

Bulletin Liturgy for July 9, 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.”

Jesus says, “Come to me, all you that are weary,
and I will give you rest.”

All of us know what it is like to be weary.

All of us carry heavy burdens.

Let us accept Christ’s invitation.

We long to rest in God.

****Hymn 267***

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Call to Confession (Liturgist will read; not printed in the bulletin)

Liturgist: “Please be seated.”

God is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
Knowing that God is compassionate to all,
let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession (Liturgist will read responsively)

**Faithful One, despite our best efforts,
we have not lived up to what we can do or who we can be.
Even when our intentions are good, our actions cause harm.
Even when we want to follow you more closely, we end up turning away.
We are at war with ourselves, and only you can bring peace.
Still our souls, order our steps, guide our feet back to your way. Amen.**

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

God upholds all who are falling,
and raises up those who are bowed down.
Jesus Christ rescues us from sin and death;
thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

****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:

Comforting God, by your Holy Spirit
lift the burdens from our souls
through the reading of your Word for us,
that we may learn how easy it is
to live in a loving relationship with you. Amen.

Psalm Reading Psalm 119:105-112 (Liturgist will read)

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

Old Testament Reading Genesis 25:19-34 (Dana will read)

Proclamation

****Hymn 475*** “Come, Thou Fount”

****Affirmation of Faith*** *The Apostles’ Creed*

Insert Apostles’ Creed, traditional

Prayers of the People, including Concerns and Celebrations

Add these words: “Compassionate God, ***you are good to all.***”

Offering

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

****Prayer of Thanksgiving***

****Hymn 611*** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

****Benediction***

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

**Postlude*