peace to one another:

The peace of Christ be with you!

(The musician will begin playing the praise hymn after about 30 seconds of passing the peace.)

***\*Response Hymn 582*** "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" (verse 1)  
**INSERT WORDS to VERSE 1 for July**

(Liturgist, wait until after the Praise Hymn is finished before reading the Prayer for Illumination.)

***Prayer for Illumination*** (Liturgist will read; not printed in the bulletin)

Let us pray for illumination:

Harvesting God, as we listen to your Word,  
by your Holy Spirit lead our hearts  
in the way everlasting. Amen.

***Epistle Reading*** Romans 8:12–25 (Liturgist will read)

(Liturgist may take their seat for the remainder of the service.)

***Gospel Reading*** Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43 (Dana will read)

***Proclamation***

***\*Hymn 317*** “In Christ There Is No East or West”

***\*Affirmation of Faith*** *Adapted from The Confession of 1967, 9.07*  
Jesus Christ is God with humankind. He is the eternal Son of the Father,  
who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation.  
He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit  
to continue and complete his mission. Amen.

***Prayers of the People, including Concerns and Celebrations***

***Offering***

***\*Praise Hymn 716*** “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” (verse 1)  
INSERT WORDS for Verse 1 for JULY

***\*Prayer of Thanksgiving***

***\*Hymn 350*** “Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”

***\*Benediction***

***\*Sending 765*** “May the God of Hope Go with Us”  
Insert words for JULY

*\*Postlude*